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**Sub: Press Release**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We are enclosing herewith a press release titled "Airtel announces plans for massive network expansion in Gujarat" being issued by Bharti Airtel Limited.

Kindly take the same on record.

Thanking you,

Sincerely Yours

**For Bharti Airtel Limited**

  
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## **Airtel announces plans for massive network expansion in Gujarat**

*Will roll-out 6000 new sites and 2000 KMs of optic fiber in FY 18-19 to strengthen its mobile broadband footprint in the region*

- *The aggressive roll-out plans of FY18-19 would mean about 16 new sites getting added every day to Airtel's future ready network in Gujarat*
- *The network roll-out of FY 18-19 would take the total number of sites to more than 29,000 and expand the fiber backbone to 13,800 KMs*
- *Expansion plan of FY 18-19 follows a fruitful FY 17-18 which saw 6600 new sites and 500 KMs of fiber getting added to Airtel's network*
- *Airtel – India's fastest mobile network - now covers more than 20,000 towns and villages of Gujarat*

**Ahmedabad, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018** - Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), India's largest telecommunications service provider, today announced massive network roll-out plans for FY 2018-19 to further expand its high speed mobile data footprint across the state of Gujarat.

As a part of its network expansion program – Project LEAP, Airtel announced its plans to add more than 6000 new sites in FY 2018-19, along with the deployment of an additional 2000 KMs of optic fiber across Gujarat. While stepping up the data capacities and taking services deeper into rural and unconnected areas, the massive roll-out would mean addition of 16 new sites every day to Airtel's future-ready network in Gujarat. This would further enhance the customer experience on India's fastest network.

This network expansion will follow the massive ramp up of Airtel's network in FY 2017-18 which witnessed over 6600 new sites being deployed across Gujarat, extending Airtel's mobile broadband footprint in the State to 20000 towns & villages which significantly improved customer's user experience.

With this roll-out, the number of Airtel's mobile sites in Gujarat would go up by 25% to 29,000, further enhancing the network speeds and voice quality. The addition of fresh optic fiber would extend Airtel's fiber backbone to 13,800 KMs, supporting the growth of high speed data services in the region.

**KC Narendran, Chief Executive Officer – Gujarat, Bharti Airtel Ltd**, adds, *"As India's leading smartphone network, we have committed ourselves towards the availability of best-in-class mobile broadband experience to our users in the ever-buzzing state of Gujarat. We will continue to invest aggressively in the region and take our network capabilities to the next level with more than 29,000 mobile sites by the end of this financial year, ably backed by a scaled up and strengthened infrastructure. We remain fully committed to contributing towards the Government's vision of Digital India with our enhanced speeds, reach and coverage."*



### **Network highlights of Airtel Gujarat:**

- Platinum 3G services launched in Oct 2015
- High speed 4G services launched in Oct 2016
- VoLTE services launched in Oct 2017
- Fiber backbone – 12300 KMs
- Towns and villages covered by Airtel network– 20,000
- Towns and villages covered by Airtel 3G and 4G – 10,000
- 4G offered on FD LTE 1800 MHz and TD LTE 2300 MHz spectrum
- 3G offered on 2100 MHz spectrum

### **About Bharti Airtel Limited**

Bharti Airtel Limited is a leading global telecommunications company with operations in 16 countries across Asia and Africa. Headquartered in New Delhi, India, the company ranks amongst the top 3 mobile service providers globally in terms of subscribers. In India, the company's product offerings include 2G, 3G and 4G wireless services, mobile commerce, fixed line services, high speed home broadband, DTH, enterprise services including national & international long distance services to carriers. In the rest of the geographies, it offers 2G, 3G, 4G wireless services and mobile commerce. Bharti Airtel had over 394 million customers across its operations at the end of December 2017. To know more please visit, [www.airtel.com](http://www.airtel.com)