



# The Postpaid Paradox: Our Solution

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# Winning the 22–30 Segment: From Underrepresentation to Growth Engine for Postpaid

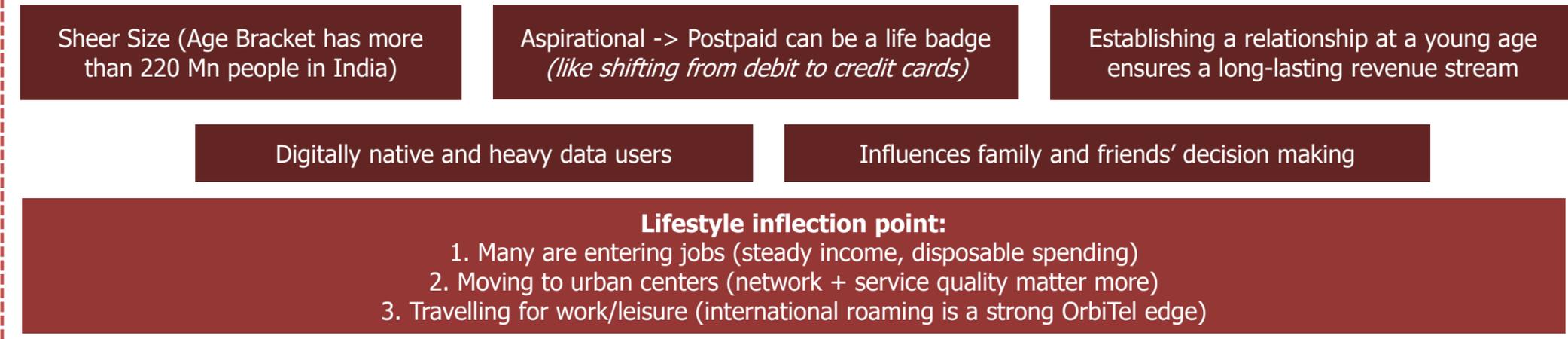


## Problem Statement – Postpaid Paradox

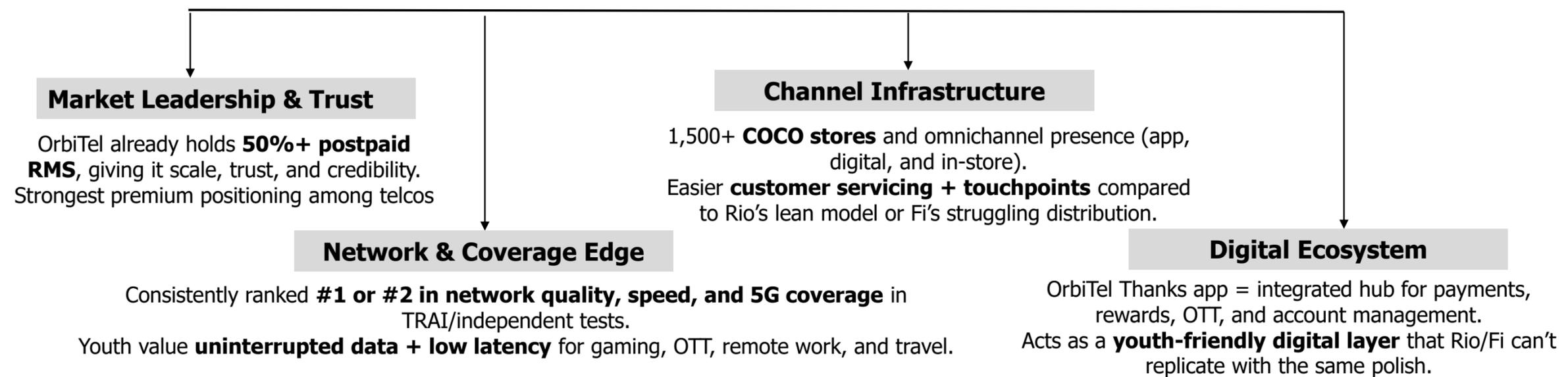
To double postpaid penetration among youth aged 22–30 from 6% to 12% in two years by creating a clear strategy that uses OrbiTel’s network, brand strength, and channels to meet young users’ needs for convenience, value, and reliability.

- OrbiTel Postpaid is a market leader with > 50% postpaid RMS; yet postpaid accounts for **only 10% of OrbiTel’s total users**
- Inflection point at age 30**, post which users are more likely to adopt postpaid plans
- The 22-30 age group is digitally native** and aspirational, yet postpaid is significantly underrepresented in this segment.
- Postpaid has a significantly **higher ARPU** and **lower churn** rate, making it an attractive choice for Orbitel.

### Why the 22-30-year-old bracket is lucrative?



### Right to Win for OrbiTel



### CORE IDEA

Address the misconceptions that customers have surrounding postpaid. Build trust among users via **impactful educational messaging**.

Position OrbiTel Postpaid as a premium product with focus on transparency, to make it an **aspirational lifestyle choice** for the 22-30 youth segment.



