AI, data and cybersecurity accounted for 30.3 per cent of technology hiring demand at Global Capability Centres in the July-Sept quarter of 2026, up 4.5 percentage points from preceding quarter, a report said



Smartphone revenue rises DESPITE 19% FALL in shipments

COSTS UP

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE global smartphone market is witnessing a shift towards expensive devices, with revenue growing despite a sharp decline in shipments as rising memory costs and demand for premium models push up prices.

Global smartphone revenue rose 3% year-on-year to $114 billion in the September quarter of 2026, even as shipments declined 19%, according to Counterpoint Research's latest Market Monitor Service. The average selling price (ASP) of smartphones increased 27% to a record $442 during the quarter.

The rise in revenue was driven by premiumisation, a shift towards higher-priced models and increasing memory costs. Smartphone makers are also raising prices to offset the impact of expensive components.

Why is smartphone revenue growing despite falling shipments?

Revenue depends not only on the number of smartphones sold but also on the price at which they are sold. While fewer devices were shipped during the quarter, higher prices helped companies generate more revenue. The growing demand for premium smartphones and a shift towards higher-value models supported average selling prices. Memory cost increases also elevate prices across different segments.

Higher revenue does not necessarily mean higher profits, though. Smartphone makers are facing pressure on margins as memory and other component costs rise.

How did major smartphone brands perform?

Apple recorded its highest ever September-quarter revenue, with a 17% year-on-year growth. The company captured 50% share of global smartphone revenue, while its average selling price rose 19%. Demand for the iPhone 17 series and early traction for the iPhone 18 Pro series supported its performance. Apple's shipments remained nearly flat, making it one of the most resilient major brands in the market.

Samsung ranked second with a 19% share of global smartphone revenue. Its revenue increased 14%, while its average selling price rose 21% to $367. The company continued to lead global shipments with a 22% share. The performance was supported by higher prices across its Galaxy A series and stronger contributions from premium devices such as the Galaxy S26 Ultra and Z Fold8.

Xiaomi's revenue remained flat as higher average selling prices offset declining shipments. The company shifted its focus towards mid-range and upper-mid-range smartphones. OPPO and vivo, however, reported revenue declines of 26% and 22%, respectively, as falling shipments outweighed gains in average selling prices.

What lies ahead for the smartphone market?

Counterpoint Research expects global smartphone revenue to contract in the December quarter of 2026, as shipment declines outpace growth in average selling prices. For 2027, higher memory costs are expected to continue putting pressure on smartphone makers.

Companies are likely to raise prices further, reduce the number of models and focus on premium devices. Shipments are expected to decline at a slower pace than in 2026, while higher average selling prices could support revenue growth. The report expects cost relief only in 2028, when smartphone makers may use savings to improve devices rather than reduce prices.

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The market faces further pressure from rising memory costs. Counterpoint expects global smartphone revenue to contract in the December quarter of 2026, while manufacturers are likely to raise prices and focus more on premium models in 2027

TRAI launches digital platform to help users check network quality

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has launched a new digital platform that will allow consumers to check mobile network and broadband performance in their areas, compare service providers and report unsolicited commercial calls and messages.

Called the Network Anubhav Platform, the geospatial and analytical dashboard brings together network test data collected through TRAI's MySpeed and MyCall mobile applications, along with data from the regulator's independent drive tests. It also provides access to Do Not Disturb (DND) services through a web interface.

What is the Network Anubhav Platform?

It is a location-based dashboard that provides information about the actual network experience of users across different areas. Consumers can view mobile and fixed broadband performance, compare service providers and check download and upload speeds. The platform allows users to zoom into specific locations and examine test results submitted by other consumers. They can also use filters, charts, tables and downloadable reports to understand network performance.

How can consumers check network speed?

The dashboard displays three types of speed measurements based on tests conducted by users.

P50 represents the median speed, meaning half of the tests recorded speeds equal to or higher than this value. For mobile broadband, P80 shows the speed at or above which 80% of tests were recorded. For fixed broadband, P90 represents the speed at or above which 90% of tests were recorded.

