

Press Release

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Minister of Finance and Minister of Corporate Affairs, announced the 4th edition of Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) ranking, on Sep 5, 2020 at an event held at the New Media Centre, New Delhi.

The announcements were made in the august presence of Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Railways and Minister of Commerce & Industry; Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Minister for Commerce & Industry and Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Civil Aviation; and Shri Som Parkash, Hon'ble Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Ranking of States based on the implementation of Business Reform Action Plan started in the year 2015. Till date, State Rankings have been released for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017-18. The Business Reform Action Plan 2018-19 includes 180 reform points covering 12 business regulatory areas such as Access to Information, Single Window System, Labour, Environment, etc.

"The Ease of Doing Business rankings being released today are a reflection of the efforts made by states, the rankings are competitive; India is among the very few nations which has state-specific rankings, which will in turn help the nation improve its ranking," Commerce and Industry Minister, Shri Piyush Goyal said.

"I would urge States to undertake steps to minimize the regulatory burden by removing renewal of licenses or extending their periodicity, simplifying application forms, introducing risk-based inspections or introduction of third-party inspections, digitizing approvals and undertaking measures to rationalize the regulatory regime," said Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister for Commerce & Industry and Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

"India is seen taking the reform process seriously which showed when foreign direct investment increased even during the Covid-19 pandemic amid what was called world's strictest lockdown. Some states have shown extraordinary energy in putting together action plans and making sure that reforms happen. States have embraced the true spirit behind the State Business Reforms Action Plan," said Union Minister Smt Sitharaman.

The top ten states under State Reform Action Plan 2019 are

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Uttar Pradesh
3. Telangana

4. Madhya Pradesh
5. Jharkhand
6. Chhattisgarh
7. Himachal Pradesh
8. Rajasthan
9. West Bengal
10. Gujarat

State Rankings: State BRAP 2019

S. No.	State/UT	Rank 2019
1	Andhra Pradesh	1
2	Uttar Pradesh	2
3	Telangana	3
4	Madhya Pradesh	4
5	Jharkhand	5
6	Chhattisgarh	6
7	Himachal Pradesh	7
8	Rajasthan	8
9	West Bengal	9
10	Gujarat	10
11	Uttarakhand	11
12	Delhi	12
13	Maharashtra	13
14	Tamil Nadu	14
15	Lakshadweep	15
16	Haryana	16
17	Karnataka	17
18	Daman and Diu	18
19	Punjab	19

S. No.	State/UT	Rank 2019
18	Daman and Diu	18
19	Punjab	19
20	Assam	20
21	Jammu and Kashmir	21
22	Andaman & Nicobar	22
23	Dadra & N. Haveli	23
24	Goa	24
25	Mizoram	25
26	Bihar	26
27	Puducherry	27
28	Kerala	28
29	Arunachal Pradesh	29
30	Chandigarh	29
31	Manipur	29
32	Meghalaya	29
33	Nagaland	29
34	Odisha	29
35	Sikkim	29
36	Tripura	29

Performers: State BRAP 2019

Region	Best Performers in 2019	Consistently ranked best in last 4 rankings	Most improved in 2019 (Rank)	Top improvers since 2015 (Rank)
North	Uttar Pradesh: Rank 2	Rajasthan	Uttar Pradesh: Improved to Rank 2 in 2019 from Rank 12 in 2018	Himachal Pradesh: Improved to Rank 7 in 2019 from Rank 17 in 2015
		Uttar Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh: Improved to Rank 7 in 2019 from Rank 16 in 2018	Uttarakhand: Improved to Rank 11 in 2019 from Rank 23 in 2015
West	Madhya Pradesh: Rank 4	Gujarat	Madhya Pradesh: Improved to Rank 4 in 2019 from Rank 7 in 2018	Madhya Pradesh: Improved to Rank 4 in 2019 from Rank 5 in 2015
		Chhattisgarh		
East	Jharkhand: Rank 5	Jharkhand	West Bengal: Improved to Rank 9 in 2019 from Rank 10 in 2018	West Bengal: Improved to Rank 9 in 2019 from Rank 11 in 2015
		West Bengal		
South	Andhra Pradesh: Rank 1	Andhra Pradesh	Tamil Nadu: Improved to Rank 14 in 2019 from Rank 15 in 2018	Telangana: Improved to Rank 3 in 2019 from Rank 13 in 2015
		Telangana		
UT	Delhi: Rank 12	Delhi	Lakshadweep: Improved to Rank 15 in 2019 from Rank 34 in 2018	Lakshadweep: Improved to Rank 15 in 2019 from Rank 33 in 2015
		Daman and Diu	Delhi: Improved to Rank 12 in 2019 from Rank 23 in 2018	Daman and Diu: Improved to Rank 18 in 2019 from Rank 33 in 2015
North Eastern	Assam: Rank 20	Assam	Mizoram: Improved to Rank 25 in 2019 from Rank 30 in 2018	Manipur: Improved to Rank 29 in 2019 from Rank 33 in 2015
		Tripura	Arunachal Pradesh: Improved to Rank 29 in 2019 from Rank 34 in 2018	Mizoram: Improved to Rank 25 in 2019 from Rank 28 in 2015
				Arunachal Pradesh: Improved to Rank 29 in 2019 from Rank 32 in 2015