

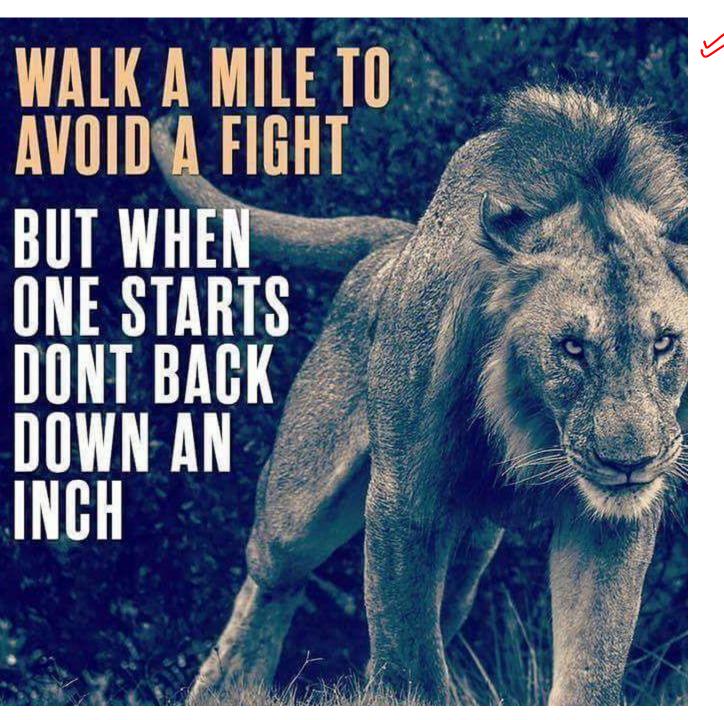
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Who released the report titled 'The State of Young Child in India' prepared by organization named Mobile Creches?

मोबाइल क्रेच नाम के संगठन द्वारा तैयार 'द स्टेट ऑफ यंग चाइल्ड इन इंडिया' शिर्षक से रिपोर्ट किसने जारी की?

🖟. Venkaiah Naidu ,

- **B. Nirmala Sitharaman**
- C. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- D. Narendra Modi



Which state government has approved Rs 600 er project named Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agriculture Resilience through Innovative Development (REWARD) with World Bank assistance?

किस राज्य सरकार ने विश्व बैंक की सहायता से अभिनव विकास (इनाम) के माध्यम से कृषि लचीलापन के लिए कायाकल्प वाटरशेड नाम से 600 करोड़ रुपये की परियोजना को मंजूरी दी है?

A. Telangana

B. Karnataka

C. Uttar Pradesh

D. Odisha

Answer - Karnataka





Name the state which revamped SVAYEM'scheme to provide self-employment opportunities to youths of the state.

राज्य के युवाओं को स्वरोजगार के अवसर प्रदान करने के लिए 'SVAYEM' योजना को नया रूप देने वाले राज्य का नाम।

- A. Goa
- **B.** Uttarakhand
- C. Assam
- D. Himachal Pradesh

Answer – Assam





Which company partnered with CyberPeace Foundation to create awareness on cyber safety among students?

छात्रों के बीच साइबर सुरक्षा पर जागरूकता पैदा करने के लिए साइबरपीस फाउंडेशन के साथ किस कंपनी ने भागीदारी की?

A. Twitter

B WhatsApp

C. Facebook

D. Instagram

झुनटी तलिया



Which institute signed MoU with Ministry of Tribal Affairs to set up the National Institute of Tribal Research at New Delhi?

नई दिल्ली में राष्ट्रीय जनजातीय अनुसंधान संस्थान की स्थापना के लिए जनजातीय मामलों के मंत्रालय के साथ किस संस्थान ने समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

- A. Manipal Academy of Higher Education
- **B.** Indira Gandhi National Open University
- C. GITAM Institute of Management
- Indian Institute of Public Administration

New



Who has been appointed as the president of Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) recently?

