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Meghalaya amongst the ‘Emerging Business Ecosystem’ states under EoDB 2020 Assessment

Meghalaya has been ranked as “Emerging Business Ecosystem” in the **Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) 2020 Assessment** released by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. The government of Meghalaya has been consistently working for the past few years towards creating a conducive business environment and citizen centric services through which it aims to boost investor confidence, foster a business-friendly climate, and augment the ease of living for citizens of the State through timely and digitalized services.

The assessment was released by **Smti Nirmala Sitharaman**, Finance Minister, Government of India under the august presence of **Shri Piyush Goyal**, Union Commerce & Industry Minister at an event organized at Delhi.

DPIIT assessed 38 States and UTs on the Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) 2020 which consisted of 301 reforms around regulatory processes, policies, practices and procedures classified into 15 Reform Areas. The assessment was based on the survey to take feedback from actual users of the services.

Planning Department, Government of Meghalaya is the Nodal Agency to improve the regulatory environment in State and further ease of doing business. 48 departments worked together to implement majority of reforms under BRAP 2020 in areas related to mandatory online single window system for regulatory clearances, central inspection system, auto renewals, online query handling and notified timelines under the State Public Service Guarantee Act etc. Despite facing challenges due to COVID pandemic, multiple online workshops were conducted with the industries to strengthen the relationship and to create awareness about reforms undertaken by the State Departments to ease the burden on businesses.

Earlier, for simple licenses/approvals such as Business license for small shops, applicant had to visit the government offices from far flung areas of different districts to physically submit the application and receive the certificate.

The e-Governance initiatives, taken by Government of Meghalaya simplified the overall approval processes, time-bound approvals, and grievance redressal mechanism with no physical touchpoints for the business houses or MSMEs to setup their business or expand in the state with reduced cost and time.

Chief Minister, Shri Conrad K Sangma congratulated all the concerned departments, industries, and citizens of Meghalaya for the accomplishment and their commitment in achieving this.