These figures provide an indication of the network experience reported by other users in a particular area. However, TRAI has clarified that user-generated test results do not represent a comprehensive assessment of network quality under a standard testing methodology.

How will it help telecom companies and TRAI?

Telecom service providers will be able to access detailed network information through a secure interface.

OPPO rolls out ColorOS 17 update for F35 series

OPPO has announced the rollout of ColorOS 17 for its F35 series smartphones, bringing improvements to system performance, app stability and security features. The update introduces a feature called Smoothness Boost, developed exclusively for the F35 series. It is powered by the company's Laminar Flow Engine, which is designed to improve the overall responsiveness of the device. According to OPPO, the update improves app launch stability by up to 55%. It also makes Gallery thumbnails load up to 50% faster during the first launch compared with ColorOS 16. The new software also brings AI Call Guard, a feature designed to alert users to possible synthetic voices.

Portronics unveils new wireless charger

Portronics has launched the Zyron, a 3-in-1 magnetic wireless charger designed for use in cars as well as on desks. The device comes with a magnetic wireless charging pad, a car air-vent mount and a detachable desk stand. The charger supports up to 25W Qi2 wireless charging and is compatible with iPhone 12 to iPhone 17 series devices. Its detachable design allows users to switch between using it as a car mount and a desk charger. The company said the device requires a USB-C Power Delivery adapter with an output of at least 30W. It comes with a 1-metre Type-C cable. The Zyron has a maximum retail price of Rs 3,499 and is currently available at a special price of Rs 1,549 on the company's website.

MAHATRANSCO Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) (LOCAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING)

SRM e-Tender No. T-2695/MSETCL/CO/Projects/Pre-Tender (RFx No. 6000001595) (2nd Call)

MSETCL invites offers by SRM e-tendering in TWO bid system (Techno-Commercial Bid and Price Bid) from the eligible registered bidders for the following work as detailed below.

"Establishment of 220/33 kV Digital substation at Kasbe Digraj along with transmission lines, Tal. Miraj, Dist. Sangli under Karad Zone., MSETCL, Maharashtra."

Interested bidders may obtain further information available on the website **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**

The date of downloading of Bid documents available on the website is from **03.11.2026.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Projects), MSETCL

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
INVITATION OF BIDS–TWO COVER–ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM (E-Submission)

IFB No.	10,11,12 & 13 / F.O&M of CWSS/SDO/CE-TNJ/2026 Dt.04.11.2026
Eligibility	Registered Class I Contractors (Civil)
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Thanjavur - 613 403
Downloading Period	**05.11.2026 to 23.11.2026** up to 15.00 hours.
EMD Payable	Online Mode or **eBG** through E-Tendering website **"https://tntenders.gov.in"**
Pre Bid meeting	**16.11.2026** at **11.00** hours at the office of the Tender Invitee.
Bid Submission	**23.11.2026 before 15.00** hours duly Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through E-Tendering website **"https://tntenders.gov.in"**
Bid opening	**24.11.2026** at 15.30 hours through E-Tender Portal **"https://tntenders.gov.in"**

IFB No.	Name of work	Appx. value (including 18% GST)	Bid security
	Operation and Maintenance of the following CWSS including repair, rectification works and supply of chemicals for the period from 01.01.2027 to 31.03.2029		
10	7 Nos of CWSS to Trichy District **(Pkg-36 A)**	Rs.8.46 Crore	Rs. 6.35 lakh
11	5 Nos of CWSS to Trichy District **(Pkg-36 B)**	Rs.9.98 Crore	Rs. 7.49 lakh
12	CWSS to 541 habs in Trichy District **(Pkg-37 A)**	Rs.7.93 Crore	Rs. 5.95 lakh
13	CWSS to 674 habs in Trichy District **(Pkg-37 B)**	Rs.8.67 Crore	Rs. 6.50 lakh

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Chief Engineer (i/c), TWAD Board, Thanjavur.

