
UP govt task force discusses 'ease of doing business'

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Lucknow: At a meeting on compliance reduction and deregulation held in Lucknow on Monday, a high-level task force constituted by the UP govt and the cabinet secretariat of govt of India chaired by UP chief secretary Manoj Kumar Singh, discussed streamlining the re-

gulatory framework and promoting ease of doing business in the state. The five key areas on which the task force focused were land, building and construction, labour, utilities and permits and other broad priorities.

Meeta Rajivlochan, secretary, youth affairs, govt of India, spoke about the importance of relaxing regula-

tions and implementing strategies to improve the state's GDP. These included verification of land records, reducing approval timelines and prioritising mixed land use. She also stressed the need to reduce turnaround time for various approvals.

"Even a modest 5% increase in women's workforce participation could contri-

bute an additional Rs 26,000 crore to the state's GDP," she said, adding that obtaining no-objection certificates from the fire department, setting up industries and floor area ratio (FAR), ensuring land availability in industrial areas and decriminalising rules were necessary to promote EODB and investment in the state.