

# SLT-MOBITEL Marks Milestone Completing Infrastructure for One Million Fiber Project

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With Sri Lanka's telecom sector witnessing significant technological advancement in the past decade, SLT-MOBITEL has continuously aimed at driving the digital future to empower society. SLT-MOBITEL marked a significant milestone by enabling the infrastructure to ensure the deployment of One Million Fibre connections under its accelerated fiber access development project.

The project aims to empower all communities, in every district in Sri Lanka, with high-speed, fiber-based broadband enabling seamless access to transition into an era of digital services.

SLT-MOBITEL's accelerated fiber roll-out contributes to and galvanizes the country's integrated digital transformation, large-scale ICT infrastructure development projects taking place as part of the country's revolutionary digital journey toward a smart society.

Completing the architecture for the deployment of One million fiber connections within a record period, SLT-MOBITEL aims to reach two million connections by the end-2023 of, with an impressive target of empowering one million fiber consumers, including households and businesses with high-speed fiber access. To date, nearly 500,000 homes in Sri Lanka are powered with fiber access, setting yet another benchmark demonstrating the next level of end-user experience in the pathway to bridge the digital divide.

With this landmark, SLT-MOBITEL can proudly claim that 40 percent of SLT-MOBITEL wired connections are now deployed on fiber enabling home broadband networks to be ready for disruptive innovation and transformation.

Leveraging the Fibre project, SLT-MOBITEL is empowering sectors such as education, healthcare, businesses, and Government agencies across the island, promoting an increased adoption of digital channels and enhanced digital mobility while supporting the transition into a sustainable and knowledge-based economy. SLT-MOBITEL plans to connect most mobile base stations through fiber to provide mobile customers with improved broadband experiences. This will allow both fixed and mobile customers to enjoy a premium broadband experience.

Mangala Samarajeewa, CNO, SLT, elaborating on the project's success, stated, "We see that the broadband network has become a digital lifeline. The project's completion is a testament to SLT-MOBITEL's long-term commitment to provide a resilient fiber network facilitating high-speed connectivity and low latency, creating

new experiences and value for citizens to enjoy.”