# Industry Trends + Competitive Edge = Orbi-Tel's Right to Lead Youth Postpaid Adoption



Problem Understanding

**Industry Trends**

Consumer Insights

Customer Segmentation

Customer Targeting

Marketing Plan

Ancillary Ideas/Perks

Financial Feasibility

## Industry Trends

**250M -> 770M**  
5G Growth Forecasts to 2028

**19% YoY (Rs. 183/m)**  
Industry ARPU Jump in 2025

**~3.3% (38.5M) in 2024**  
Industry Postpaid Mobile Connections

**Rs. 434/m (2.4x of Prepaid)**  
Pure Customer Postpaid ARPU

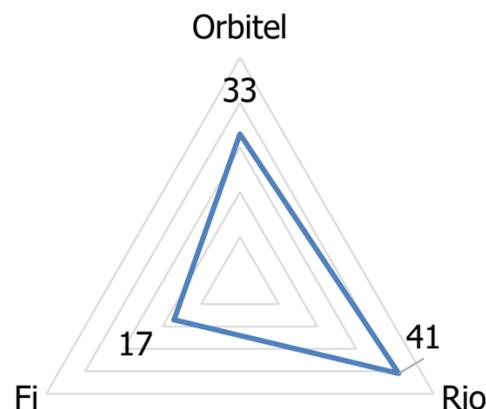
**26.9 GB (Up by 21.6% YoY)**  
Orbi-Tel's monthly data usage/mobile user

TRAI's easing of KYC norms & mobile number portability make it easier for prepaid users to switch to postpaid connections.

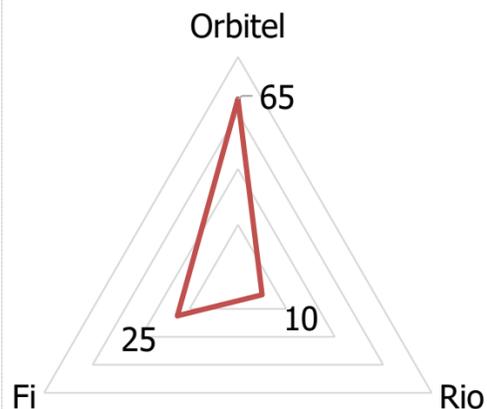
A **new Telecom Bill** is in the works to update archaic laws; It plans to streamline permissions and also punish fraud which should enhance trust in SIM verification

## OrbiTel (as per Industry Reports) stand as the most aspirational Telecom service provider for Indian youth to switch to Postpaid

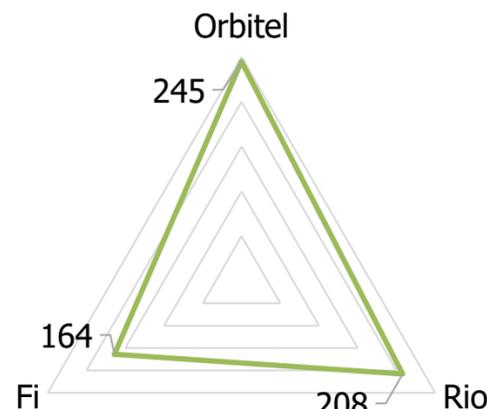
### Wireless Subscriber Market Share (%)



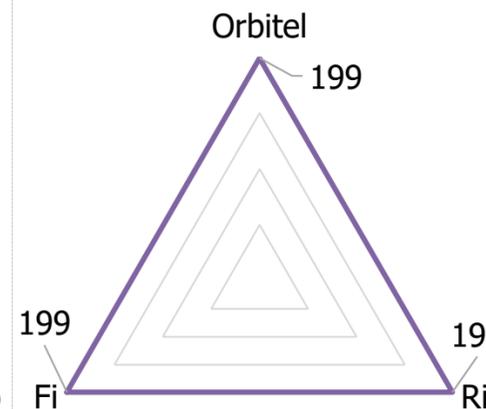
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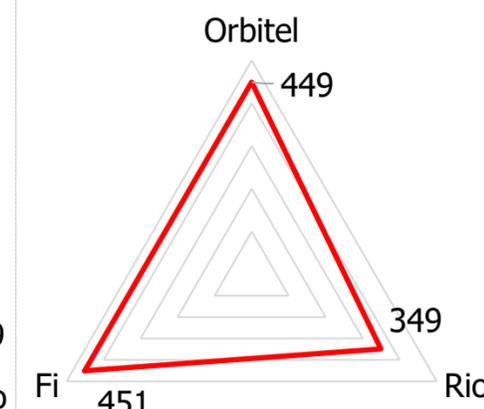
### Average Revenue Per User – ARPU (Rs.)



### Most Purchased Prepaid Plan (Rs.)



### Most Purchased Postpaid Plan (Rs.)



## COMPETITOR ANALYSIS

| Parameters                            | Rio  | Orbitel  | Fi   |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Prepaid Plan Pricing (representative) | 28 days, 1.5 GB/day ₹299; 84 days ₹859; Annual 2.5 GB/day ₹3,599 | 28 days, 1 GB/day ₹299; 84 days 2 GB/day ~₹1,199; Annual 2 GB/day ₹3,599 | 28 days, 1.5 GB/day ₹349; 84 days ₹859 annual ₹3,499 |
| Postpaid Plans (individual)           | ₹349 (30 GB), ₹649 (Unlimited, rollover)                         | ₹449 (50 GB), ₹699 (105 GB), ₹1,749 (320 GB + OTT)                       | ₹451 (50 GB + rollover), ₹551 (90 GB + rollover)     |
| Network Coverage / 5G                 | <b>Leader</b> in 5G availability                                 | <b>Fastest</b> speeds, strong gaming & video experience                  | Limited 5G; focus remains on 4G                      |
| Brand & Public Perception             | Strong value + scale, large ecosystem                            | Premium, reliable, high ARPU = perceived value                           | Seen as perks-first, weaker in quality               |
| Key USPs                              | Aggressive pricing, wide reach                                   | Strongest network, OTT bundles, loyalty packs                            | Differentiated by perks (night data, OTTs)           |



