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Aircel to expand 3G in 6 states

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Shillong, Dec. 3: Telecom service provider Aircel today announced expansion of 3G network across six northeastern states — Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura.

Aircel business head (Northeast), Nilaj Mahalanavis told reporters here that the 3G coverage would be rolled out in 117 towns of these six states by January to provide an “uninterrupted service to its customers with a maximum 3G speed of upto 7 Mbps (megabytes per second)”.

Stating that Aircel aims at building a robust 3G network to serve its customers better, Mahalanavis said his company had witnessed a significant uptake of 15 per cent in 3G subscriber growth, adding that the company’s focus remained in offering a strong network to the subscribers.

Of the 117 towns that Aircel has proposed 3G coverage in, 28 are in Manipur, 27 in Meghalaya, 20 each in Tripura and Mizoram and seven in Arunachal Pradesh.

Mahalanavis said Aircel, which has nearly 380 3G sites and more than 1,800 2G sites in the Northeast, will connect 33 new towns with 2G to benefit a number of first time mobile Internet users.