

WAVES OTT Platform of Prasar Bharati

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Recently, **Prasar Bharati** launched its **OTT (Over-the-Top) platform WAVES,** to cater to India's increasing demand for digital streaming services.

WAVES:

- It offers a variety of content, including live TV, video on demand, radio streaming, games, and e-commerce via the **ONDC network**.
 - It provides access to 65 live channels, covering genres like infotainment, news, and culture.
- The platform is free to download, with **most content available at no cost,** while premium features are available through subscription plans.

OTT and Its Regulation:

- **OTT** refers to streaming services delivering content via the internet, bypassing traditional broadcast methods.
- The OTT platforms are regulated by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, ensuring content compliance and accountability.
 - In 2022, the Central Government introduced the <u>Information Technology</u>
 (<u>Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code</u>) <u>Rules 2021</u> to regulate OTT platforms.



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