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Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) Ranking



- Recently the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has released the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) ranking, which is based on the Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) Report, 2020.

About ranking:

Purpose:

- Promote ease of doing business to encourage investors and ease of doing business across the country through a healthy competitive environment through a system of assessing states based on their performance in the BRAP.

Constituent:

- The parameters include various areas, such as construction permits, labor regulation, and environmental registration, access to information, land availability and single window system.

Ease of Doing Business:

Top Achievers:

- **Seven states** – Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Punjab, Telangana and Tamil Nadu – were classified 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 classified as achievers in the ranking.

Emerging Business Ecosystem:

- **Six states** – Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura, Puducherry and Jammu and Kashmir – were ‘emerging trading ecosystems’.

Aspirant:

- **Seven states**- Goa, Assam, Kerala, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Bengal have been classified as ‘aspirational’ districts.

About BRAP:

- It was launched in the year 2015.
- It is based on the Ease of Doing Business Index (BRAP).
- It was introduced to encourage a healthy competition among the states.
- This will help in attracting investment and ease of doing business in each state.
- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has been assessing the performance of States/UTs since 2014 on the basis of their implementation of the reforms laid down in the BRAP exercise.
- So far, the estimates of States/UTs for the years 2015, 2016, 2017-18, 2019 and 2022 have been released.

BRAP 2020:

- The report includes 301 improvement points that cover 15 business regulatory areas such as access to information, single window systems, labour, environment, sectoral reforms and other reforms spanning the life cycle of a specific business.
- For the first time, sectoral reforms have been introduced in BRAP 2020, in which 72 reforms have been identified in 9 sectors namely- Trade License, Healthcare, Legal Metrology, Cinema Hall, Hospitality, Fire NOC, Telecom, Movie Shooting and Tourism.

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High-Speed Expandable Aerial Target



- Recently India successfully test-fired its indigenously designed exercise: High-speed Expandable Aerial Target (Abhyas: High-speed Expandable Aerial Target- HEAT) in Odisha.
- The test was conducted by the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur, Odisha.

About exercise:

Design & Development:

- The exercise has been designed and developed by the Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) of DRDO.
- ADE is a premier Aeronautical Systems Design Laboratory under DRDO.
- It is involved in the design and development of state-of-the-art Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and aeronautical systems and technologies to meet the requirements of the Indian Armed Forces.

Features:

- It is powered by gas turbine engine which maintains long flight at subsonic speed.
- It is equipped with Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS) based Inertial Navigation System (INS) for navigation along with Flight Control Computer (FCC) for guidance and control.
- The vehicle is programmed for fully autonomous flight. The air vehicle is tested using a laptop based Ground Control Station (Ground Control System-GCS).
- The exercise system is equipped with Radar Cross-section (RCS) and infrared signature which can be used to simulate different types of aircraft for anti-aircraft warfare exercises and tests designed to target air targets purpose can be done.

Utility:

- It will be used as a target for evaluation of various missile systems.
- It presents a Realistic Threat Scenario for the practice of weapon systems.

Recent Developments:

- In September 2021, DRDO test-fired a new variant of Akash missile- 'Akash Prime' from Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha.
- DRDO launched Akash-NG (New Generation) and Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) in July 2021.
- A new generation nuclear capable ballistic missile Agni-P (Prime) was successfully test fired by DRDO in June 2021.

- In February 2021, India also successfully test-fired indigenously developed anti-tank guided missile systems 'HELINA' and 'Dhruvastra'.
- In October 2020, DRDO successfully flight-tested Supersonic Missile Assisted Release of Torpedoes (SMART) from Wheeler Island off the coast of Odisha.

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