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Dear Readers,

Global leaders and forums today are keen on the convergence of best practice for nations to improve living conditions for their citizens. People-centric policies are being re-defined to ensure that the interface between governments and the citizens is smooth, accountable and efficient.

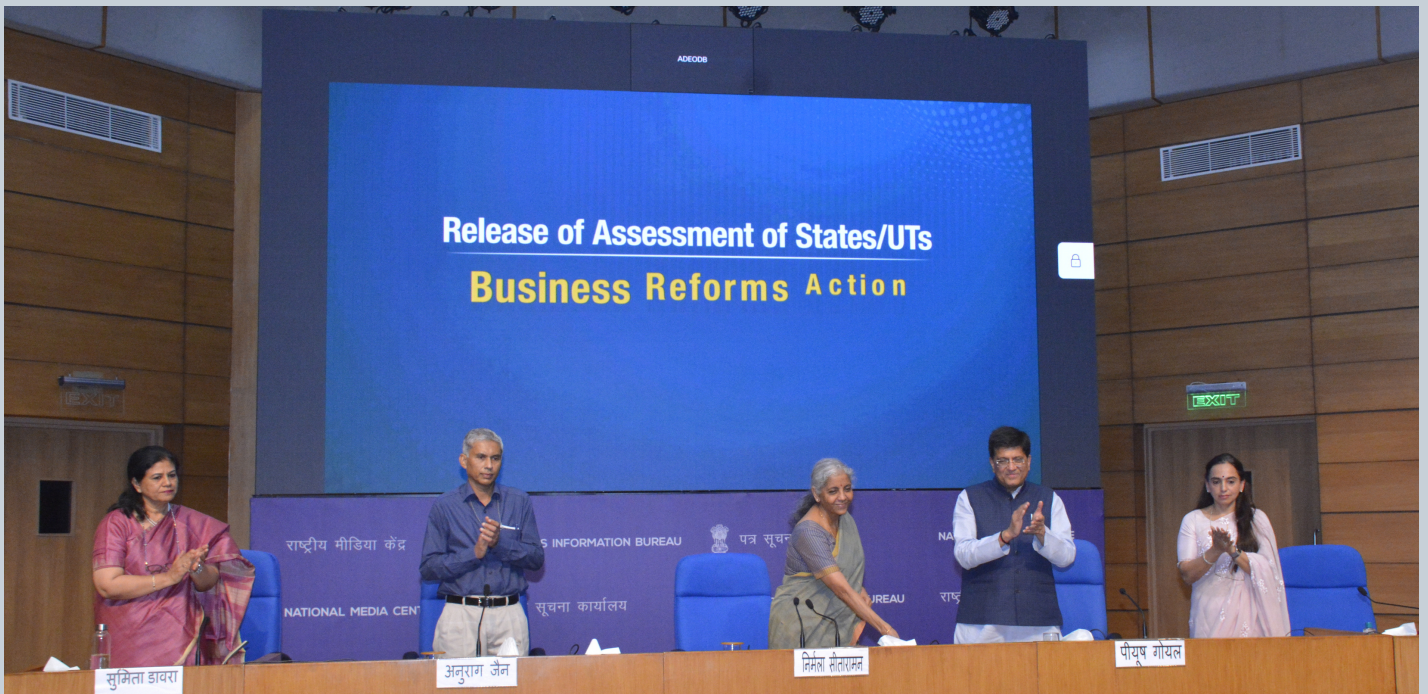
The Indian government has undertaken significant reforms to transform the business landscape of the country. This implementation of reforms by the States and Union Territories has been assessed by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) to capture the effectiveness and reach to businesses at the grass root level. This has been reflected in the recently released assessment of States/UTs based on implementation of Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) for the year 2020.

Several initiatives have also been taken to encourage the Indian start-up ecosystem, to instil a sense of competitive yet cooperative development of start-ups in the country. DPIIT has recently released the State rankings for Start-ups, the third edition of its kind.

Other landmark decisions include the launch of the Project Information & Management Module of Single Window Clearance System (SWCS) by the Ministry of Coal and the recommendations laid down at the 47th GST Council Meeting at Chandigarh.

Lastly, the recently concluded National Conference of Chief Secretaries was presided by the Hon'ble Prime Minister to develop a roadmap for improved Centre and State coordination with discussions ranging across crucial concerns such as higher education, urban governance, reduced compliance, decriminalization, etc.

Team EODB looks forward to your feedback and wishes you an enriching reading experience.



RELEASE OF ASSESSMENT UNDER BUSINESS REFORMS ACTION PLAN (BRAP) 2020

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, released the assessment of States/UTs under Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP), 2020, in the august presence of Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Shri Anurag Jain, Secretary, DPIIT and Senior Government officials of State and Union Territory on 30th June 2022.

