Launch of Janmitra Free Public Wi-Fi for the citizens of Ahmedabad

The essence of a Smart City is vested in its Smart Citizens. To empower citizens to become smart, there must be a provisions for easy communication, access to information and knowledge sharing. Aiming at this, just like many other international cities around the world, **SCADL** has made connectivity in Ahmedabad seamless by launching its **free public Wi-Fi service on 5**th **March 2018**, under the smart cities mission.

The service, named as 'Janmitra', is providing free Wi-Fi daily from 6am to 11pm at 145 BRTS bus stands through its dedicated 180 kms long optical fiber cable network. For a simultaneous login of upto two devices, the unlimited free internet access is available at a speed of 2 MBPS. The user can log into the network through the OTP, which is valid for one week. Furthermore, the Janmitra Wi-Fi has also been extended to 14 other strategic public locations including libraries, hospitals and colleges around the city.

Variable Messaging Display boards are currently being used to communicate and popularize the project that is believed to benefit the youngsters and students of the city. More than **80k users** have used this service till date, **uploading upto 3.1TB** and **downloading upto 39.3TB data** which is expected to rise in the near future.

To prevent the misuse of the service, downloading of objectionable material is prohibited on the network. Also, all the activities will be logged and monitored as per the guidelines of TRAI/DoT, and its revision from time to time. The access control, sessions, user records, data usage and usage

patterns of the services are currently being controlled and monitored from the **Command and Control Centre (CCC)** of Ahmedabad.

Furthermore, to make the initiative self-sustaining, the CCC will also be able to push advertisements from time-to-time to **generate enough revenue** for covering the operating expenditure of the initiative.



