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# Ortel First ISP In S Asia To Offer Docsis 2.0 Broadband Net Service

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Bhubaneswar-based Ortel Communication Ltd has become the first Internet Service Provider in South Asia and, therefore, in India to introduce the Docsis 2.0 based broadband Internet access. The service was launched on Wednesday in Bhubaneswar city.

Docsis 2.0 is the widely adopted industry standard developed by Cable Labs of USA. Cable modem broadband service is the worldwide industry leader in broadband, with a commanding two-thirds marketshare, well ahead of such new telecom standards as DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) and satellite broadband. Technically

finalised in December 2002 and commercially launched in June 2002, Docsis 2.0 has so far been launched by only a handful of Cable MSOs (Multi-System Operators) worldwide.

Docsis 2.0 enables the service provider to provide world class standards of Quality of Service (QoS), including guaranteed bandwidth and toll-quality phone service on Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) technology, etc. With the switchover to Docsis 2.0 technology, Ortel Communication is poised for a big leap in quality of service and market penetration.

"It is a culmination of our dream to become a complete convergence services provider," said the company director Jagi Mangat Panda.

Ortel Communication, the country's first licensed ISP in private sector, has a world-class Hybrid Fibre Coaxial (HFC) network, with over 30 fibre nodes in the twin cities of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, since 1995.

The leading Cable TV MSO in Orissa has been providing both dial-up and cable-modem service.

Ortel is also going to provide phone service on VOIP technology by the end of this year, said the company's assistant vice-president (finance and corporate affairs), BP Rath.

Mr Rath is quite hopeful of a surge in demand for cable-modem service, in line with international trends, due to high quality of service, lower prices, and greater reliability. ♦