

Green Mobile Market- Challenges and Opportunities

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Abstract - The explosive development of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has significantly enlarged both the energy demands and the CO₂ emissions and consequently contributes to make the energy crisis and global warming problems worse. The research is carried by analyzing the awareness of the people about the factors affecting the environment, about their awareness regarding TRAI's recommendation of the maximum value of radiation, carbon emission, and reduction factors. After the analysis, the opportunities are calculated to be in the field of RET (Renewable energy technology) which reduces carbon emission, 4G and 5G technology where there may be LTE and other future technologies.

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INTRODUCTION

The rapid growth of energy consumption by the user and network devices has posed serious problems; for instance, the greenhouse effect has become increasingly severe, which is mainly caused by the excessive emission of Carbon dioxide (CO₂) since last century. As reported in, human industrial activities emit twice more CO₂ than natural processes can absorb at the moment. Among the energy-consuming industries, the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) industry takes 2% of global total CO₂ emissions and 3% of global energy expenditure. In particular, 57% of the energy consumption of the ICT industry is attributed to users and network devices in mobile and wireless networks, the scale of which is still growing explosively.

Adopting green energy sources is required. Renewable Energy Technology (RET) Develop TRAI (Indian Telecom Regulatory Authority) has timely introduced its recommendations on Green Telecom and Green Mobile Networks. A timely initiative of Indian Telecom Regulatory Authority (TRAI) of releasing its "Recommendations on Green Telecom" in consolidating entire telecom sector stakeholders opinion and providing clear direction for achieving green telecom objectives and later transforming them into mandatory operational requirements to Telecom Service Providers (TSP) is a strong step in the direction. (Krishna Sirohi, 2013). Various industries and government have stated their comprehensive efforts for creating new protocols and algorithms, energy efficient architectures etc. they are focusing to create this by using various network types.

Smartphone and increment in internet usage are another reason behind abrupt raise in the emission of carbon because of internet data service functionalities to the user which includes 2G network (GSM, CDMA), 3G (UTMS, CDMA2000), 3G+(HSDPA, EV-DO, Wi-Max) and 4G networks(LTE-Advanced and Wi Max2).The government will improvise this condition from the present scenario of Diesel Power Generated Energy Sources. All the TSPs must now urgently create and Telecom Carbon Emission Platform that understands the Carbon Emission from all TSPs and provides a Carbon Emission Estimation and Reduction (CEER) planning.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

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A closer view on the study of various network segments suggests that mobile networks are the major portion that emits a high amount of carbon. Statistically, the base stations in the mobile network contribute about 59% of the total carbon emission while the rest of the percentage participation by the entire mobile network is 41%. The Carbon Emission estimates depend on some factors i.e. power consumption and carbon emission factor. The power consumption along with its mandatory cooling system requirements and emission factor associated with power

source being used for powering the telecom equipment plays a major role in carbon contribution. An appropriate method for right measurement of power consumption required by telecom equipment over a cycle of 24hours need be calculated. The accurate power consumption measurement will realize exact Carbon Emission taking place. It is important to note that the average dynamic power consumption of any telecom equipment is significantly lower than the static maximum power consumption. (Krishna Sirohi, 2013). The second part deals with the development of Renewable Energy Technology. The problem with this is that the reduction of diesel operated or another expensive power source is not really possible. There are about 5,88,000 Mobile Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) towers in the

country and each BTS is having 15–20 KVA diesel generators as power back-up. One liter diesel emits 2.68 kg of CO₂. More than two billion liters diesel is being consumed every year in mobile tower stations generating 10 million tons of carbon. (Pratap Kumar Panigrahi, 2011) The estimation of CEER (Carbon Emission Estimation and Reduction) value will lead to understanding the traffic and requirements of the signals. Because it happens that during some peak hours only there is much traffic otherwise the congestion isn't always there but the supply of signals driven by diesel operated power supply is always in the quantity not needed every time. Some of the green mobile network technologies are given in Fig 1 which is currently going on globally:

