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# Ease of Doing Business 2020 – EoDB (Discontinued)

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ISSUING BODY	FREQUENCY	INDIA'S RANK	TOP PERFORMER
World Bank	Annual (Discontinued In 2021)	63 / 190	+14 New Zealand

### KEY FINDINGS

- India ranked 63rd out of 190 economies with a score of 71.0/100
- India jumped 14 places from 77th (2019) to 63rd (2020)
- India was among top 10 improvers for the third consecutive year
- New Zealand topped the ranking with a score of 86.8
- Report discontinued in September 2021 due to data manipulation scandal
- Replaced by Business Ready (B-READY) project from 2023

## ABOUT THE INDEX

The **Ease of Doing Business (EoDB)** report was published annually by the **World Bank Group** from 2003 to 2020. It ranked economies on the regulatory environment for starting and operating a business. The **Doing Business 2020** report, published in October 2019, was the **17th and final edition**, covering 190 economies.

### Why It Was Discontinued

In September 2021, the World Bank **permanently discontinued** the Doing Business report after an independent investigation (conducted by law firm WilmerHale) found that senior World Bank officials had manipulated data to artificially improve rankings of certain countries — notably **China, Saudi Arabia, UAE, and Azerbaijan** — in the 2018 and 2020 editions. The then-World Bank President (Jim Yong Kim) and then-CEO (Kristalina Georgieva, later IMF Managing Director) were implicated in the scandal.

### Replacement

The World Bank launched the **Business Ready (B-READY)** project in 2023 as the successor, with a revised methodology focusing on three pillars: Regulatory Framework, Public Services, and Operational Efficiency.

## Methodology (2020 Edition)

The EoDB measured regulations across **10 parameters** (each covering the lifecycle of a business):

PARAMETER	WHAT IT MEASURED
Starting a Business	Procedures, time, cost, minimum capital
Dealing with Construction Permits	Procedures, time, cost, quality control
Getting Electricity	Procedures, time, cost, reliability
Registering Property	Procedures, time, cost, quality
Getting Credit	Credit information systems, collateral laws
Protecting Minority Investors	Shareholder rights, governance safeguards
Paying Taxes	Payments, time, tax rate
Trading across Borders	Time and cost to export/import
Enforcing Contracts	Time, cost, quality of judicial process
Resolving Insolvency	Recovery rate, time, cost, framework

**Score range:** 0 (worst regulatory performance) to 100 (best – frontier of regulatory efficiency).

### INDIA'S PERFORMANCE

India ranked **63rd out of 190 economies** with a **Distance to Frontier (DTF) score of 71.0**, a significant leap of 14 positions from 77th in the previous year. India was recognised as a **top 10 improver for the third consecutive year** (2018, 2019, 2020).

### Parameter-wise Performance (2020)

PARAMETER	INDIA'S RANK	KEY REFORM
Starting a Business	136	SPICe+ form for company incorporation
Dealing with Construction Permits	27	Online building permit system
Getting Electricity	22	Reduced time to 53 days in Delhi/Mumbai
Registering Property	154	Digital land records
Getting Credit	25	CERSAI modernisation
Protecting Minority Investors	13	Strong SEBI regulations
Paying Taxes	115	GST simplification
Trading across Borders	68	Single-window customs
Enforcing Contracts	163	Commercial courts
Resolving Insolvency	52	IBC implementation

### Historical Journey

YEAR	RANK	COUNTRIES
2014	142	189
2015	130	189
2017	100	190
2018	77	190
2019	77	190
2020	63	190

India's rise from 142nd (2014) to 63rd (2020) was one of the most dramatic improvements globally, driven by targeted reforms under the "Make in India" initiative.

## Global Top Performers (2020)

RANK	COUNTRY	SCORE
1	New Zealand	86.8
2	Singapore	86.2
3	Hong Kong	85.3
4	Denmark	85.3
5	South Korea	84.0

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- India implemented **8 business reforms** recognised in the 2020 report — the highest among South Asian nations
- India was the **only large country** (population > 100 million) in the top 10 improvers for three consecutive years
- **Protecting Minority Investors** (13th) and **Getting Electricity** (22nd) were India's strongest parameters
- **Registering Property** (154th) and **Enforcing Contracts** (163rd) remained India's weakest areas, reflecting slow land administration and judicial delays
- The report measured reforms in **Delhi and Mumbai** only (not pan-India), which limited representativeness

### UPSC RELEVANCE

India's final rank (63rd), 10 parameters, top performers, year of discontinuation (2021), reason for discontinuation (data manipulation), successor report (B-READY) **Mains GS-3: Business environment reforms — GST, IBC, RERA, Make in India, Start-up India; judicial reforms for contract enforcement; land reforms for property registration** **Interview:** "The EoDB was discontinued due to data integrity issues — does this undermine India's reform narrative, or were the underlying reforms genuine?"

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