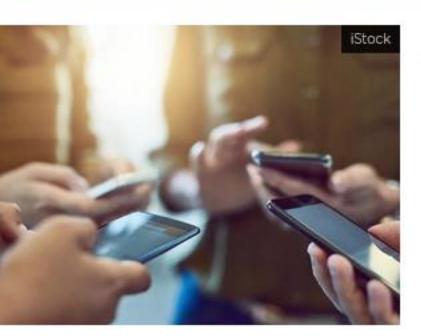
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Is India ready to make the move to 5G?

Synopsis

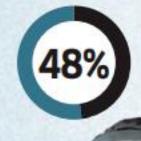
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The auction of 5G spectrum ended a week ago and services are expected to be rolled out from later this month

Of those who intend to upgrade to 5G



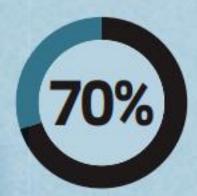
would change operators if needed to upgrade to 5G



will upgrade after getting a 5G-enabled handset



Usage of 5G



would consume more video



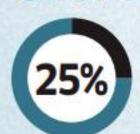
68%

would boost their gaming

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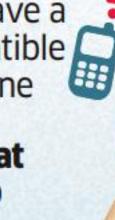
Of the respondents who said they won't upgrade to 5G



won't upgrade because tariff « may be too high



did not have a 5G compatible smartphone



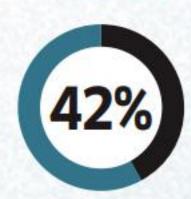


said lack of knowledge about 5G is an issue



Only 2% stated that they don't intend to upgrade to 5G

Expectations from a better network



want faster speeds



want a more reliable mobile internet connection

Only 1.4% of respondents are satisfied with the existing network performance