## **Ease of Doing Business**

## Uttar Pradesh achieves 2<sup>nd</sup> Position in 'Ease of Doing Business' ranking in India

- Among all states/UTs, UP has achieved an outstanding 2<sup>nd</sup> position in State Business Reform Action Plan 2019- Ease of Doing Business annual ranking released by DPIIT, Govt of India
- Uttar Pradesh was previously at 12<sup>th</sup> position in the country as part of BRAP17-18 assessment
- 'Nivesh Mitra' single window portal has been one of the main catalysts in taking this drastic jump which has already disposed-off 94% NOC/Licenses applications received online till date
- UP has also started to rank it's all 75 districts in 'District wise Ease of doing business ranking started from month May'20. As a leader, UP has already started implementing State BRAP 20-21 reforms in which state has already implemented 170 reforms out of 301 suggested reforms.

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In a commendable achievement, Uttar Pradesh has achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> position in State Business Reform Action Plan 2019- Ease of doing business annual ranking released by Hon'ble Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sita Raman and Hon'ble Commerce Minister Shri Piyush Goyal today in DPIIT, New Delhi.

Uttar Pradesh has jumped from 12<sup>th</sup> position in BRAP 17-18 to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

In BRAP 19, UP has implemented 186 reforms out of 187 reforms suggested by DPIIT, Govt. of India. This year's exercise was completely based on 'User feedback' therefore, attaining the 2<sup>nd</sup> rank across the country indicates that entrepreneurs have been receiving the true benefits of these implemented reforms by Govt. of Uttar Pradesh in the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath. These reforms were spread across several reform areas such as Labour Regulation, Online single window, access to information & transparency, Land administration, Construction permit, Commercial disputes, inspection enablers etc.

More than 20 departments such as Invest UP (Udyog Bandhu), Labour dept., Pollution Control Board, Commercial Tax, Power, Stamp & registration, IDAS, Excise, Food safety & drug and many others were part of this journey in implementing these reforms.

Successful implementation of 'Nivesh Mitra' in UP has been an instrumental medium in achieving this top position in ease of doing business. In a period of 2 years, Nivesh Mitra received around 2,29,936 No-objection Certificates (NoCs) applications, out of which Nivesh Mitra has already disposed-off 94% applications to grant NOC/Licenses to entrepreneurs.

Lauding the achievement, **Hon'ble Minister, Industrial Development, Shri Satish Mahana said**, "Hon'ble Chief Minister has been emphasizing to impart transparency and best practices to business-to-government (B2G) interactive procedures through use of technology. Our government has been successful to improve ease of doing business by introducing various IT driven modules, Nivesh Mitra is one of such successful tools".

Infrastructure & Industrial Development Commissioner (IIDC), Shri Alok Tandon said that Uttar Pradesh's remarkable journey in EODB is testimony to the fact that Nivesh Mitra portal has now become an integral and efficient part in bridging the gap between the industrial demands and expectations with government machinery.

Additional Chief Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development Shri Alok Kumar said, "Maximum approval of BRAP 19 reforms and Higher User feedback satisfaction record on Nivesh Mitra portal have played a critical role in achieving this remarkable milestone for Uttar Pradesh. Initiatives like monthly ranking of all 75 districts on EoDB parameters shall further pave a path in attaining many more heights for UP towards creating conducive business environment."

**Smt.** Neena Sharma CEO Invest UP informed that UP's 2<sup>nd</sup> position in Ease of doing business ranking clearly indicates wider acceptance of Nivesh Mitra portal among industry. Nivesh Mitra Portal has received total 18,120 grievances from entrepreneurs till now, of which 17,752 have been successfully resolved at an outstanding resolution rate of 98%.

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State Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) Ranking Comparison				
Sr. No	State/UT	Rank (2017-18)	Rank (2019)	Change (+/-)
1	Andhra Pradesh	1	1	0
2	Uttar Pradesh	12	2	10
3	Telangana	2	3	-1
4	Madhya Pradesh	7	4	3
5	Jharkhand	4	5	-1
6	Chhattisgarh	6	6	0
7	Himachal Pradesh	16	7	9
8	Rajasthan	9	8	1