The ‘Make in India’ policy is expected to get a boost with the ease of business and local cable manufacturing thrust that is being pushed by the Indian government. The directive by the government asking telecom companies to look at alternate routes for supply of 5G hardware is intended to target Chinese companies like Huawei & ZTE. This will provide the Indian telecom and cable equipment suppliers a chance to boost their manufacturing capacity. There are ample incentives being offered by the government to prospective Indian companies willing to invest in this.

This will take a few years to make an impact but definitely will propel Indian manufacturing sector to ramp up. The ‘ease of business’ will also encourage local and FDI to a great extent. I am very optimistic that the next decade is of India. There is bound to be a phenomenal transformation across the sectors.

Department of Telecommunications (DoT) last year had written a letter and requested TRAI to reconsider its recommendations on the Regulatory Framework for OTT communication services and suggest a suitable regulatory mechanism for OTTs, including issues relating to 'selective banning of OTT services' as part of its recommendations.

TRAI has said that a fresh consultation process may be initiated to frame suitable regulatory framework for OTT and is seeking inputs from stakeholders.

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has released a consultation paper on the regulatory mechanism for Over-The-Top (OTT) communication services, and selective banning of OTT Services.

Scatmag reports on the OTT regulations currently followed by various countries.

The Zee-Sony merger seems to be stuck in a legal maize with the battle now looking at ending up in the courts, after the SEBI ruling against the promoters of Zee holding any key position in any company, until the investigation is completed. The promoters should be entitled to the rule of natural justice and at the same time, the merger should go ahead without any hindrance with or without the Zee promoters.