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A Study on the Future Of 5G Network in India

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Abstract
The term "5G" refers to the next generation of mobile telecommunications standards that will succeed the current 4G/IMT-Advanced standards. With the advancement of technology, the public's expectations for services that can be obtained through telecom networks have increased. High-speed internet, the Internet of Things, critical communications, and other applications require telecom networks to support high data rates, low latency, and reliability. 5G offers even faster speeds than 4G, building on the advances made in telecommunications from 1G to 2.5G and 3G to 4G. With IMT 2020, there are numerous requirements from both users and the network side that 5G must support to accommodate these use cases. As a result, several technologies are being considered for 5G to meet these requirements.

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INTRODUCTION

Mobile telecommunications technology has evolved significantly since the introduction of the first 1G (first-generation) system in 1982. Ten years later, In 1992, the 2G system was launched, and the first 3G system debuted in 2001. In 2012, the 4G system was introduced. With an ever-increasing subscriber base and limited radio resources, providing quality telecom services has become more challenging. To address these issues, mobile service providers have researched technologies to improve the quality of service and support more users on their systems. Wireless communication networks have spread considerably further than anyone could have predicted since the introduction of the cellular concept in the 1960s and 1970s. subscribers to mobile carriers are increasing by more than 40% per year, driving the continuous evolution of cellular communication into newer forms. Radio technologies have rapidly and multidirectionally evolved with the launch of analog cellular systems in the 1980s.

[1] Over time, digital wireless communication systems have struggled to meet the growing needs of humanity, from 1G to 4G and now 5G. These advancements have enabled people to stay connected, access information, and use various services on the go. As technology continues to evolve, so does the demand for more efficient and reliable wireless communication systems that can support higher data rates, low latency, and seamless connectivity. As such, researchers and developers in the telecommunications industry continue to push the boundaries of what is possible with wireless communication, driving the development of even more advanced technologies.

1G: It is the first generation of wireless mobile communication where analog signal were used to transmit data,it was introduced in us in erly 1980 and designed excluivey of voice communication.

2G: It is second generation of mobile telephone which used digital signals for first time.it was lanched in finland in 1991 and used GSM technology.

3G: the Third-generation mobile telephone technology begen with the start of new the new millennium and major advancements wireless technology, was introduced in the early 2000s and provided faster data transfer rates and higher bandwidth compared to 2G. It used wideband code-division multiple access (WCDMA) and provided better quality voice calls, video streaming, and internet browsing capabilities.

4G: Fourth generation wireless technology was introduced in the late 2000s and provided significantly faster data transfer rates and lower latency than 3G. It used long-term evolution (LTE) technology and enabled the widespread use of high-quality video streaming, online gaming, and other bandwidth-intensive applications.

5G: Fifth generation remote innovation, is the foremost later remote communication innovation and is anticipated to revolutionize the way we communicate and utilize innovation. It employments millimeter-wave recurrence groups and advanced radio wire innovation to supply speedier information exchange rates, moo inactivity, and tall unwavering quality. 5G is anticipated to empower the far reaching utilize of advances such as independent vehicles, farther healthcare, and shrewd cities.

S.. N	Generation	Technology	Data speeds	Frequency Band
1	1G	Analog	Up to 2.4 kbps	450 MHz – 900 MHz
2	2G	Digital	Up to 384 kbps	850 MHz – 1900 MHz
3	3G	Digital	Up to 2 Mbps	850 MHz – 2100 MHz
4	4G	LTE	Up to 100 Mbps	700 MHz – 2600 MHz
5	5G	5G NR	Up to 10 Gbps (FR1) Up to 20 Gbps (FR2)	Sub-6 GHz(FR1),mm Wave (FR2)

Figure 1: Different frequency and Data speeds bands in India

5G SPECIFICATIONS

S.No	Specification	5G
1	Data Speed	Up to 20 Gbps peak rate (currently 200-400 Mbps average)
2	Latency	As low as 1 millisecond (ms)
3	Spectrum	Low-band (<1 GHz), mid-band (1-6 GHz), high-band (>24 GHz)
4	Network Archiecture	Support for network slicing, standalone (SA) and non-standalone (NSA) deployment

Figure 2 : Specification of 5G

Data speed: Up to 20 Gbps peak rate and 200-400 Mbps average, enabling high-speed data transfer for emerging technologies

Latency: As low as 1 millisecond (ms), providing near-real-time responsiveness for critical applications.

Network architecture: Supports standalone (SA) and non-standalone (NSA) deployment and network slicing for customized virtual networks

Spectrum: Operates on low-band, mid-band, and high-band spectrum, each offering different coverage ranges and speeds

Security: Incorporates stronger encryption and authentication protocols to protect against potential cyber threats as more devices become connected to the network.

