

Centre, UP discuss phase-II of 'ease of doing biz' reforms

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Lucknow: UP emerged as the top-performing state in the country on compliance reduction and deregulation, even as it geared up for a new phase of reforms aimed at further easing the regulatory burden on businesses.

According to rankings released by the cabinet secretariat in Jan, UP secured the top position under the 'Deregulation 1.0 compliance reduction exercise', implementing reforms across 23 priority areas. These measures focused on eliminating

redundant compliances, reducing inspection-related hurdles, digitising investment services, and streamlining approval processes for businesses and MSMEs.

The momentum was underscored on Friday with a visit by a govt of India panel led by Meeta Rajivlochan, lead member for UP in the task force on ease of doing business (EoDB) and secretary, national commission for backward classes. She was accompanied by Rahul Sharma, additional secretary, cabinet secretariat.

The delegation held a de-

tailed meeting with chief secretary SP Goyal and senior officials, including additional chief secretaries and principal secretaries, at the chief secretary's office. The discussion included an orientation on phase II of EoDB reforms, outlining the roadmap for next-level deregulation and compliance reduction.

Later in the day, a high-level interaction on 'Compliance Reduction and Deregulation 2.0' was held at the Invest UP office with representatives from leading industry bodies.