

Q In the context of post recent pandemic, self-regulation code for over the top channels must be given a chance to prove its credibility Analyse.

Soln → The increasing user base of online over the top (OTT) has been increasing and got a huge push to the users of internet and online business.

★ Self-Regulation Code for top channels:

→ Benefit for such:

- (i) Less dependence on Govt. process
- (ii) Decided by people's reaction  
Since it is public nature.
- (iii) Govt's intervention will be reduced
- (iv) Freedom of speech and expression will be continued
- (v) Govt's scam, corruption & other operation can be brought in public domain.

(vi) The Creativity will also increase and will be maintained

~~(vii)~~ (vii) Regulation of content based on age.

→ Demerits for such:

- (i) There may be corruption in law
- (ii) Freedom of speech and expression will be violated
- (iii) Govt's scam & corruption & etc can be hidden easily.

(i) Political regulation and political ideology will be spreaded

(ii) an OTT platform can be used for political spreading and propoganda.

(iii) Govt's burden will be increasing

### A Way Forward:

(i) Govt Acc to Information & Broadcasting Ministry (I & B Ministry) Expert Committee the media should be left free.

(ii) I & B Ministry should allow to self-regulate the OTT platform.

(iii) Need to spread awareness that Programmes should be taken as it is.

(iv) IPC & CrPc laws contain rules for any such violation of privacy, Confidential details and etc.

(v) The regulation Committee should not involve any political connection or leaders to maintain Democracy and Republic