



DPIIT On The Move

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India ranks in the top 50 economies in Global Innovation Index 2020



On September 2, 2020 the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) revealed the Global Innovation Index 2020 rankings wherein India climbed 4 and ranked 48th from a total of 131 economies of the world. The news comes amidst the Covid -19 pandemic as an encouraging testament of India's robust research and development ecosystem. India was at the 52nd position in 2019 and was ranked 81st in the year 2015. With this achievement, the country is now in the league of highly innovative developed nations all over the globe. Further, India is also one of the leading innovation achievers in the region, as it has shown a consistent improvement in its innovation ranking for the last 5 years.

India remains the top exporter of ICT services according to the report. Further, the country ranks in the top 15 in indicators such as government online services, graduates in science and engineering, and research and development (R&D)-intensive global companies. The consistent improvement in the global innovation index rankings is owed to the immense knowledge capital, the vibrant startup ecosystem, and the work done by the public & private research organizations.

WIPO's exercise of ranking nations in the Global Innovation Index involves studying economies across indicators such as institutions, human capital and research, infrastructure, market sophistication, business sophistication, knowledge and technology outputs as well as creative outputs. While India ahead in knowledge, efforts are now to be made to also improve upon the infrastructure. The call for *Aatma Nirbhar Bharat* by the Hon'ble Prime Minister could only be realized if India punches above its weight class and compete with global superpowers in developing scientific interventions. India thus continues to work towards its aim to be in the top 25 countries in the next global innovation index rankings.

CURATOR'S NOTE

It is a pleasure to bring to you the thirteenth issue of DPIIT On The Move! We hope that all our readers are safe in these times of COVID-19 pandemic and are taking due precautions for ensuring the same.

As always, this month too we at DPIIT have witnessed some important developments which we are eager to share with you.

As revealed by the Global Innovation Index 2020, India has now entered the league of top 50 economies by improving by 4 places and achieving the current 48th rank.

Within the country, two key State rankings were announced in the past month. While the Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) 2019 rankings revealed Andhra Pradesh to be the best performing State of the year, Gujarat and Andaman & Nicobar Islands performed the best in the context of Support to Startup Ecosystems.

As always, we would love to have your feedback and suggestions, as to how we can make the newsletter more relevant for all of you.

Thank You.

Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) 2019 ranking of States announced

Top 10 Achievers

Rank	State	Rank	State
1	Andhra Pradesh	6	Chhattisgarh
2	Uttar Pradesh	7	Himachal Pradesh
3	Telangana	8	Rajasthan
4	Madhya Pradesh	9	West Bengal
5	Jharkhand	10	Gujarat

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, announced the 4th edition of Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) ranking of States on September 5, 2020. The announcements were made in the august presence of Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways and Minister of Commerce & Industry; 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; and Shri Som Parkash, Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Chief Ministers of Uttarakhand and Tripura, LGs of J&k and Laddakh, Industry

Ministers of States and Union Territories, along with senior government officials were also present.

The Business Reform Action Plan 2018-19 included 180 reform points covering 12 business regulatory areas such as Access to Information, Single Window System, Labour, Environment, etc. The larger objective of attracting investments and increasing Ease of Doing Business in each State was sought to be achieved by introducing an element of healthy competition through a system of ranking states based on their performance in the implementation of Business Reform Action Plan. The ranking this time gives full weightage to the feedback from over thirty thousand respondents at the ground level, who gave their opinion about the effectiveness of the reforms. State rankings will help attract investments, foster healthy competition and increase Ease of Doing Business in each State.

"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," Shri Piyush Goyal said during the event. The top ten states under State Reform Action Plan 2019 are Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Gujarat.

DPIIT works towards improving business regulatory environment in States and UTs

In continuation to the latest assessment of States for the implementation of the Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP), DPIIT is now working on improving the business regulatory environment in States and UTs in coordination with Government of States and Union Territories. The exercise involves identifying reforms which bring Ease of Doing Business (EoDB), in consultation with the States and UTs. Once identified, these reforms are compiled into an Action Plan and shared with States and UTs for its implementation in a time bound manner. Achievements made by the States and UTs are updated by them on the EODB portal(<https://eodb.gov.in>).

So far, the department has released four editions of its assessment under the State Reforms Action Plan, with the latest released one September 5, 2020. In the fifth edition of the exercise, DPIIT has prepared a 301-point State Reforms Action Plan, 2020 and shared with States/UTs on August 25, 2020. The Action Plan is spread across 24 reform areas with an addition of several sector-specific reforms to ensure sectoral coverage and to create an enabling business environment across these sectors in the country. The various sector includes Trade License, Healthcare, Legal Metrology, Fire License/NOC, Cinema Halls, Hospitality, Telecom, Movie Shooting and Tourism.

With an aim to take the reform agenda at grass-root level, DPIIT has also prepared and shared with States/UTs a 213-point District Reforms Action Plan, 2020 which is spread across 8 reform areas: Starting a Business, Urban Local Body Services, Land Reform Enabler, Land Administration and Property Registration Enablers, Obtaining Approval for Construction, Paying Taxes, Miscellaneous and Grievance Redressal/ Paperless Courts and Law & Order.

