



## JIMS VIRTUAL WORLD

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### India hopes for resolution of BlackBerry issue

India hopes its concerns about security issues related to BlackBerry services will be resolved, the telecoms minister said on Tuesday, giving the government access to electronic messages. Governments in other countries, mostly in the Middle East, also fear consumers might use Research In Motion's BlackBerry services to aid terrorism or peddle pornography. India had threatened to shut off RIM's encrypted email and instant messaging services unless it gained access to them. After a deal with RIM, India began accessing earlier this month some of the traffic carried on BlackBerry smartphone devices in a campaign driven by fears that unmonitored email and messaging puts the country's security at risk. "I do hope it will be resolved," Telecoms Minister Andimuthu Raja told reporters. India's interior ministry said on August 30 RIM had offered several ways to allow authorities to monitor BlackBerry communications. The government said it would check their feasibility over the next 60 days. "We are periodically reviewing," Raja said, without elaborating what solutions had been offered by RIM. However, RIM has insisted it cannot decode the encrypted corporate email that is at the heart of its business and is yet to confirm India's claims that security agencies had started accessing BlackBerry traffic.

India is also pushing RIM to set up local servers in the country, while a top official has said notices were being sent to Google and Skype also asking them to set up servers in India and allow full monitoring of web data.

Separately, Raja said the Telecom Commission, the highest decision-making body in the telecoms ministry, would discuss "bailout" options for new telecoms operators, who are reportedly struggling with high operational costs and low tariffs in a crowded 15-player market. Current Indian regulations do not allow telecoms firms to sell out within the first three years of their existence, which means the last batch of operators who secured licenses in 2008 have to wait until next year to sell out.



### Transcend launches Apple-style ultra portable hard drives

The StoreJet 25D2-W is a portable hard drive designed to complement Mac PCs. It comes in a shiny gloss-white lacquer finish that makes it look good with any Mac - be it MacBooks, iMacs, or the Mac Mini. The StoreJet 25D2-W bears the "Compatible with Mac OS X" logo, and is pre-formatted to provide additional storage capacity for synchronization and backup using OSX software such as Time Machine. It also has an internal hard drive suspension system that helps prevent damage caused by accidental slips or falls during travel.



The drive features anti-slip rubber feet that provide a stable base for resting on a table or computer case. Also an eco-friendly drive, the StoreJet 25D2-W is designed to automatically go into power-saving sleep mode after ten minutes of inactivity, allowing energy-savings of up to 30%. Priced at Rs 6,300, it is backed by an extra-long 3-year warranty, the StoreJet 25D2-W comes with a faux-suede travel pouch and comes bundled with Transcend's own StoreJet Elite software that offers intelligent backup scheduling, Internet tools and 256-bit AES encryption. Offered in chic white, the StoreJet 25D2-W is now available in 500GB capacity.

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