**N=165**  
Google Forms Survey Respondents

**18 - 25**  
Majority Age Range of Respondents

**75k - 1.5L**  
Majority Income Range of Respondents

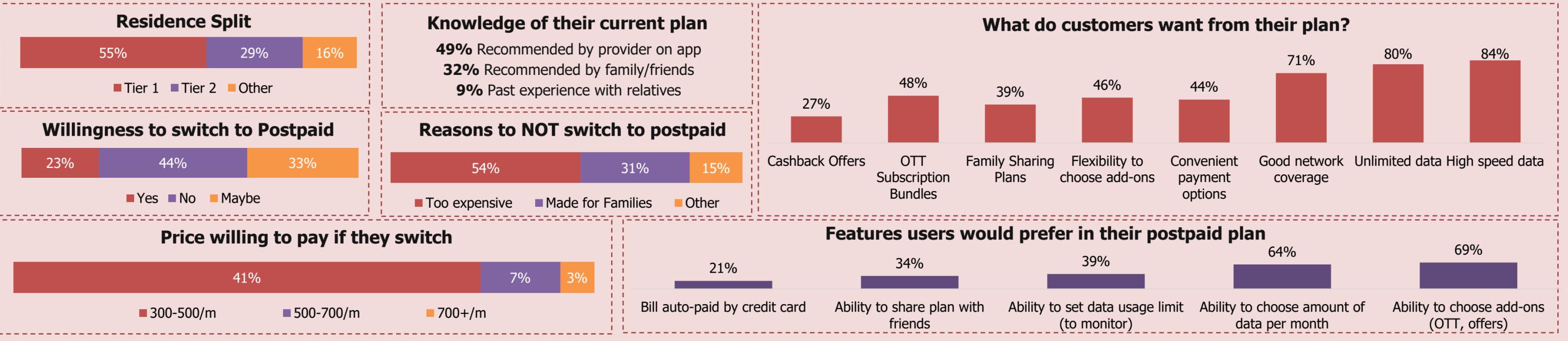
**57%**  
% respondents using Airtel service

**23%**  
% respondents using Postpaid service

**N=8**  
OrbiTel Service Users across India

**N=5**  
COCO Stores across Lucknow

**Survey Analysis**



**Store and Customer Interview Analysis**

“We might be charged fees unfairly and there is a lack of transparency”

**“WHAT IS POSTPAID?”**

“Postpaid is convenient since office auto pays the bill, never have to worry about recharging or plan running out”

“I use it as a second sim in combination with Rio prepaid. 2 different brands ensures they will always have network on one or the other. Use Rio for calling, and Orb-itel Postpaid for the data”

“Postpaid is convenient because of data available in bulk, usable for long duration video calls or binging content when WiFi is not available”

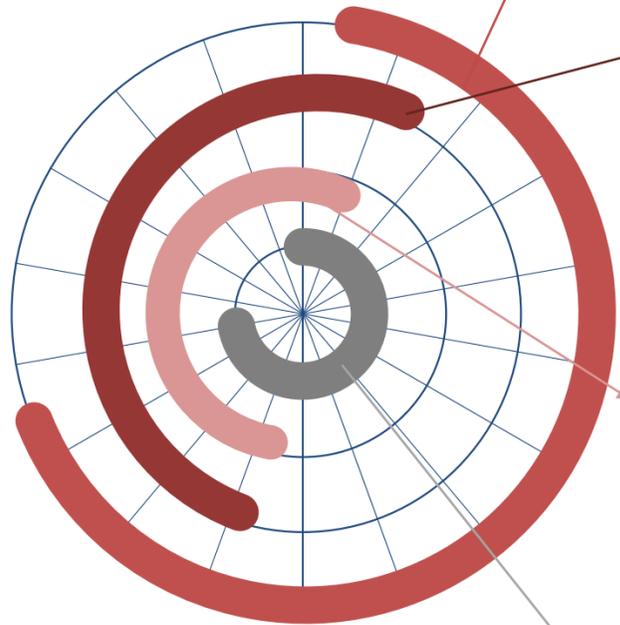
“It is not different enough from prepaid plans to pay extra price for”

“We believe customers need to be present in the store for porting to postpaid”

**“Customers are skeptical of huge bills at the end of each month”**



## Behavioral Customer Segments



"Curves represent target segments size – and propensity to convert to Orbi-Tel Postpaid"

### Loyalists: OrbiTel Prepaid Users

#### Motivations to Switch

Familiar with Orbi-Tel's quality network & service  
View postpaid as a **lifestyle "upgrade"**  
Prefer conveniences, fewer recharges

#### Next Steps for Orbi-tel

Build **stronger trust in postpaid** reliability  
Show lifestyle upgrade vs prepaid  
Promote hassle-free billing & family packs

### Migrants: Competitors Postpaid Users

#### Motivations to Switch

Attracted to Orbi-Tel's **family/corporate plans**  
Better roaming coverage & bundled ecosystem  
Value **loyalty perks** beyond competitors' offers

#### Next Steps for Orbi-tel

Position as the **better postpaid** leader  
Run competitive comparison campaigns  
Highlight superior roaming + OTT bundles

### Defectors: Competitors Prepaid Users

#### Motivations to Switch

Frustrated with current provider  
Seeking **stronger coverage**, especially roaming  
See Orbi-Tel as more **reliable** & premium

#### Next Steps for Orbi-tel

Build trust in **both brand & postpaid**  
Promote family packs & shared SIMs  
Target churners with easy-switch offers