Second edition of Ranking of States on Support to Startup Ecosystems released

On September 11, 2020, the results of the second edition of Ranking of States on Support to Startup Ecosystems were released by Minister of Commerce & Industry and Railways, Shri Piyush Goyal, through a virtual felicitation ceremony. Minister of State for Commerce & Industry & Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Civil Aviation, Housing and Urban Affairs Shri Hardeep Singh Puri and Minister of State for Commerce & Industry Shri Som Parkash were also present for the ceremony. DPIIT conducted the second edition of the States' Startup Ranking Exercise, with the key objective to foster competitiveness and propel States and Union Territories to work proactively towards uplifting the startup ecosystem.



Ranking framework for 2019 had 7 broad reform area, consisting of 30 action points ranging from Institutional Support, Easing Compliances, Relaxation in Public Procurement norms, incubation Support, Seed Funding Support, Venture Funding Support, and Awareness & Outreach. A total of 22 States and 3 Union Territories participated in the exercise. For uniformity the States and UTs were divided in two categories X & Y. Gujarat was announced as the best performer in category X while Andaman and Nicobar Islands was the best performer for category Y.

The felicitation ceremony was accompanied by the release of a National Report which highlights the vision, trajectory, methodology and the future roadmap of the States Ranking Exercise. A State Specific Report for each of the 25 participating entities has also been released, containing a comprehensive analysis of respective ecosystem, which highlights strengths and priority areas for future. A 'Compendium of Good Practices' adopted by various States in supporting startups has also been released that identifies 166 good practices.

Describing the startups as the store-house of talent, knowledge and ideas, Shri Goyal said that the ranking will not help the states and UTs, but also the entrepreneurs, and will help in expansion of the startups and launching of new ventures. He also highlighted the fact that women entrepreneurs are actively into the startups, and this breaking of stereo-typing is an encouraging sign. Secretary, DPIIT Dr Guruprasad Mahapatra said that the startup ecosystem in the country has led to creation of over 4 lakh jobs. He said that the ranking is an example of cooperative federalism, which will help in capacity building in the states.

DPIIT issues notification for Development Council for Footwear & Leather Industry

DPIIT has issued a notification on September 15, 2020, for constituting Development Council for Footwear & Leather Industry (DCFLI). Shri R K Gupta will chair DCFLI for 2 years. 24 other members have also been nominated.

The Development Council for Footwear and Leather Industry has been established for the formulation and implementation of promotional and developmental measures for the growth of labour intensive footwear and leather sectors in India. To boost domestic production and encourage exports, the Developmental Council is envisaged to play a very proactive role in preparing a futuristic vision for development, designing and manufacturing of high quality world-class footwear and leather products in India.

<https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/userfiles/council%20of%20footwear.pdf>

India and Denmark sign MoU for Intellectual Property Cooperation



The Union Cabinet gave the approval for signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Denmark in the field of IP Cooperation in its meeting on September 15, 2020. The MoU aims at increasing IP co-operation between the two countries by way of exchange of best practices, experiences and knowledge on IP awareness among public, authorities, businesses and research and educational institution of both countries. Further, the two nations will also collaborate in training programmes, exchange of experts, technical exchanges and outreach activities.

The MoU will allow an exchange of information and best practices on processes for disposal of applications for patents, trademarks, industrial designs and Geographical Indications, as also the protection, enforcement and use of IP rights. It aims to facilitate cooperation in the development of automation and implementation of modernization projects, new documentation and information systems in IP and procedures for management of IP. Additionally, the MoU also brings together the two nations for cooperation to understand how Traditional Knowledge is protected, including the use of traditional knowledge related databases and raising awareness about existing IP systems.

The two sides will draw up Biennial Work Plan to implement the MoU which will include the detailed planning for carrying out of the co-operation activities, including the scope of action. MoU will go a long way in fostering the cooperation between India and Denmark, and provide opportunities to both countries to learn from the experience of each other, especially in terms of best practices followed in the other country. It will be a landmark step forward in India's journey towards becoming a major player in global innovation and further the objectives of National IPR Policy, 2016

T-series sends out notices to several video platforms for copyright infringement

Music company T-Series has sent out notices to several entertainment video platforms, including Bolo Indya, Mitron, MX Player's Takatak, Triller and Josh, for copyright violations and issued a warning to them to stop using the work of the company on their platforms in any form.

T-series has rights over 40,000 videos and 1.5 lakh songs which account for more than 20,000 hours of music in various languages. Most of the major global internet giants such as Facebook, Amazon, etc, and top mobile application owners such as Gaana, Saavn, Wynk, Spotify, etc, have already taken licences from T-Series for use of its copyrighted content. However certain entertainment media video apps, which rose after the ban of popular Chinese video-based social media apps like Tiktok & Likee etc, have been found to have committed copyright violations against the music company. In its defence, Bolo Indya company stated it does not offer audio and video library as a feature to users as of date and thus there is no base for any violation of any intellectual property rights and that the company always requests music companies to work collaboratively and report any copyrighted content.

Read More: https://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/t-series-serves-legal-notice-to-video-apps-for-copyright-infringement-120090600424_1.html

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