

Challenges in ease of doing business

What is the issue?

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• India moves up in the ease of doing business index, click <u>here</u> to know more about EDB.

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 \bullet The challenges before India in terms of business doing remains formidable $\ensuremath{\backslash n}$

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What are the commitments of India in business doing?

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• Finance ministry has reiterated to achieve the commitment to pursue more business reforms.

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- India has set its target of entering the top 50 in the World Bank's index. \n
- Specific steps to cut red tape had been taken, with the Bank recognising India as one of the top 10 countries that have made improvement over the past year.

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• The introduction of the new insolvency and bankruptcy resolution process in line with sooner debt recovery.

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• Simplifications in the payment of statutory dues such as provident fund contributions and corporate taxes and easier access to credit spurred India's latest ranking.

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 \bullet It is also notable that India is now the fourth best placed in the world for minority investors, well ahead of several developed nations. \n • By these commitments India is shifting from the ease of doing corruption to the ease of doing business.

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What are the challenges before India?

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• There are various areas where the Index still rates India poorly among 190 countries.

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• The quality and pace of course correction on the GST in the coming months is uncertain and will determine if India can hold its 100th position or move up further.

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• The implementation efficiency of Insolvency and bankruptcy code is yet to be proved.

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• The enforcement of contracts in India now takes longer than it did 15 years ago.

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• The procedures to start a business or secure a construction permit remain cumbersome.

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• As the country's largest urban agglomerations, Mumbai and Delhi cannot host the kind of large factories that India needs to generate adequate employment.

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• The procedural reforms so far taken as not been reached the entire hinterland.

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• No major legislative changes had been bought in the areas of Land acquisition

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• Foreign investors often take their signal from the mood of domestic businesses the GST challenges faced by domestic traders are yet to be addressed.

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