### Freshers: Youngsters transitioning into the "affluent" category

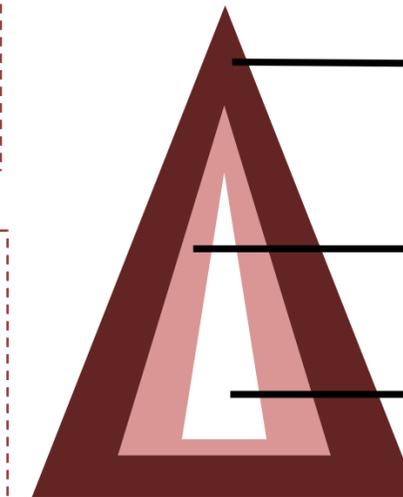
#### Motivations to Switch

First salary -> **aspirational** "premium" plan  
OTT & entertainment bundles resonate  
Seek **flexibility**: data rollover, upgrades

#### Next Steps for Orbi-tel

Aggressive youth-centric marketing  
Partner with corporates to it the "work SIM"  
Reinforce postpaid as a **lifestyle badge**

### Prepaid to postpaid switching customers

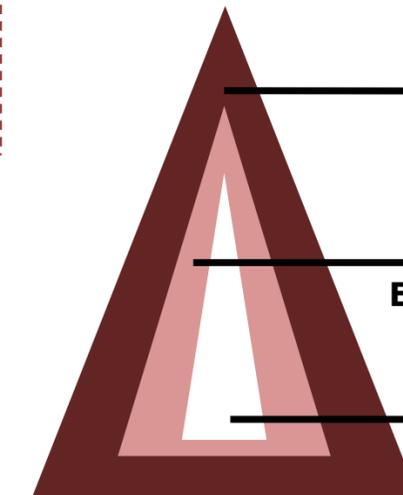


**TAM:** 1157M (Total Prepaid Users)  
**Expected Total Revenue:** 0.5B

**SAM:** 180M (22-30 yrs)  
**Expected Total Revenue:** 78k B

**SOM:** 22M (Weighted Avg. Factor for conversion)  
**Expected Total Revenue:** 9.5k B

### Postpaid to postpaid switching customers

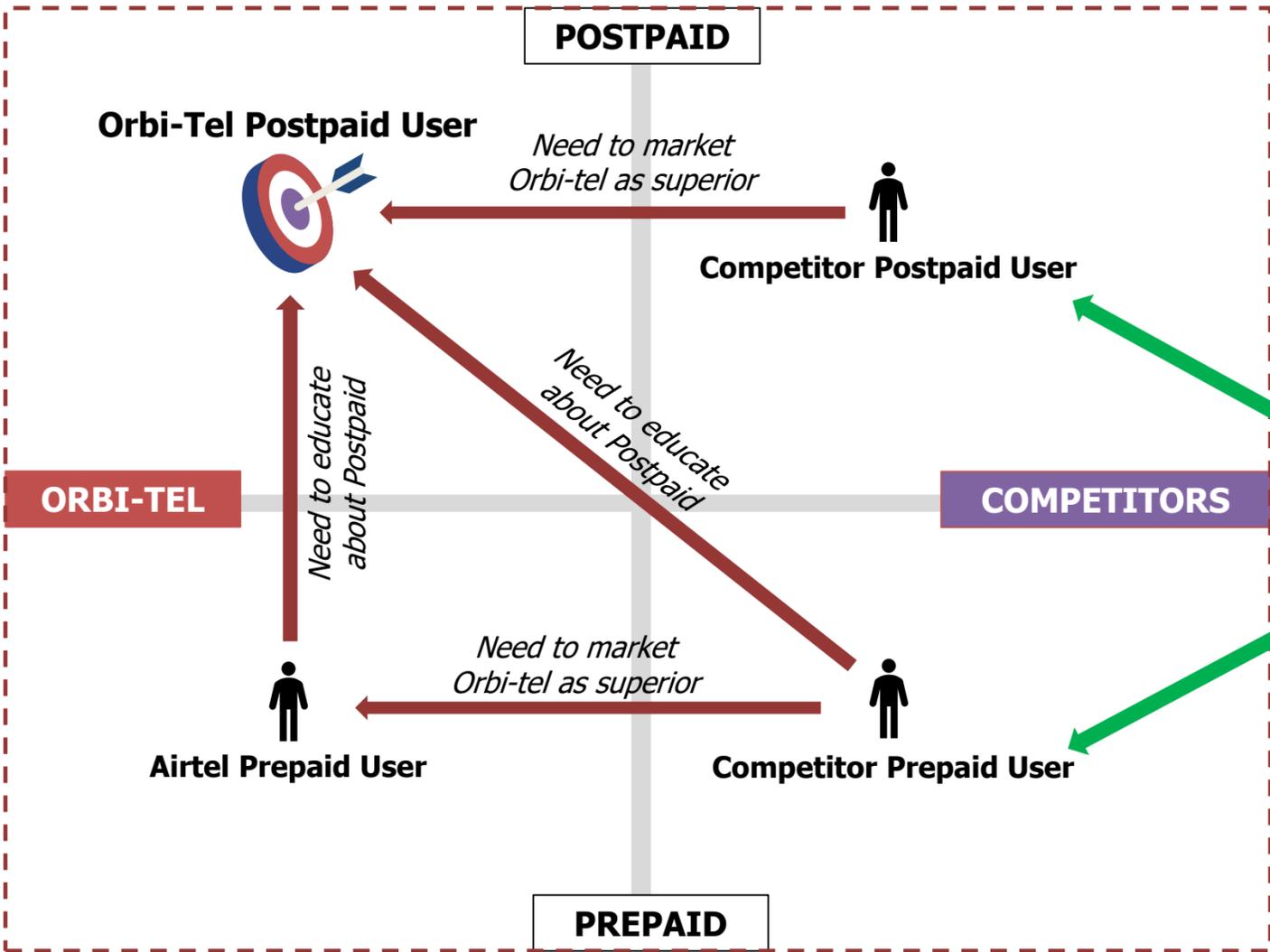


**TAM:** 39M (Total Postpaid Users)  
**Expected Total Revenue:** 16k M

**SAM:** 13M (22-30 yrs)  
**Expected Total Revenue:** 5.5k M

**SOM:** 2M  
**Expected Total Revenue:** 868M

**TARGETING OUR VARIOUS CONSUMER SEGMENTS**



**AIM #1:**  
SOLVE THE MISCONCEPTIONS AT THE CONSUMER AND SALES-PERSON LEVEL

- Frequently buy data top-up packs
- Travels frequently (both domestic and foreign)
- Works at corporate or Govt. organization
- Maintains multiple prepaid SIMS**
- Subscribes to multiple OTT applications
- Prefers to buy large data limit plans**
- Affluent Individual/Family lifestyle