In her inaugural address, Hon'ble Finance Minister said, "I am glad to see that year- after-year we are bringing in new ways of making it (BRAP) lot more real time and lot more robust; so that what it indicates really means something". Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry said, "The process that started in 2014 is bearing fruit as we go along. We are actually seeing it being reflected across the country through the spirit of competitive federalism, also through the spirit of collaboration".

BRAP 2020 included 301 reform points that cover 15 business regulatory areas such as Access to Information, Single Window System, Labour, Environment, Sectoral Reforms and other reforms spanning across the lifecycle 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 license, healthcare, legal metrology, cinema halls, hospitality, fire NOC, telecom, movie shooting and tourism.

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), since 2014, has been releasing Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) for steering business reforms to create an investor-friendly ecosystem across the country. So far, four editions of the assessment of States/UTs have been released, and the latest edition is for BRAP 2020.

On the sideline of the release event, a national level workshop was organized by the Department with the representatives of States/UTs for providing an overview of BRAP 2022. The upcoming Action Plan shall have citizen-centric reforms in addition to the existing Business-centric reforms to further broaden the scope of the exercise. A brief demonstration on National Single Window System was showcased during the event.

Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Telangana are the Top Achievers, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh have been categorized as the Achievers Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Jharkhand, Kerala, Rajasthan and West Bengal have been placed in the Aspirers and Andaman & Nicobar, Bihar, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Delhi, Jammu; Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Puducherry and Tripura have been clubbed under the Emerging Business Ecosystems category.

RELEASE OF STATES' START-UP RANKING 2021



The results of the 3rd edition of Ranking of States' on Support to Start-up Ecosystems was released by Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and Textiles, on 4th July, 2022. In his inaugural address, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry said, "Indian Start-up ecosystem could become the best in the world". Hon'ble Commerce and Industry Minister has emphasized the need for States to partake in knowledge sharing with each other, which is bound to benefit the Indian ecosystem.

The Minister also stressed on the impact of Unified Payment Interface (UPI) which has proven to be a boon to the emerging business models such as e-Commerce, making digital payments for small start-ups a reality. He also mentioned that the introduction of Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) shall further give thrust to the start-ups and democratizes e-commerce across India.

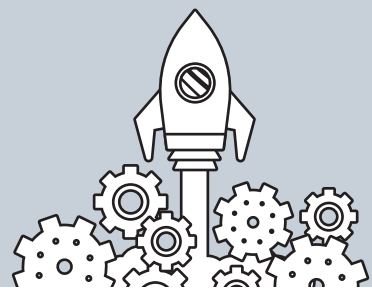
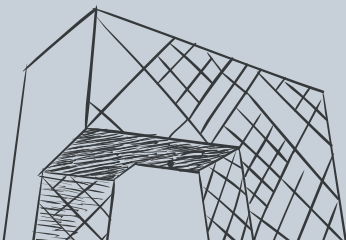
A total of 24 States and 7 Union Territories participated in the exercise this year. As India becomes one of the leading start-up nations globally, the growth of the entrepreneurship in Tier-II and Tier – III cities in the country has become necessary.



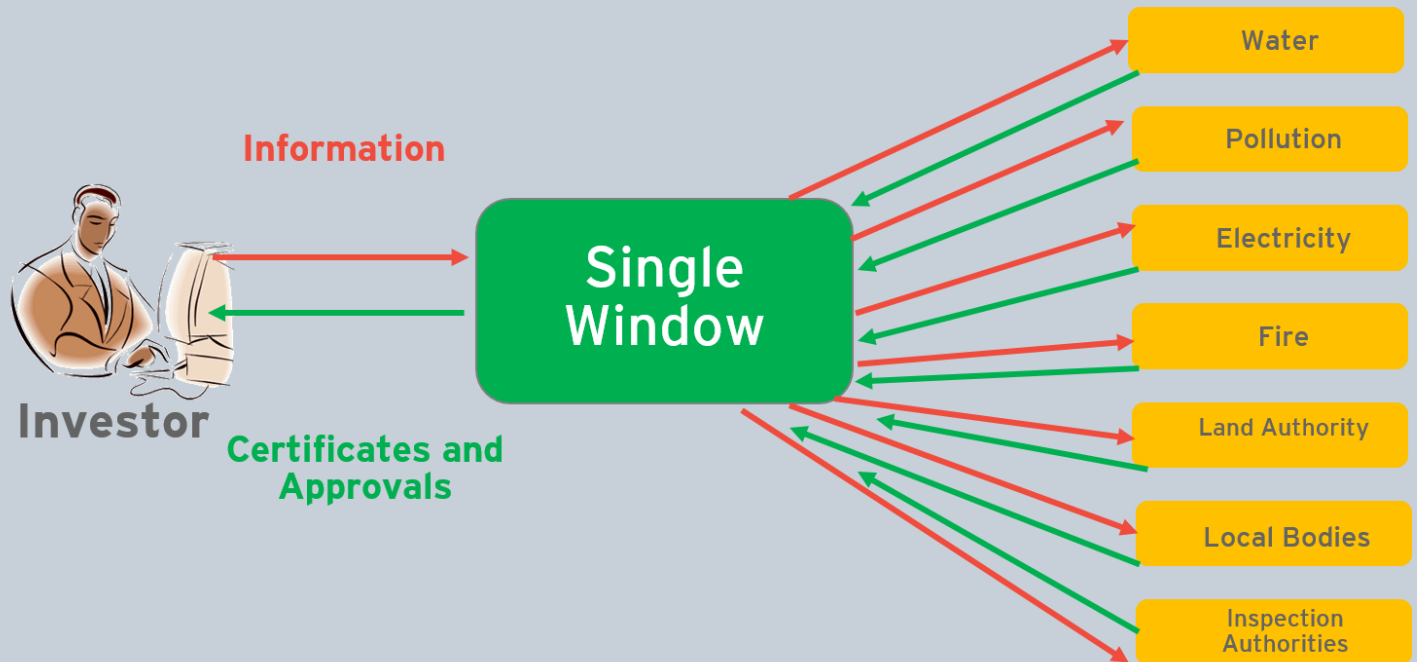
There were 4 states/UTs with start-up policies in 2016. Today, there are over 30 States/UTs which have start-up policies, and 27 States/UTs have their own state start-up portal.

