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## One Step Forward

### DoT gives the green signal to telcos to begin 5G trials

In a key move, DoT has granted telcos permission to carry out 5G trials. While this seems to be a welcome move for telcos such as Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel, which had initiated early steps in the run-up to 5G, the permit comes at a time when the industry is contemplating a delay in 5G spectrum auctions owing to the catastrophic second wave of Covid-19. It will, therefore, be interesting to see how the technology trials unfold and help shape India's 5G trajectory.



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There has been a huge uptake of technology in the education sector in the past few years. Educational institutions and enterprises are leveraging new-age technologies such as AI, IoT, AR/VR, ML and cloud computing to find new and more innovative ways of delivering digital education. Further, the Covid-19 pandemic has accelerated this adoption, with traditional schools and institutions moving rapidly into the digital space.

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The Indian data centre space has witnessed rapid growth in the past few years on account of various factors such as increasing internet penetration, government initiatives around data security and, most recently, the Covid-19 induced digitalisation across enterprises. All these drivers are creating a plethora of opportunities for various stakeholders in the telecom sector and allied industries.



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