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GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The sale by public auction of jewellery pledged with the Bank in the following gold loan accounts, details of which are given under will be held at the above branch premises on **13.11.2026** at **3.00 pm to 4.00 pm.**

S. No.	Branch	Loan Number	Name and Address of the Borrower	Gross Weight (gm)	Net Weight (gm)	Liability (Rs.)
1	Salem Fort Main	180197122230	**Arvind.P** 6 Second Cross Street, Pallavan Nagar, Maduravoyal, Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 600 095	256.00	218.00	28,53,000
2	Erumapalayam	180174708022	**Anandan.A** 284/23, Varma Garden, Yercaud Main Road, Salem, Tamil Nadu 636 008	57.00	40.00	5,23,000
3	Kolathur	180301454622	**Balamurugan Sengodan** S/o. Sengodan, D.No 1 1 185, Pidangan Eri, Chettiyur Post, Salem Dist, Tamil Nadu-636303	19.00	17.00	2,22,000
4	Omalur	180167610712	**Suresh** S/o. Subas, 6 37, Chinthamaniyur, Omalur Tk, Salem, Tamil Nadu-636 455	7.5	6.5	85,000
5	Katteri	164060339387	**Vaidegi Chinnathambi** W/o. Loganathan, 22/13A, Chinniyampalayam Pudur, Kanjikoil, Dist-Erode, Tamil Nadu-638 116	29.90	27.00	3,53,000

The said auction is on the following conditions:

1) Itis 'as is where is' condition.
2) Reserve Price mentioned in the auction notice may vary based on the market price as on the date of auction.
3) The successful bidder shall pay the entire bid amount at once and take delivery of the jewellery at his/her absolute risk and responsibility and the said bidder shall not have any recourse to our Bank for any reason whatsoever.
4) The Bank reserves its right to put to auction all or any of the jewellery pledged in the account as considered necessary or stop auction at any time without any prior notice and at its absolute discretion.
5) The Bank has absolute discretion to either reject or accept any bid without assigning any reasons whatsoever.
6) The Bank has right to adjourn/postpone the auction sale at any stage to any future date at the convenience of the Bank and no person shall be entitled to claim any prior notice or right therefore.
7) If the successful bidder does not clear the bid amount and/or does anything which may give rise to a necessity of adjourning/postponing/holding fresh auction sale, he/she shall be liable to indemnify the Bank to the extent of loss, if any, caused on account of his/her lapses which may come in the way of completing the auction.
8) In case the auction fails, Bank shall publish another paper publication and conduct auction on any date subsequent to the auction date mentioned in this paper notification.

NOTE: The successful bidder should make full payment at least by next working day of the auction. Otherwise, bid shall be cancelled and EMD amount shall be forfeited.

Date: 05-11-2026
Place: Salem

Manager

PUNE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
CHIEF ENGINEER DEPARTMENT
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (N.I.T) YEAR 2025-26

Tender Sale Date:- 06-11-2026 14:30 PM to Date 30-11-2026 upto 14:30 PM
Bid Submission Start & End Date :- 06-11-2026 14:30 PM to Date 30-11-2026 upto 14:30 PM Technical Envelope Opening Date: 01-12-2026 15:00 PM

Tender No.	Name of Department	Name of Work	Cost of Tender Document (Rs.)	Estimated Cost Rs.	EMD Amount Rs.	Work Period (Month)	Concern Contact Person
517/2026	Water Supply	Pune Mahanagarpalikechya vividh jalkendra va mailapani shuddhikaran kendra yethe 900 KG containersmadhe dravaroop chlorine vayu purvine (IS 646:1986) (Make - SRAAC /GACL / Grasim/ NRC/HOC/ Meghmani Finechem Ltd. (MFL) / M/s DCM Shriram / M/s The Andhra Sugars Limited)	Rs. 17879/-	Rs.56683320 /-	Rs. 283417/-	12	Sandeep Sapkale 9689931068

A) All details of Terms & Conditions of above works are incorporated in tender documents which is available on website www.mahatenders.gov.in Sale & acceptance is available by online system only. Tender needs to be submit in two envelope format.
B) If sales or submission not been available on last day also & it is not been submitted will be sole responsibility of tenderer.
C) Online tender process information will be available at Water Supply, Pune Municipal Corporation.
D) As per office order No. 32, dated 22/04/2016 EMD deposit amount will be acceptable through ECS/RTGS/NEFT Online Banking only.