**Green Flag Indicators for Postpaid Conversion**

**AIM #3:**  
DRIVE THE POINT HOME THAT ORBI-TEL IS "THE PREMIUM OPTION". MAKE IT AN ASPIRATIONAL GOAL THAT THE YOUTH STRIVES TO ACHIEVE

- Employees in firms not tied up with Orbi-Tel** (but using Fi/Rio reimbursement schemes)
- Fi's limited-service centers, Rio's digital only support leaves many without a human resolution path
- International travel patterns:** chance to pitch Orbi-tel's seamless postpaid roaming.

**Green Flag Indicators for Orbi-Tel Conversion**

**AIM #2:**  
BUILD TRUST AND INTEREST ABOUT ORBITEL. SHOWCASE OUR SUPERIOR NETWORK, REACH, SERVICE AND QUALITY OFFERINGS.  
*(Key Problem: Rio seen as value, Fi seen as cheaper fallback. Need to showcase OrbiTel = quality + premium)*



**ACHIEVING AIM #1:  
Solve Misconceptions Around Postpaid**

**TRAINING OF SALES-PERSON,  
STORE MANAGERS**

**BUSTING THE MYTHS AROUND  
POSTPAID**

- **“Postpaid is costlier”** (Demonstrate *cost parity with prepaid* when OTT bundles, add-ons, and hidden recharge costs are considered)
- **“I’ll lose control”** (Highlight OrbiTel Thanks app’s *usage tracking, instant bill updates, spend controls* → zero bill shocks)
- **“Prepaid has the same benefits”** (Showcase *exclusive benefits* (family pooling, uninterrupted data, international roaming, premium OTT)).

**CHANNELS & TACTICS**

**Digital** – Instagram reels with educational content; Collab with Finfluencers like Shreya Kapoor, Neeraj Arora, YT explainers with real bill comparisons

