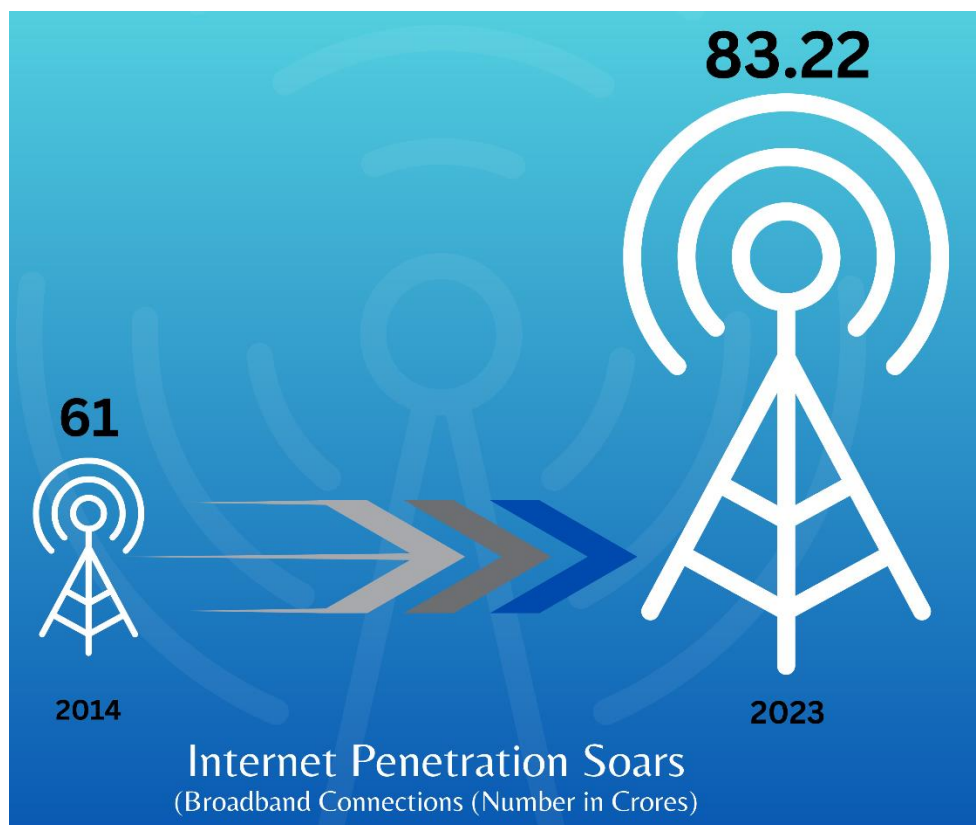


## India's Techade: Broadband Connections Grow Exponentially

*200% increase in internet subscriptions in rural areas and 158% in urban areas (2015-2021)*

The current state of broadband in the nation is vibrant with exponential growth in the last 9 years. Compounded by the cascading positive impact of broadband on the economy and society, this growth will be a critical contributor to national progress. Since 2014 broadband connections (wireless and wireline) have grown substantially, up from 61 Crore in 2014 to **83.22 Crore in 2023** (as on December 31, 2022). Out of 83.22 Crore broadband connections, **79.98 Crore are wireless** whereas **3.23 Crore are wireline**.



India witnessed an impressive **200% increase in internet subscriptions in rural areas** and a **158% increase in urban areas** between 2015 and 2021. This growth can be attributed to India's '**Digital India**' programme, which was launched in 2015. Continuous proliferation of measures such as the Bharat Net Project shall continue to improve digital accessibility, affordability, connectivity, and inclusivity across India. This in turn will help in realizing the vision to digitally empower every Indian, as we march towards **India's 'Techade'**.

### Source:

- [https://www.trai.gov.in/sites/default/files/PR\\_No.13of2023.pdf](https://www.trai.gov.in/sites/default/files/PR_No.13of2023.pdf)
- [https://dot.gov.in/sites/default/files/National%20Broadband%20Mission%20-%20Booklet\\_0.pdf?download=1](https://dot.gov.in/sites/default/files/National%20Broadband%20Mission%20-%20Booklet_0.pdf?download=1)
- <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1894920>