

## TTSL joins hands with NEC Corporation

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NEC Corporation has announced an agreement with Tata Teleservices Limited (TTSL) to deploy NEC's iPASOLINK platform for the transformation of TTSL's backhaul mobile transport network.

The iPASOLINK provides customers with an ultra-flexible mobile transport network that can be adapted for next-generation IP-based networks, while meeting the current capacity and service demands of customers.

"NEC Corporation is one of our key suppliers of microwave equipment, having a total installed base of more than 100,000 terminals. NEC has been associated with TTSL for many years, providing microwave equipment and services for our CDMA and GSM network rollouts. TTSL is now in the process of expanding its network for both coverage and capacity in the mobility and enterprise business segments, which will require backhaul of both TDM and IP traffic. Our requirements, therefore, necessitate the deployment of Hybrid Radio in the network. NEC's iPASOLINK platform fully meets these requirements and can be adapted for Next-Generation IP-based networks," said A.G. Rao, executive president, enterprise business and Technology, TTSL, said.

The iPASOLINK is designed to support the transition from hybrid TDM and Ethernet backhaul towards full IP transport, while significantly reducing the cost of ownership thanks to its all-in-one converged design.

iPASOLINK's flexible modular architecture allows operators to optimise their network strategies and to gradually invest in step with actual service and traffic demands.

"As the Indian mobile communication market continues its rapid expansion, operators face the challenge of making significant investments in order to provide next generation mobile broadband services while managing CAPEX and OPEX. This agreement between TTSL and NEC proves that mobile operators have the appetite for a single, converged and flexible backhaul platform that they can manage and adapt according to their network service demands," said, Takayuki Morita, senior vice president, NEC.