**On-ground Activations** - Postpaid Booths, Pamphlets at COCO stores

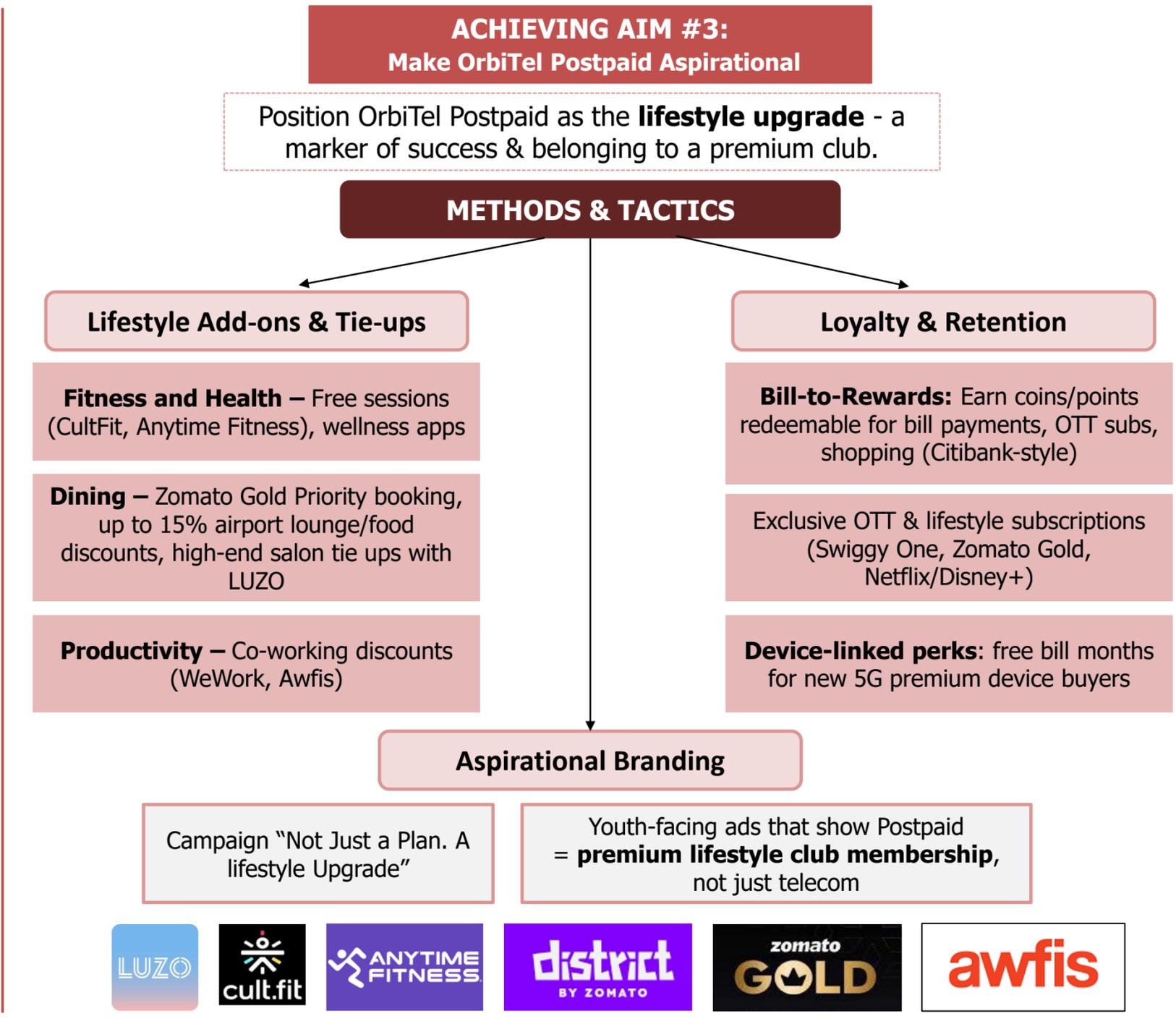
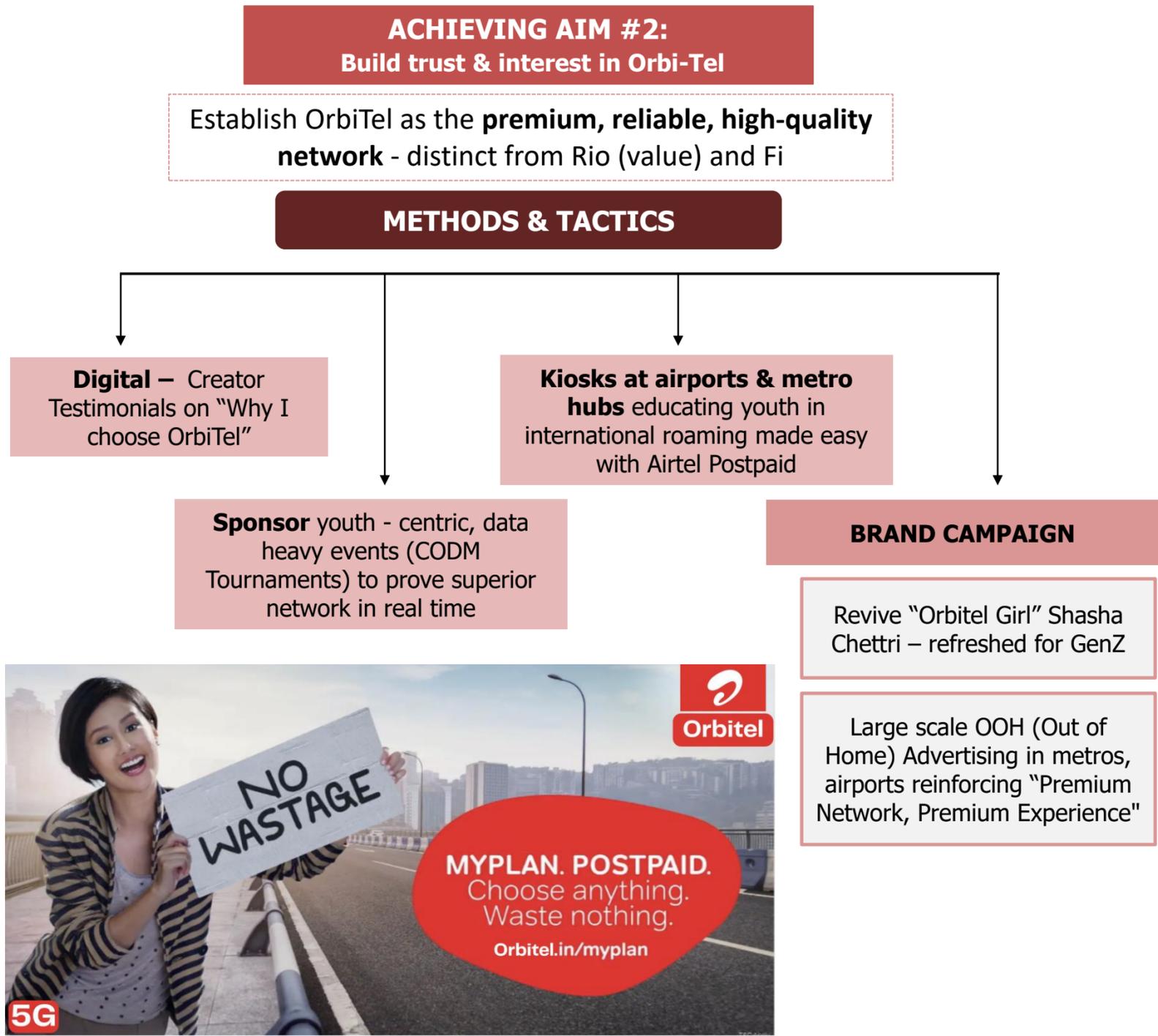
**Traditional Media** – Billboards in youth dense zones with taglines like ( *“Prepaid ≠ Premium. Postpaid = Freedom from recharge hassle.”* )

**ENGAGEMENT & RETENTION**

**Infotainment-style ads** on social media/OTT where heavy data usage itself becomes the proof of need

**Retention nudges** via app/SMS → personalized reminders when usage drops, pulling users back into the fold





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## PARTNERING WITH CORPORATES/GOVERNMENT

### INSIGHT

Many users prefer **postpaid** because bills are **directly reimbursed** by their company

### OPPORTUNITY

Partner with **corporates & government offices** as the *default provider* for new employee onboarding.

