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BSNL to invest ₹7,000 cr for setting up 3G & 4G hotspots

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State-run telecom operator BSNL will invest ₹7,000 crore in setting up wifi hotspots integrated with 3G, 4G networks across the country over the next two to three years, a top company official said.

"Wifi is an obvious choice for BSNL going forward but it alone cannot be successful. It has to be integrated with 3G, 4G network so that customer can be seamlessly transferred to wifi. In two to three years, we will be investing ₹7,000 crore to set up integrated wifi across

the country," Chairman and Managing Director of BSNL Anupam Shrivatava said while speaking at TeleAnalysis event here.

The company has already rolled out wifi service in Varanasi and will be extending it to more tourist spots by the end of this year.

"By end of this financial year, we will have 2,500 wifi hotspots," Shrivatava said.

In addition to this, BSNL has also partnered with QuadGen Wireless for setting up wifi hotspots under a revenue share model.