



US operator selects Kodiak PTT

Monday, 10 April 2006

Cellular South, the US' largest privately held wireless provider, has deployed the Kodiak Real-Time Exchange (RTX) System to provide Push-To-Talk (PTT) services to their customers. In addition to PTT, Cellular South will be offering a suite of innovative voice service applications to their wireless customers including availability (real-time presence updates) and call-waiting.

<http://www.moneycontrol.com> /

Airtel's Group Call: 9 People at the Same Time

Saturday April 08th 2006, 1:03 pm

Filed under: [News](#), [Mobiles](#)

By: Aalaap Ghag

Airtel has made a new addition to the cellular service feature set and for once, it has nothing to do with being lifetime free incoming or outgoing. Though, it does come pretty close – it's latest 'Group Call' service lets its subscriber(s) have conference calls with upto 9 people simultaneously and also send the entire group SMSes.

While the cost of the Airtel Group Call service is yet unknown, there is a monthly fee of Rs. 99 and a startup cost of Rs. 250, which is required to upgrade your SIM card to a 64k variant that's required by the service. Group SMSes cost only Rs. 2.50 each. As of now, its Karnataka only, but they'll obviously come to the other metros soon enough. [EFYTimes has more dope on all this.](#)

The service uses California-based Kodiak Networks' Real-Time Exchange (RTX) system that offers features such as instant availability, quick groups, contact and group management in addition to the conference call (voice bridge) and group SMS features listed above. More details can be found in the [press release here.](#)



(Pic courtesy: [EFYTimes.com](#))

Technorati Tags: [Airtel](#), [Group Call](#), [Group SMS](#), [Kodiak Networks](#), [Real-Time Exchange](#), [RTX](#), [Karnataka](#)

IT News Online

Airtel Selects Kodiak Networks for Airtel Group Call Voice Services
IT News Online Staff
2006-04-09

Airtel announced that it has deployed the Kodiak Networks Real-Time Exchange System to offer a suite of advanced voice services called Airtel Group Call (AGC) to its customers. AGC applications are being offered via Kodiak SIMpower, a thin client that enables premium voice service functionality on existing GSM handsets.

Airtel is commercially offering the following suite of AGC voice applications to its nationwide base of GSM customers on a SIM card:

- Voice Bridge: Provides fast and easy set-up of full-duplex, mobile-originated conference calls with up to a total of 10 wireless and landline participants. With Airtel, business colleagues, social groups and families can instantly initiate an instant conference call. Within seconds, conference calls can be made to any combination of dialable telephone numbers.
- Instant Availability: Similar to popular Instant Messaging applications, this feature displays the current availability of friends, family, coworkers, customers and suppliers to receive a wireless call. Availability states include "available", "do not disturb" and "offline".
- Group SMS: Compliments existing voice services by enabling discreet text communications when recipients are not available. Group SMS simplifies message addressing, group selection and delivery, while minimizing keystrokes and menu navigation.
- Quick Groups: Offers users the ability to form groups within the application by simply selecting people from Contacts to create a quick group and initiate a call. Users can instantly reach their associates or friends to share news and updates.
- Contact and Group Management: Enables Airtel subscribers to instantly create, modify and delete individuals, groups and group members, directly in their SIM and also over the Internet. Contacts are then automatically backed up on the Airtel network and can be easily restored in the event of a new, lost or stolen phone.

"We selected Kodiak Networks based on their overall system performance and ability to deliver innovative voice applications to our customers via Kodiak SIMpower," said Deepak Mehrotra, CEO, Airtel Karnataka. "We believe that offering AGC voice-based services that simplify group communications is critical to our nationwide GSM customer base."

"Airtel is the first operator within India to commercially launch this suite of advanced voice services to their customers," said Kris Patel, EVP products and customer support and CTO, Kodiak Networks. "We believe that using the SIM card as the delivery mechanism for these voice applications will help rapidly expand service adoption, as subscribers can use their existing handsets."

Indiantelevision.com

Airtel launches World's first simultaneous voice calling on your mobile

Bangalore: Airtel announced the launch of Airtel Group Call (AGC), innovative, next-generation voice service applications that enable simultaneous Voice and SMS capabilities on existing handsets. AGC is a culmination of Kodiak Networks technology and integration efforts provided by the Airtel Future Factory, a unique initiative which develops innovative applications to cater to the changing needs of customers.

A solution designed for both Corporate and Individual customers, AGC, is an innovative voice services suite, which improve group communications..

Presently, the service has been launched in the Karnataka circle alone because infrastructure has to be set up as yet in other circles as yet. The service will soon be launched in Delhi and other Airtel circles."

The AGC application requires a 64k bit SIM card and any Phase II plus (2000 or later) mobile handset. AGC includes the following advanced voice services:

- Instant Availability: AGC users will have the ability to see availability status of groups members akin to popular instant messenger programs. Availability icons include available, not available and do not disturb (DND).
- Voice Bridge - Provides fast and easy set-up of full-duplex, mobile-originated simultaneous calls with up to 10 (9 group members + Initiator) wireless and landline participants. With Airtel, business colleagues, social groups and families can instantly initiate an instant conference call. Within seconds, conference calls can be made to any combination of dialable telephone numbers.
- Group SMS - Group SMS simplifies message addressing, group selection, and delivery, while minimizing key strokes and menu navigation.
- Quick Groups - Offers users the ability to form groups within the application by simply selecting people from Contacts to create a quick group and initiate a call. Users can instantly reach their associates or friends to share news and updates.
- Contact and Group Management - Enables Airtel subscribers to instantly create, modify and delete individuals, groups, and group members, directly in their SIM. Contacts are then automatically backed up on the Airtel network and can be easily restored in the event of a new, lost or stolen phone.