### METHOD

Approach via sales team to push for B2B deals. Advertising outside corporate parks with billboards, standees with QR Codes etc.

### EXECUTION

Aggressive B2B Sales Force push  
↓  
Custom Corporate Packs  
↓  
Seamless Reimbursement Flow

### BENEFITS

**For Companies:** Simplified reimbursements, happier employees  
**For Employees:** Hassle-free, worry-free premium experience  
**For OrbiTel:** Strong B2B channel = steady base of sticky base customers

### Flexibility in the usage of surplus data:

Allow users to donate leftover GBs for rural student internet packs - appeals to Gen Z's cause-driven mindset.

Inspired by **Telia**

### Flexibility in bill payments:

Create a "Pay Your Way" campaign, allowing payments to be made as per salary flows.

Inspired by **AT&T**

## "ORBITEL RED CLUB"

### INSIGHT

Just like **credit cards**, OrbiTel Postpaid can evolve into a lifestyle upgrade platform.

### OPPORTUNITY

Expand portfolio of add-ons available with postpaid. Dedicate an internal "subscription budget" - users pick how to spend it

### BENEFITS

**For Customers:** Flexibility, lifestyle rewards, "one plan = many perks"  
**For OrbiTel:** Premium positioning among youth



## BRANDING OF PLANS: THE NAME IS ALL

**Findings:** A large portion of youth make purchasing decisions based on recommendations from friends and family. The 22–30-year age segment are thought leaders, who influence the purchase decisions of those around them. Currently, Orbi-tel's plans are hard to describe and recommend over casual conversation.

**Recommendation:** Adding unique, catchy and easy to remember plan names. Make the plans easier to recommend and share, improving awareness and encouraging spread by word of mouth.

**Plan Names:** **Gold, Platinum, Elite, Diamond**

Platinum Pack  
**₹599**

- 100 GB Data
- Unlimited Voice & SMS
- Netflix, Amazon Prime & Disney+ Hotstar VIP Subscription
- 200 GB Data Rollover
- 1 additional SIM card with Family Plan



## LEVERAGING INTERNATIONAL ROAMING

### OBSERVATION:

Opaque terms (auto-activation of ₹649/day pack on call reception, SMS/OTP blocked post-May '25 without IR pack) → leads to **bill shock & backlash**.

### LEARNING:

Need **clear, upfront communication** of IR policies, simple opt-in/out flows, and consistent OTP access. → Protects OrbiTel's **premium & convenience positioning**

## APP OPTIMIZATION & ONBOARDING

Prepaid -> Postpaid Switch (OrbiTel Thanks App)

### OBSERVATION:

Button is prominent but redirects straight to OTP/KYC



Triggers sales call; user can't exit



*Frustrating journey*

### LEARNING:

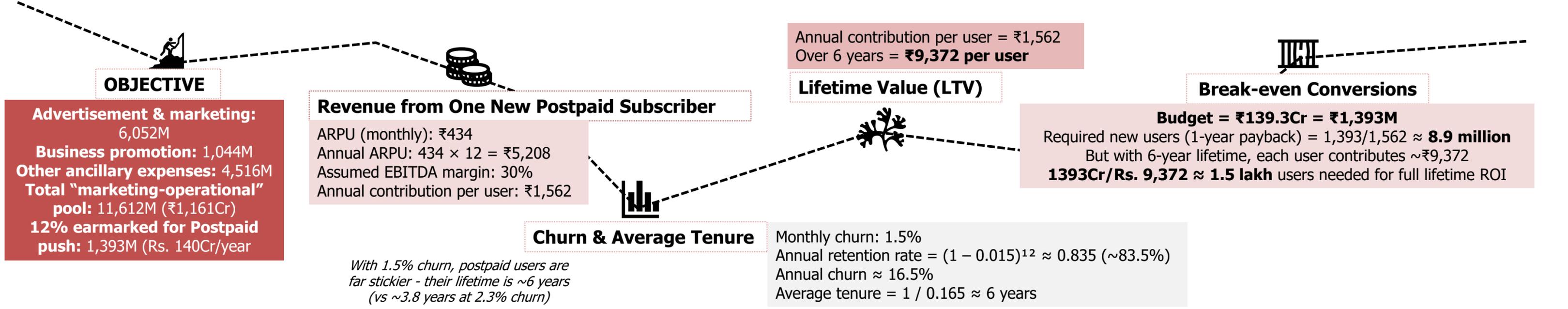
First show **menu card of plans & benefits**



Let customer self-select & switch; involve agent only for KYC/issues.



Keeps process **customer-driven, transparent, and seamless**.