Project	Organizer	Region	Participants	Targets	Working Emphasis
EARTH	European Commission FP7 IP (3 years / 15 million €)	Europe	European main mobile operators and research organizations	Mobile networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> energy aware radio and network technology energy-efficient deployment, architecture, adaptive management multi-cell cooperation
Green IT	MEITI & JETTA (Japan)	Japan	Over 100 companies, institutes and organizations	IT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> power efficiency at data centers, networks, displays policy and mechanisms to encourage green IT collaboration of industry, academia and government
GreenTouch	GreenTouch Consortium	Global	Experts form industry and academia	Telecom networks and mobile networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> re-invention of telecom networks sustainable data networks optical, wireless, electronics, routing, architecture, etc.
OPERA-Net	CELTC / EUREKA (3 years / 5 million €)	Europe	European main mobile operators	Mobile networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> heterogeneous broadband wireless network mobile radio access network link-level power efficiency, amplifier, test bed
GREEN-T	CELTC (3 years / 6 million €)	Europe	European main mobile operators	Mobile networks (particularly 4G)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> multi-standard wireless mobile devices cognitive radio and cooperative strategies QoS guarantee
GreenRadio	MVCEI (3 years)	UK	UK universities	Base station and handsets of mobile data service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> power amplifier, power efficient processing backhaul redesign, multi-hop routing, relaying, resource allocation, dynamic spectrum access
Cool Silicon	Silicon Saxony Management	Global	Over 60 global ICT companies and institutes	ICT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> micro-/nano-technology media communication sensor network
Green Grid	8 Main Contributor Companies	Global	Global ICT Companies	Data centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> data center energy efficiency (design, measurement, metrics)
GSMAMEE	GSM Association Congress	Global	Over 800 mobile operators and 200 companies	Mobile networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> benchmarking of mobile energy efficiency networks
Green500	Virginia Tech	US	Virginia Tech	Supercomputer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> benchmarking of greenest & fastest supercomputers
Cool IT	GreenPeace	Global	GreenPeace	IT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> leaderboard of IT brands on the contributions to the green IT

Fig 1: Summary of green mobile network project

OBJECTIVES OF STUDY:

The objectives of the study were:

1. To know about the green mobile market in India.
2. Find out or identify awareness of green mobile market in India.
3. What are the main problems which are influencing the implementation about the green mobile market?
4. To analyze the factors affecting green mobile market and
5. To explore the solution and opportunities of the green mobile market.

METHODOLOGY

The green mobile market is a big step for reducing carbon emission and mobile radiation. We have conducted a survey and the method used to analyze the data is Factor Analysis. Factor analysis is used to identify, assumptions underline dimension to reduce the number of a variable by eliminating redundancy.

The main objective is to know the knowledge, awareness and study the issues in the implementation of a green mobile market. The study has been conducted in a short duration of time from January to March 2016. A self-designed questionnaire was used for analysis. The study mainly

focused on India. The responses were received on email and thorough social networking websites and through google forms. The sample size was 133 respondents. The questionnaire consisting of 12 statements with demographic was used for the study. It resulted with an alpha coefficient of 0.688 in the study. The data was collected from 133 respondents from various IT sector firm employees, bank and financial institutions and other professional institute. The primary data for the research project is collected through a Self-structured questionnaire where respondents' degree of satisfaction is recorded on a scale of 1 to 5. The scale measured from 1 as strongly disagree and 4 as strongly agree and 5 as neutral. The Kaiser- Meyer- Olkin measure of sampling adequacy resulted in 0.698. The collected data is coded, filtered, tabulated using MS-Excel and analyzed with the help of SPSS software using Principal Component Factor Analysis with Varimax rotation.

Data collection: Data was collected from the employees of different organizations through survey questionnaire containing statements on five points like scale. The survey was done through online, email and others. The data collected was summarized and analyzed with the help of IBM SPSS version 20 following inferences were drawn after analyzing data:

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

Sampling Frame: 140 Respondents.

Case Processing Summary

		N	%
Cases	Valid	132	100.0
	Excluded ^a	0	.0
	Total	132	100.0

a. Listwise deletion based on all variables in the procedure.

