

## Free Wi-Fi launched at Hassan KSRTC bus-stand



### ***A formal function to be organised soon to spread awareness about new facility***

The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation bus-stand here launched on Monday afternoon the Wi-Fi facility to passengers for free. Those waiting at the bus-stand can henceforth access Internet at a speed of up to 512 kbps and download a maximum of 50 MB a day. Meanwhile, the KSRTC officials are planning to organise a formal function to spread awareness about the facility in the coming days.

The KSRTC has entered into an understanding with a private service provider to install Wi-Fi Internet at select bus-stands, including Hassan. The system at Hassan was installed on Monday and opened for public. Himavardhan Naidu, Divisional Controller of KSRTC, told *The Hindu* on Monday that the service was made available for the benefit of people visiting the bus-stand. "From Tuesday onwards, passengers can enjoy this facility for free. I hope this will help a large number of people, who need to check e-mails or visit certain websites," he said.

The passengers carrying mobile handsets with Wi-Fi facility can activate the service by obtaining a password from the service provider. Vijay Kumar Sharma, an executive of the service-providing firm, told *The Hindu*, "As soon as the passengers enter the

network area, they get a notification for Wi-Fi on their screen. If they follow the instructions, they will get the connection. They will have to send the phone numbers for registration. Within seconds, they will get a password through SMS. By entering the password, they will get access," he said.

## **Restraint**

The private firm has installed the system to provide unlimited access to Internet with 4 mbps speed. Passengers will get access to 512 mbps speed.

The KSRTC officials are planning to restrict the accessibility time to 45 minutes a day. Once, the users exceed the time limit, connectivity will automatically go off.

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***512 kbps speed***

- ***A person can download a maximum of 50 MB***

***in a day***

- ***Passengers having mobile handsets with Wi-Fi facility to obtain a password to utilise the facility***

- ***Authorities planning to restrict accessibility time to 45 minutes a day for an individual***