**DISTRIBUTION OF MARKETING BUDGET (as per our survey results)**

| Channel / Stream   | Allocation (₹ cr) | % of Budget | Why  |
|--|-------------------|-------------|--|
| Events & Activations (college fests, e-sports, Sunburn / concerts, co-working tie-ups) | 50                | 36%         | Builds aspirational value + physical touchpoints. Drives experiential premium brand feel.                                  |
| Referral & Family Incentives (Popcorn sandwiching add-ons, referral bonuses)           | 40                | 29%         | Directly supports 31.5% "friends/family" driver. Low CAC, viral word-of-mouth.   |
| Social Media + YouTube + Influencers   | 30                | 22%         | Still essential for youth pull, shaping aspiration. Balance micro (authentic) + mid-tier influencers + YouTube explainers. |
| OOH / Billboards (metro & campus hotspots)   | 19                | 13%         | Credibility + visibility in aspirational zones (airports, malls, universities, IT hubs).                                   |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>139</b>        | <b>100%</b> | —  |

**STRATEGIC INSIGHTS**

- At ~1.5% churn, OrbiTel doesn't need 8–9M incremental users in one year to justify the campaign
- Even 1.5M new youth users (~6–7 quarters of additions at current pace) would cover the ₹139Cr spend over their lifetime
- With Orbi-Tel already adding ~2.5–3M postpaid subs per year, dedicating part of this inflow to youth (22–30) makes the break-even realistic

**Bottom Line:**

With ₹434 ARPU and 1.5% monthly churn, OrbiTel needs **~1.5M incremental youth postpaid users** to justify the ₹139Cr campaign. This is strategically achievable within ~1 year given current growth rates, and the longer retention sharply improves ROI.

## PREPAID TO POSTPAID CONVERSION FRAMEWORK

Since 70% of adds in postpaid are through the prepaid customer route, that's an effective market to target.

### Step 1: Identifying key metrics to track

First, we find out the factors which have a high correlation with postpaid conversion: usage intensity, OTT subscriptions, family plans, data packs bought, etc. Based on correlation ranking we give them weights.

| Dimension          | Metrics to Track                                | Scoring Logic                           | Weight |
|--------------------|---|---|--------|
| Usage Intensity    | Usage of Data, calls, OTT, recharges            | Higher usage → higher score             | 30%    |
| Spending Power     | ARPU, add-ons, OTT subscriptions                | Higher ARPU & add-ons = high intent     | 25%    |
| Convenience Needs  | Auto-recharge, complaints about pack exhaustion | Frequent complaints → postpaid fit      | 15%    |
| Lifestyle Signals  | Premium handset, corporate ID, family needs     | iPhones / high-end users → higher score | 20%    |
| Engagement Signals | Browsing postpaid plans, contacting support     | High activity = strong intent           | 10%    |

### Step 2: Develop a scoring system

Based on a 100-point scoring model

| Variable                      | Threshold                 |                        | Score |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Monthly Data Usage            | <10GB = 5 pts             | 10–30GB = 10 pts       | 30    |
|                               | 30–80GB = 20 pts          | >80GB = 30 pts         |       |
| Monthly Recharge Spend (ARPU) | <₹300 = 5 pts             | ₹300–₹600 = 15 pts     | 35    |
|                               | ₹600–₹1000 = 25 pts       | >₹1000 = 35 pts        |       |
| Recharge Frequency            | <2 recharges = 5 pts      |                        | 20    |
|                               | 2–4 = 10 pts              | 5+ = 20 pts            |       |
| OTT / Add-on Subscriptions    | None = 0 pts              | 1 subscription = 5 pts | 15    |
|                               | 2+ subscriptions = 15 pts |                        |       |
| Device Type                   | Low-end <₹15k = 5 pts     |                        | 20    |
|                               | Middle: ₹15–30k = 10 pts  | Premium >₹30k = 20 pts |       |
| Browsing Plans                | No = 0 pts                | Yes = 10 pts           | 10    |

### Step 3: Segmenting Customers

Based on the score obtained from the scoring system

+ Reduction of friction by enabling 1-touch transformation to Postpaid

| Score Range | Segment    | Conversion Probability | Recommended Action                                   |
|-------------|------------|------------------------|--|
| 80+         | Hot Leads  | High                   | Target aggressively with premium plans & OTT bundles |
| 60–79       | Warm Leads | Medium                 | Personalized offers with convenience & savings       |
| 40–59       | Cold Leads | Low                    | Educate about postpaid benefits, free trial options  |
| <40         | Not Ready  | Very Low               | Keep in awareness campaigns, don't push              |

### Survey Results (PFA the excel document)



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1. All of the sales team we spoke to at airtel stores told us that postpaid gets better network coverage across the country, which we found to be factually incorrect on interacting with our mentor. The sales team might be using outdated prompts or tactics to attract customers. While this may be the prevailing perception in the minds of customers, our sales team should not be enforcing this perception further by promoting a lie.
2. We found on interaction with the sales-persons that Airtel's latest innovation, the AI driven fraudulent link detection and blocking feature is not being advertised sufficiently, it was not mentioned to us at all during our interaction with them as potential customers.
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### TAM SAM SOM:

1. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) - World Population Dashboard: This was the primary source for the total population estimate for India in 2025 and the breakdown of the population by broad age groups (e.g., 15-64): [UNFPA World Population Dashboard – India](#)
2. DataReportal - Digital 2025: India: This report provided a more detailed age breakdown of the Indian population, which was used to estimate the percentage of the population in the specific 22-30 age bracket. [DataReportal – Digital 2025: India](#)
3. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI): The user-provided PDF, "The Indian Telecom Services Performance Indicators January-March, 2025, was a key source for total wireless subscribers, market share, and other industry metrics. General performance indicator reports are published quarterly on the TRAI website: Link to TRAI Performance Indicator Reports: [TRAI Performance Indicator Reports](#)
4. Press Information Bureau (PIB), Government of India: PIB releases summaries and highlights of the TRAI reports, which are often easier to digest: Example Link: [PIB Press Release on Telecom Subscription Data](#)
5. Bharti Airtel Limited - Investor Relations:
6. The specific number for Bharti Airtel's postpaid subscribers was taken from their quarterly press release: **Link:** [Bharti Airtel Quarterly Results](#).

