

# Ease of business: UP jumps to 2nd rank

Nivesh Mitra single-window system plays key role in state's big leap, only Andhra Pradesh ahead

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**LUCKNOW** : Uttar Pradesh has jumped to the second position in the ease of doing business annual rankings that union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman and union commerce minister Piyush Goyal released in New Delhi on Saturday.


"Uttar Pradesh has jumped from the 12th position in Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) 17-18 to the second position in BRAP 19, taking a remarkable leap of 10 positions. UP has left several leading states like Gujarat, Telangana, Rajasthan, Maharashtra etc behind in this ease of doing business ranking," an official spokesman said. Uttar Pradesh is behind only Andhra Pradesh now.

Uttar Pradesh has implemented 186 of the 187 reforms suggested by the union government's department for promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT) under the Business Reform Action Plan 19.

"This year's exercise was completely based on 'User feedback'. Therefore, attaining the second rank across the country indicates that entrepreneurs have been receiving the true benefits of these reforms implemented by the government of Uttar Pradesh under the dynamic leadership of chief minister Yogi Adityanath," the

**{ YOGI ADITYANATH } CM ON UP SECURING 2ND RANK IN EASE OF BUSINESS RANKING**

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spokesman said.

From May 2020 onwards, the state had also started to rank all its 75 districts according to 'district-wise ease of doing business,' the spokesman said. Under State BRAP 20-21, UP has already implemented 170 out of 301 suggested reforms, the spokesman said.

UP's reforms covered several areas such as labour regulation, online single-window facility, access to information and transparency, land administration, construction permit, commercial disputes and inspection enablers. Over 20 departments such as Invest UP (Udyog Bandhu), labour department, commercial tax, power, stamp and registration, excise, food safety and drug administration, UP Pollution Control Board and many others have been part of the journey on the way to reforms, according to the spokesman.

UP has been able to achieve this top position by successful

implementation of the Nivesh Mitra portal. In a period of two years, Nivesh Mitra received around 2,29,936 applications for No-Objection Certificates (NoCs). Out of them, Nivesh Mitra had already disposed of 94% applications to grant NOC/licenses to entrepreneurs, the spokesman said. Nivesh Mitra is a dedicated single-window system of the UP government.

Industrial development minister Satish Mahana, chief secretary RK Tiwari and infrastructure, industrial development commissioner (IIDC) Alok Tandon and additional chief secretary (infrastructure and industrial development) Alok Kumar have lauded the achievement.

"The chief minister has been emphasising on transparency and best practices in business-to-government (B2G) interactive procedures through the use of technology. Our government has been successful in improving the ease of doing business

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