

How to Skip the Monthly Minimum Recharge for Airtel, Idea and Vodafone

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Quick answer

You cannot skip the mandatory minimum recharge for Airtel, Idea, or Vodafone, as these operators require regular recharges to keep your number active. The cheapest option is Airtel's Rs.

To reduce the loss due to the non-recharge of the subscribers, telecom companies such as Airtel, Idea and Vodafone introduced the mandatory minimum recharge system for their customers. However, as a result, every customer needs to recharge regularly with any plan voucher to keep their number active.

With the entry of Jio, all other operators are facing big loss. Almost all the users are now keeping their main mobile number which mostly belongs to Airtel, Idea, or Vodafone, in an inactive mode. Those who used to recharge regularly on Jio number are keeping other network SIM cards only to receive incoming calls.

This act doesn't provide any revenue to the telecom companies, and finally, they decided to introduce the compulsory recharge plan, so that one who wishes to use their service, either to make or to receive calls have to do regular recharge. Failing will block outgoing service first, later the incoming service, and finally the deactivation of the number.

Read: Airtel, Vodafone Idea to Implement Minimum Recharge Mandatory, Will reduce the Customer Base

Many people are disturbed by the new rule and looking to skip the recharge. Some other planning to port to another network such as BSNL, so that, user can avoid regular recharges.

Here, we will check, it is possible to skip the monthly minimum recharges. Please note that in 2021 we saw that all the telecom operators, including Jio, Airtel, Idea (Vi), BSNL, are changing the recharge packs too frequently. Due to the uncertainty in the telecom field, each operator is doing these all the time, and the monthly minimum pack too got changing all the time.

So, we are just listing the cheapest minimum recharge plan for Airtel, Idea (Vi), here.

Airtel Minimum Recharge For Incoming Calls

The minimum recharge pack from Airtel, which is called Smart Pack, is priced at Rs. 79. Until last month (July 2021), Plan 49 was available, and users were able to extend the validity; thus, activating incoming was possible. But Airtel discontinued the pack, and the cheapest pack now is Plan 79. With this plan, users will get the following benefits.

- Talktime: Rs. 64
- All Calls: 1ps per second
- Validity: 28 Days
- Data: 200MB

- SMS: No SMS

Idea Minimum Recharge Pack For Incoming Calls

Vodafone Idea is also offering the same Plan 79 with the same benefits as Airtel. However, they are still offering Plan 49 too. Plan 49 From Idea includes the benefits such as

- Talktime: Rs. 38
- All Calls: 2.5ps per second
- Validity: 28 Days
- Data: 100MB
- SMS: No SMS

Note: If you are recharging your number for the purpose of mobile number portability, please note that you should recharge with any unlimited plan. Since the outgoing SMS feature is not available in this pack, users can't send PORT messages with this plan.

Firstly, we have to understand that there are no tricks to cheat them to avoid that. So we don't want to share that type of trick. But here, we are looking for simple logic to extend the regular recharge with the least available amount.

If you regularly use and recharge to make and receive calls, you don't have to think of this because it will also add validity to your every recharge. But, of course, this logic works only for those who wish to keep their number active to receive incoming calls only.

Step 1: Once the validity ends, or just before the current validity ends, do a recharge of Rs. 49/-. You will be getting validity for 28 days. Also, you will be getting Rs. 38 talk time.

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Step 2: When the 28 days finishes, do not recharge again, also consider the Rs. 38 talk time received in the earlier recharge is still there. Then once the 28 days finish. Rs. 35 will be automatically deducted from your existing Talktime (Rs. 38), and the validity will be further extended to 28 days.

Step 3: Now, the validity will be extended to another 28 days. Once the 28 days validity is over, it will not be further extended because your main balance now has only Rs. 3 remaining. (Rs.35 minimum needed for automatically extended)

Step 4: Now also, do not recharge instantly. At this point, your outgoing service will be stopped, and you still have the incoming facility. This will be available for the next 15 days.

Step 5: Once the 15 days are over or just before it happens, Do again recharge of Rs. 49 as like in step 1 and repeat the process.

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So, with a single Rs. 49 recharge, you will be getting a validity of $28+28+15 = 71$ days. This logic is only useful for those who keep the number for incoming calls only. Suppose you are using outgoing services such as call, SMS, and data. This logic will not work.

Since the telecom operator was aware that many users are doing this method to extend the validity, they discontinued the least plan of 49 and forced customers to recharge with a higher plan. So, currently, Plan 79 is the cheapest available for airtel, and the above trick is not applicable now. But regarding the idea, it is possible since Plan 49 still active. However, the trend shows that Idea will also cancel Plan 49 soon.