ADVT No : 3/1051
Date : 05/11/2026

Tender Clerk WS Project (24x7)
टेंडर लिपिक, कार्यालय (पाणीपुरवठा)
पुणे महानगरपालिका

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Abhijit Sathe
कार्यकारी अभियंता
कार्यालय (पाणीपुरवठा) पुणे महानगरपालिका

BANK OF BARODA PN PATTI BRANCH : Salem Main Road, Karumalaikoodal, Salem District - 636 402, Phone : 04298-222090, 224680 Email : VJPNPA@bankofbaroda.bank.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
"APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 : Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" "Whatever there is" and "without recourse"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

NAME & ADDRESS OF BORROWER (S) / GUARANTOR (S) / MORTGAGOR (S)	DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY	Total Dues	Date and Time of E-auction Start Time 02.00 pm to End Time 06.00 pm	1. Reserve Price, 2. EMD Amount, 3. Bid Increase Amount.	Status of Possession (Constructive / Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time
1. Mr.Mohan.G, S/o.Govindaraj, **2. Late Mrs.Rani,** W/o.Mohan.G, D.No.28, Ramamoorthi Nagar, Muthu Samy Street, Mettur Dam RS, Salem Dt - 636 402. **Guarantor : Mr.Murugan,** S/o.Pazhani, D.No.9/64C, Thippampatti Kattu Valavu, Gonur Post, Mettur Tk, Salem Dt - 636 404. **Mortgagor : Mr.Mohan.G,** S/o.Govindaraj, D.No.28, Ramamoorthi Nagar, Muthu Samy Street, Mettur Dam RS, Salem Dt - 636 402.	**ITEM - I :** All that Part and Parcel of the property located at Salem District, Salem West Registration District, Mettur Sub Registration, Mettur Taluk, P N Patty Village, Old Survey No.587, New Survey No.1122/16, Patta No.310 to and extent of 0.0063.0 sq.meter or 678 sq.ft land. **Boundary :** East of : Rajammal land, West of : North South Road, North of : Mathesan and Gopal land, South of : Loganathan land. **ITEM - II :** All that Part and Parcel of the property located at Salem District, Salem West Registration District, Mettur Sub Registration, Mettur Taluk, P N Patty Village, Old Survey No.587/PA, New Survey No.1122/17 and extent of 0.0034.84 Sq.meter or 375.Sq.feet land. **Boundary :** East of : Rajammal remaining land, West of : Mohan land, North of : Murugan House, South of : Loganathan land. A residential house building has situated on above lands to the extent of Ground Floor 1053.00 sq.ft. This Property is situated at P N Patty Town Panchayat. **Mortgagor :** Mr.Mohan.G, S/o.Govindaraj, D.No.28, Ramamoorthi Nagar, Muthu Samy Street, Mettur Dam RS, Salem Dt - 636 402.	**Rs.11,53,483.49** + unapplied interest + unserviced interest **from 01.11.2026** + legal expenses.	**26.11.2026** **14.00 hrs (02.00 PM) to 18.00 hrs (06.00 PM)**	**1.Rs.12,37,500/-** **2.Rs.1,23,750/-** **3. Rs.25,000/-**	**Physical Possession**	**25.11.2026** **10.00 hrs (10.00 AM) to 16.00 hrs (04.00 PM)**

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link **https://bankofbaroda.bank.in/e-auction.htm** and online auction portal **https://baanknet.com.** Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No. **91760 60206 / 70225 31855**

DATE : 04.11.2026 / PLACE : PN PATTI

Authorised Officer / Bank of Baroda