Gujarat and Karnataka have emerged as the Best Performers for developing the start-up ecosystem for budding entrepreneurs. Gujarat has been recognized as the best performer for the third consecutive year.

5 Categories: Best Performers, Top Performers, Leaders, Aspiring Leaders & Emerging Start-up Ecosystems have been identified. This edition had 7 broad Reform Areas consisting of 26 action points which are essential in providing regulatory, policy and economic support to Start-Ups and stakeholders of the ecosystem. The reform areas included Institutional Support, Fostering Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Access to Market, Incubation support, Funding Support, Mentorship Support and Capacity Building of Enablers.



PROJECT INFORMATION & MANAGEMENT MODULE OF SINGLE WINDOW CLEARANCE SYSTEM (SWCS).



Ministry of Coal has launched Project Information & Management (PIM) Module of Single Window Clearance System (SWCS) (<https://swcs.coal.gov.in/admin/signin/>) on 14th June, 2022.

This is in addition to the already operational modules for approval of mining plan and mine closure plan in a time bound manner. It is an innovative endeavor of the Ministry to create a platform to obtain various clearances for operationalization of coal mines in the country.

This PIM Module will help Ministry to collect and provide digital resolution in respect of the individual coal block. It will also help obtain coal mine level information such as, status of major clearances, management of Bank Guarantee, upfront payment, status of show cause notices and court cases.

47TH GST COUNCIL MEETING



Hon'ble Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitaraman, chaired the 47 th GST Council Meeting at Chandigarh. The meeting had been convened to address crucial concerns such as modification to Form GSTR-3B, rate revisions and withdrawal of exemptions, inversion corrections, and IT-related measures.

The Council has agreed to amendments to GSTR-3B (Monthly GST return for taxpayers), with further permission for auto-population of most details in Form GSTR-3B and annual returns in Form GSTR-9 for better compliance and ease in compliance. Several relaxations have been granted in respect of GSTR-9.

GSTR-9 and GSTR-9A shall continue to not be applicable to those with threshold turnover below Rs.2 crores for FY 2021-22. GST Council agreed to ease compliance bottlenecks for e-commerce suppliers. This has come as a relief to the e-commerce players by permitting them to register under the composition scheme for intrastate supplies, thereby, easing registration hassles and reducing tax outgo.



The new composition scheme for e-commerce suppliers for intrastate online sales will be implemented on 1st January 2023. Such intrastate e-commerce suppliers will no longer need mandatory GST registration if their turnover does not exceed the limit of Rs.40 lakh (goods) or Rs.20 lakh (services) or any other lower limits as defined for some States/UTs.



In conclusion, major decisions have been taken in respect of GST rate hikes and cuts, in review of National Anti-Profiteering Authority (NAA) and in respect of setting up of GST Appellate Tribunals. The 48th Council Meeting is expected to be held in Madurai, Tamil Nadu during the first week of August 2022.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHIEF SECRETARIES

The First National Conference of Chief Secretaries was held in Dharamshala between 15th June to 17th June 2022 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister, and was attended by 202 participants, with representation from all States and Union Territories as well as select Central Ministries/ Departments and other experts.

The themes for the Conference were focused on National Education Policy, for both school and higher education, Crop Diversification and achieving self-sufficiency in Oilseeds, Pulses and other Agricultural Commodities, Urban Governance, Aspirational Districts, reducing compliance burden and Decriminalization of Minor Offences, Transforming India's Infrastructure through PM GatiShakti, Capacity Building: Implementation of iGOT – Mission Karmayogi, etc.

The national conference is a step towards strengthening the partnership between the Centre and the State governments and for encouraging dialogue on rapid and sustained economic growth.



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