



Ease of Doing Business Ranking: BRAP 2020

Why in News?

Recently, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has released a **Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) Ranking**, which is based on **Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP)** report 2020.

What is the Ranking all About?

- **Aim:**
 - **To boost investor confidence, foster a business-friendly climate and augment the ease of doing business across the country** by introducing an element of healthy competition through a system of assessing states based on **their performance in the BRAP.**
- **Parameters:**
 - The parameters **include various areas**, such as construction permit, labour regulation, environmental registration, access to information, land availability and single window system.

What are the Findings of the EoDB?

- **Top Achievers:**
 - Seven states - Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Punjab, Telangana and Tamil Nadu - were **categorised as 'top achievers' in the Ease of Doing Business ranking** of states and union territories.
- **Achievers:**
 - Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, and Madhya Pradesh are the other states categorised as achievers in the ranking.
- **Emerging Business Ecosystems:**
 - Six states - Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura, Puducherry and Jammu and Kashmir - were **'emerging business ecosystems'.**
- **Aspirers:**
 - Seven states - Goa, Assam, Kerala, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Bengal - were categorised as 'Aspirers'.

What is BRAP?

- **About:**
 - It was launched in 2015.
 - The Ease of Doing Business Index is based on BRAP.
 - It was introduced **to encourage a healthy competition between states.**
 - This would help in attracting investments and increasing Ease of Doing Business in each State.
 - The [Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade \(DPIIT\)](#), since 2014, has been assessing states/UTs based on their performance in the implementation of prescribed reforms in the BRAP exercise.
 - So far, assessments of states/UTs have been released **for the years 2015, 2016, 2017-18, 2019 and 2022.**

▪ **BRAP 2020:**

- The report includes **301 reform points that cover 15 business regulatory areas** like access to information, single window system, labour, environment, sectoral reforms and other reforms spanning the life cycle of a typical business.
- **Sectoral reforms have been introduced for the first time in BRAP 2020** wherein 72 reforms were identified across 9 sectors, namely, trade licence, healthcare, legal metrology, cinema halls, hospitality, fire NOC, telecom, movie shooting and tourism.

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