Reliability Statistics

Cronbach's Alpha	N of Items
.688	17

KMO and Bartlett's Test

Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy.		.698
Bartlett's Test of Sphericity	Approx. Chi-Square	414.525
	df	136
	Sig.	.000

Total Variance Explained

Component	Initial Eigenvalues			Extraction Sums of Squared Loadings			Rotation Sums of Squared Loadings		
	Total	% of Variance	Cumulative %	Total	% of Variance	Cumulative %	Total	% of Variance	Cumulative %
1	3.556	20.918	20.918	3.556	20.918	20.918	2.591	15.242	15.242
2	1.545	9.087	30.004	1.545	9.087	30.004	1.984	11.670	26.912
3	1.394	8.202	38.206	1.394	8.202	38.206	1.448	8.518	35.430
4	1.348	7.932	46.138	1.348	7.932	46.138	1.393	8.192	43.622
5	1.234	7.256	53.394	1.234	7.256	53.394	1.285	7.558	51.179
6	1.100	6.472	59.866	1.100	6.472	59.866	1.268	7.457	58.636
7	1.047	6.161	66.027	1.047	6.161	66.027	1.256	7.391	66.027
8	.904	5.315	71.342						
9	.787	4.627	75.969						
10	.726	4.271	80.240						
11	.642	3.779	84.018						
12	.614	3.611	87.629						
13	.532	3.128	90.757						
14	.463	2.726	93.483						
15	.433	2.549	96.032						
16	.376	2.210	98.242						
17	.299	1.758	100.000						

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis.

Rotated Component Matrix ^a							
	Component						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
VAR00010	.704						
VAR00011	.675						
VAR00013	.620						
VAR00009	.616						
VAR00012	.612						
VAR00015		.836					
VAR00014		.792					
VAR00016		.623					
VAR00007			.688				
VAR00004			.622				
VAR00001							
VAR00006				.740			
VAR00017				.581			
VAR00002					.802		
VAR00003						.846	
VAR00005							.727
VAR00008							.716

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis.

a. Rotation converged in 14 iterations.

S.NO.	NAME	FACTOR LOADING	FACTOR NAME
1.	Renewable energy resource used in green mobile market	0.704	Energy efficiency, Eigen value of 2.519 having 15.242 % of variance
2.	Green telecom technology which leads to minimum energy consumption.	0.675	
3.	Name	0.620	
4.	Green Mobile Market	0.616	
5.	TRAI	0.612	
6.	Gender	0.836	Social group, Eigen value of 1.984 having 11.670 % of variance
7.	Age	0.792	
8.	Educational qualification	0.623	
9.	The harmful effect of carbon emission on the environment.	0.688	Harmful effect of carbon emission, Eigen value of 1.448 having 8.518 % of variance
10.	SAR	0.622	
11.	Carbon emission of mobile network	0.740	Overall Network, Eigen value of 1.393 having 8.192 % of variance
12.	Occupation	0.581	
13.	Mobile radiation	0.802	Radiation, Eigen value of 1.285 having 7.558 % of variance
14.	Side effect of mobile radiation	0.846	Side effect of radiation, Eigen value of 1.268 having 7.457 % of variance
15.	Maximum limit of SAR value allowed is below 1.6w/kg.	0.727	SAR limit, Eigen value of 1.256 having 7.391 % of variance
16.	Carbon footprint	0.716	

LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

Green Mobile Market is a new concept and further work is going on in this area. Since the time of the study was limited due to academics, so the further study could not be done and is limited only to India. The further cross-sectional study can be done on judgmental sampling. The study was purely exploratory and further longitudinal and horizontal study can be done on the topic.

CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have presented a survey of the green mobile market. What all technologies are used in India for making our environment free from carbon? In our paper, we have discussed issues related to carbon emission and mobile radiation from telecom towers and how much it is damaging our environment. We have also conducted a survey about knowing the awareness of people about green mobile and found out that still a lot of work is needed in building new technologies and making people aware and the green network. The current technology used in India for the green mobile network is the use of Renewable Energy Technology (like solar, wind etc) to give power to mobile towers and make it energy efficient hence reducing carbon emission in the environment and technologies like 4G and 5G. However still a lot of work is required to be done in this field and government authorities like TRAI and TSP are working to build a good platform for better implementation of green mobile market in urban and rural parts of India and reducing the carbon emission in environment, and making people aware about the green mobile and its benefits and long-term sustainability in environment and telecom providers.

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