India’s broadband base is increasing. This is an interesting development and it augurs well for the future of Digital India campaign of the Govt. The future of the CATV community is also in its expansion into the broadband domain. This is the future for the satellite and cable industry to grow and sustain in the future. This issue features a report which highlights the growth of broadband in the Indian markets.

SCaT India Show and SCaT Magazine has continued to engage with the industry by hosting webinars. The first of the webinar was hosted on 3rd July & focussed on the topic ‘The role of ISPs and Cloud Providers in the Pandemic & Developments in the Industry’ powered by De-CIX. The other webinar/panel discussion on ‘The Future of Satellite & Cable TV in India’ scheduled on 10th July, features some of the leading industry stalwarts.

The growth of the CATV market is also highlighted in a report featured in this issue.

Meanwhile the Jio investment juggernaut continues unabated and the latest series of investments comes in from Intel. Jio investment spree has made RIL debt free. And in another major development, Jio—FB deal has got the clearance from CCI.

The tenure of R.S Sharma, Chairman of TRAI is likely to end in October and we could see a new chairman by October. R.S. Sharma’s tenure as chairman saw some controversial notifications like NTO 2.0 and the Interoperability of STBs, which drew a sharp response from the broadcasters and the CATV community.

Indian Govt has barred Chinese companies like Huawei & ZTE from participating in the 5G rollout and Indian telcos have been urged not to use Chinese technology for their future upgrade. This could have an effect on the Indian CATV industry also, as most of them deploy Chinese products & technology.

Indian companies are now gearing up to bid for the 5G rollout. Interesting times are ahead, as we hope this leads to a more Atmanirbhar Bharat!