5G in India Vs World

The deployment of 5G networks is a hot topic worldwide, and India is no exception. While several countries have already launched commercial 5G services, India is still in the early stages of deployment. This delay is partly due to spectrum scarcity and the high cost of infrastructure development. However, Indian telecom operators have started 5G trials in select cities, and the government has announced plans to roll out 5G services in the country by the end of 2021. In this context, it's essential to compare the status of 5G in India to the rest of the world to better understand the challenges and opportunities for the technology's adoption in the country

Challenges to 5G technology in India

The adoption of 5G technology in India faces several challenges that need to be addressed to ensure a smooth rollout. Despite the Indian government's push towards 5G, the country still lags behind many other nations in terms of spectrum availability, infrastructure development, and digital connectivity. Additionally, there are concerns around cybersecurity, data privacy, and regulatory frameworks for 5G in India. It is essential to understand these challenges to ensure that the country can leverage 5G technology to its full potential and reap its benefits.

Current Infrastructure sufficient for 5G in India

The current infrastructure in India is not sufficient for the rollout of 5G networks. The primary challenge is the lack of adequate spectrum. The Indian government has not yet auctioned the required spectrum for 5G services, which is critical for the timely rollout of 5G services. Additionally, the current infrastructure also lacks the necessary fiber-optic cables and cell sites to support the increased bandwidth and speed that 5G technology requires.

Moreover, India's current mobile network infrastructure is already under stress due to the significant demand for data services, and the addition of 5G services will further increase this stress. The existing infrastructure is not designed to handle the massive data traffic that 5G technology can support.

To address these issues, Indian telecom operators will need to invest heavily in the infrastructure required for 5G technology, including fiber-optic networks, small cell sites, and backhaul infrastructure. However, these investments will require significant capital, which could further increase the cost of deploying 5G networks in India.

Issues to be overcome before 5G Implementation

Spectrum Availability: The Indian government needs to make more spectrum available for 5G networks, as the current spectrum allocation is insufficient to meet the high bandwidth requirements of 5G services.

Infrastructure Development: Indian telecom operators will need to invest heavily in infrastructure development, including the deployment of fiber-optic networks and small cell sites, to support the increased bandwidth and speed that 5G technology requires.

Digital Divide: India has a significant digital divide, with many rural areas lacking basic connectivity. Addressing this divide and ensuring equitable access to 5G technology will be crucial.

Cybersecurity Concerns: As more devices become connected to 5G networks, the risk of cyber threats increases. Indian policymakers and businesses need to ensure that 5G networks are secure and that robust cybersecurity protocols are in place.

Regulatory Framework: India's regulatory framework for 5G is still evolving, and there are ongoing discussions around issues such as network security, data privacy, and local manufacturing of 5G equipment. Ensuring a clear and consistent regulatory framework will be crucial to the successful adoption of 5G in India.

Cost: The cost of deploying 5G infrastructure in India is expected to be significantly higher than in other countries due to factors such as the large size of the country and the need for extensive infrastructure development in rural areas.

Expected Environmental issues due to 5G

The rollout of 5G technology is expected to have some environmental impacts, although the extent and severity of these impacts are still being studied. Here are some of the expected environmental issues due to 5G:

Increased Energy Consumption: 5G networks require more base stations, antennas, and other equipment than previous generations of wireless technology, which could lead to increased energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

E-waste: The deployment of 5G networks will require the replacement of existing equipment, which could lead to an increase in electronic waste (e-waste) if the old equipment is not recycled or disposed of properly.

Land Use: The deployment of 5G infrastructure, such as new cell towers and small cell sites, will require additional land use. This could lead to environmental impacts such as deforestation, loss of biodiversity, and increased urbanization.

Electromagnetic Radiation: There are concerns almost the potential wellbeing impacts of introduction to electromagnetic radiation from 5G systems, in spite of the fact that the logical community is still debating the degree of these dangers. Supply Chain Impacts: The fabricating of 5G gear requires the utilize of uncommon soil metals and other materials that are frequently sourced through naturally harming mining hones.

Applications of 5G:

1. Smart cities
2. Internet of Things (IoT)
3. Autonomous vehicles
4. Healthcare
5. Augmented and virtual reality
6. Manufacturing
7. Education.

Is 5G really required in India?

5G technology is not an immediate necessity for India as it is still in the early stages of 4G deployment, and a significant portion of the population does not have access to basic internet connectivity. However, 5G technology has the potential to transform various sectors such as healthcare, education, manufacturing, and agriculture, which could lead to significant socio-economic benefits for India.

Furthermore, India has a rapidly growing digital economy, with a large number of mobile users and a booming e-commerce sector. Therefore, the deployment of 5G technology can help to meet the growing demand for high-speed internet connectivity, enable the development of new services and applications, and provide opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurship.

Why 5g is better than 4g?

5G is considered to be better than 4G in several ways, including:

Faster speeds: 5G networks are designed to deliver faster data speeds compared to 4G, with the potential to reach up to 10 Gbps.