These services are available to Airtel subscribers at a monthly rental fee of Rs.99. Only the caller needs to be a subscriber of the service, the contacts need not be. The call charges will be defined by the customer's rate plan. There is an Initial charge of Rs 250 for customers to upgrade to the 64 k SIM Card. Group SMS will be charged at just is at Rs2.50/ for messaging the entire group.

Mr. Kris Patel, Executive Vice President and CTO, Kodiak Networks USA, said, "This is

the first time in the world that group conferencing capabilities and other advanced voice services have been enabled through commercially available SIM cards. I am confident that this innovation will contribute greatly to improved group communications across India."

Airtel Group Call launch currently covers Karnataka license circle; and will be rolled out nationally in a phased manner.

Airtel Brings World's First Group Calling Facility On Mobile

Malovika Rao, EFY News Network

(Friday, April 07, 2006 1:06:20 PM)

The SIM-based technology introduced by Airtel allows you to talk simultaneously to nine people, anytime, anywhere in the world, at the touch of a button on your mobile handset, as well as send group SMS for just Rs 2.50.

Friday, April 07, 2006: Bangalore: Adding a new dimension to the way one does conference calls, Airtel has launched 'Group Call', the world's first SIM-based simultaneous voice and SMS service. The innovative SIM technology is developed in partnership with the US-based Kodiak Networks. Airtel Group Call (AGC) service is offered on special 64K SIM cards usable on your existing handsets.

So, next time you are stuck in a traffic jam, you can still have a meeting with all your team members over the phone while driving. Airtel Group Call is a group communications solution designed for both corporate and individual customers, and allows you to create multiple groups of upto nine members, with flexibility to alter groups. With AGC, business colleagues, social groups and families can instantly communicate at the touch of a button.

"One can call up a landline number, or any other mobile network user inside and outside India for a simultaneous conversation where all participants can hear each other and communicate," explained V. Venkatesh, COO, Bharti Tele-Ventures Ltd.

The AGC application requires a 64k bit SIM card and any Phase II plus (2000 or later) mobile handset. These services are available to Airtel subscribers at a monthly rental fee of Rs 99*. Only the caller needs to be a subscriber of the service, the contacts need not be. The call charges will be defined by the customer's rate plan. There is an initial charge of Rs 250* for customers to upgrade to the 64 k SIM Card. Group SMS will be charged at just is at Rs 2.50* for messaging the entire group.

AGC offers some advanced voice services, such as Instant Availability which allows users to see availability status of groups members akin to popular instant messenger programs. Availability icons include 'available', 'not available' and 'do not disturb' (DND). Its Voice Bridge provides fast and easy set-up of full-duplex, mobile-originated simultaneous calls with up to 10 (9 group members plus initiator) wireless and landline participants. With Airtel, business colleagues, social groups and families can instantly initiate an instant conference call. Within seconds, conference calls can be made to any combination of dialable telephone numbers.

Another feature is Group SMS. It simplifies message addressing, group selection, and delivery, while minimising key strokes and menu navigation. In addition to that, its Quick Groups enables users to form groups within the application by simply selecting people from contacts to create a quick group and initiate a call. Users can instantly reach their associates or friends to share news and updates. Whereas, its Contact and Group Management enables Airtel subscribers to instantly create, modify and delete individuals, groups, and group members, directly in their SIM. Contacts are then automatically backed up on the Airtel network and can be easily restored in the event of a new, lost or stolen phone.

“As the SIM card is the delivery mechanism for these applications, this should allow for easy access for our Airtel customers,” said Deepak Mehrotra, CEO, Bharti Televentures Ltd., Karnataka.

Kris Patel, executive vice president and CTO, Kodiak Networks USA, said, "This is the first time in the world that group conferencing capabilities and other advanced voice services have been enabled through commercially available SIM cards."

The AGC is currently available for postpaid subscribers of Airtel. The service launch currently covers the Karnataka licence circle and will be rolled out nationally in a phased manner.

* Prices are subject to change. EFYTimes.com does not take responsibility for the above mentioned price(s).

Airtel offers voice service powered by Kodiak

07/04/2006 by Parthajit

Airtel, a GSM operator in India, and Kodiak Networks, a global provider of advanced wireless voice systems, announced that Airtel has deployed the Kodiak Networks Real-Time Exchange (RTX) System to offer a suite of advanced voice services called Airtel Group Call (AGC) to its customers.

AGC applications are being offered via Kodiak SIM power, a thin client which enables premium voice service functionality on existing GSM handsets.

Airtel claims to be the first operator in the world to commercially offer the suite of AGC voice applications to its GSM customers on a SIM card.

The suite incorporates Voice Bridge, Instant Availability, Group SMS, Quick Groups, Contact and Group Management features.