Lower latency: Since 5G network have significantly lower latency than 4G network data transmission occurs with less delay.

More devices supported: 5G network are designed to support a much larger number of devices than 4G networks, which is important for the growth of the

Internet of Things (IoT) and other connected devices.

Increased network capacity: 5G systems have the potential to handle a much bigger sum of information activity than 4G systems, which is imperative for applications that require tall transfer speed.

New use cases: The fifth-generation (5G) technology is anticipated to facilitate novel use cases such as remote surgical procedures, autonomous vehicular operations, and intelligent urban environments. These prospects are not achievable with the current fourth-generation (4G) technology.

India and their own take on 5G?

India has been working towards the deployment of 5G networks, but the process has been slower compared to some other countries. One reason for this is the significant infrastructure investment required for the deployment of 5G networks. The Indian government has identified 5G as a priority and has taken several steps to facilitate its deployment. For example, the government has allocated additional spectrum for 5G networks and has also established a high-level forum to coordinate efforts towards the deployment of 5G.

India and their own take on 5G?

India recognizes the importance of 5G technology and has taken steps towards its deployment, including allocating additional spectrum and setting up testbeds. However, challenges such as high deployment costs and spectrum availability still need to be addressed for widespread adoption.

Indian organizations and their step towards 5G?

Several Indian organizations have taken steps towards the deployment of 5G in the country.

Telecom company such as Reliance Jio, Airtel, and Vodafone Idea have conducted trials and pilot projects to test 5G technology in India. Additionally, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has set up testbeds for 5G in various cities across the country.

The Indian government has also established a high-level committee to study and recommend ways to deploy 5G in the country, and allocated additional spectrum for 5G networks. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has announced initiatives to support the development and adoption of 5G technology in India.

Moreover, Indian startups and research organizations are also actively working on 5G-related technologies, such as chip design, network virtualization, and software-defined networking. Overall, Indian organizations are taking proactive steps towards the deployment of 5G technology in the country.

Companies which are predominantly working on 5G?

Qualcomm - A leading semiconductor company that has developed a range of 5G modems, chips, and other technologies that are used in a wide range of devices.

Nokia - A Finnish telecommunications company that provides networking and telecommunications equipment, including 5G hardware and software. They are working on developing end-to-end 5G solutions for both consumers and businesses.

Ericsson - A Swedish telecommunications company that provides networking and telecommunications equipment, including 5G hardware and software. They are working on developing 5G infrastructure, including antennas and other hardware.

Huawei - A global Chinese technology corporation that offers telecom gear, including 5G network gear. They have made significant investments in the creation of 5G technology and have been instrumental in the global rollout of 5G networks.

Samsung - A South Korean multinational conglomerate that produces a range of electronics and telecommunications equipment, including 5G

smartphones, network equipment, and other technologies. They are investing heavily in 5G research and development, and have already launched several 5G-enabled devices.

Intel - An American multinational technology company that provides a range of computer and networking technologies, including 5G modems, processors, and other components. They are working on developing 5G technologies for both consumer and industrial applications.

Cisco - An American multinational technology company that provides networking equipment, including 5G infrastructure and software-defined networking solutions. They are working on developing 5G solutions for a range of industries, including manufacturing, transportation, and healthcare

Spectrum allocation dilemma in India?

Due to restricted spectrum availability, high reserve costs, and controversy over the distribution of spectrum across different frequency bands, the problem of spectrum allocation for 5G services in India has been complicated. For 5G services, the Indian government has designated specific frequency bands, such as the 700 MHz, 3.3-3.6 GHz, and 24.25-28.5 GHz bands.

The reserve prices for the 5G spectrum auctions in India have been a point of contention, with some stakeholders claiming that the prices are too high, which may discourage telecom operators from participating in the auctions. Additionally, there has been a debate around the allocation of spectrum in the 26 GHz band, with some stakeholders suggesting that it should be auctioned separately to ensure a level playing field for all operators.

The spectrum allocation dilemma has also been compounded by geopolitical factors, with concerns around the use of Chinese telecom equipment in 5G networks, and the Indian government's recent decision to ban certain Chinese apps and restrict Chinese investments in Indian companies. Despite these challenges, the Indian government is committed to making 5G services available in the country, and is working towards finding solutions to the spectrum allocation dilemma.

CONCLUSION

5G technology has the potential to revolutionize the telecommunications industry with its increased speeds, lower latency, and higher network capacity. However, its implementation in India has been fraught with challenges such as limited availability of spectrum, high reserve prices, and infrastructure limitations. Additionally, concerns around environmental impact and geopolitical issues have also been raised. Despite these challenges, the Indian government and organizations are committed to making 5G services available in the country and are taking steps towards addressing the issues. As 5G technology continues to evolve and mature, it has the potential to open up new opportunities for innovation and growth in various sectors such as healthcare, education, and transportation.

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