हाल ही में सोसाइटी ऑफ इंडियन ऑटोमोबाइल मैन्युफैक्चरर्स (सियाम) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- A. Uday Kotak
- **B. Vinod Aggarwal**
- C. Vipin Sondhi
- D. Kenichi Ayukawa

marski-Suzuki Tapan



Name the union minister of Education in India who launched the first of its kind app named "English Pro" developed by English and Foregin Languages University.

भारत में केंद्रीय शिक्षा मंत्री का नाम है जिन्होंने अंग्रेजी और फोरजिन लैंग्वेज यूनिवर्सिटी द्वारा विकसित "अंग्रेजी प्रो" नाम से अपनी तरह का पहला ऐप लॉन्च किया थी ।

- A. Amit Shah
- **B.** Narendra Modi
- C. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'
 - D. Ram Nath Kovind

Answer - Pokhriyal 'Nishank'



How many countries were part of Mekong-Ganga Cooperation

(MGC)?

सहयोग

एमजीसी) का कितने देश हिस्सा थे?

A. 10

Answer – 6



12th Mekong Ganga Cooperation (MGC) Senior Officials Meeting took place virtually, the key areas of cooperation tourism, culture, education, transport and communications were discussed and reviewed during the meeting.

The meeting was attended by Senior Officials from all 6 MGC Member States (India, Cambodia, Lao PDR (People's Democratic Republic), Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam).



It was co-chaired by Vijay Thakur Singh, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs and Mr. Sok Soken, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Cambodia.



The English and Foregin Languages University (EFLU) is located in which city?

अंग्रेजी और विदेशी भाषा विश्वविद्यालय (EFLU) किस शहर में स्थित है?

- A. Gurugram
- **B.** Mumbai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Kolkata

Answer – Hyderabad



August rainfall highest since 1926: IMD

However, the season as a whole is likely to record a 'normal' rainfall as was forecast in June

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

August rainfall this year has been the highest since 1926 with 32.7 cm – or about 27% more than what is normal for the month, according to data from the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday. In August 1926, the rainfall recorded was 34.8 cm, exceeding the normal by 33%.

IMD officials said that though August rainfall was in excess, the figure for this year's monsoon as a whole were likely to be within the department's June forecast of a normal (96 to 104% of the long period average) rainfall.

"There has been a decrease in rainfall across India since the beginning of September. However we expect a revival again around September 17," Mrutunjay Mahapatra, Director-General, IMD, said at a press conference on Monday.

From June to September 6, India had registered 7% more rainfall than what is



Cut off by rain: A woman with two children rows a boat in a flooded field in Bhagalpur. • REUTERS

normal for this period.

In the normal course, the monsoon begins its retreat from September 15 and this can go on for nearly a month.

Low-pressure systems

The heavy rain in August was due to several long-lasting low-pressure systems, or rain-bearing winds, that formed in the Bay of Bengal and were vigorous enough to travel all the way from the south-eastern coast up to north-west India. "In a typical monsoon season, there are 12-13 LPA. There were fewer this year, however, there were six of them in August and they lasted for several days. Together that led to several rainy days in August," he said.

The surplus rain was primarily in Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana, Chhattisgarh and Odisha.

Climate change

Long periods of heavy rain followed by extended dry periods are a feature of climate change and is part of a general change in monsoon patterns over India, the IMD had previously stated.

In response to a question from *The Hindu*, Mr. Mahapatra admitted that the agen-

cy's monthly forecasts for July and August were widely off the mark, but said this was due to "intra-seasonal" variations and the IMD's shorter-term forecast models had anticipated spells of heavy rain and adequately warned authorities.

This year the IMD launched urban flood forecasting services for Mumbai and Chennai and it would extend it to Bengaluru and Kolkata. "We can provide these forecasts for other cities too but require detailed maps of the cities. The [four cities] that we provided services were extremely cooperative and forthcoming with such data," said Madhavan Rajeevan, Secretary, Earth Sciences Ministry. North-West India has seen 10% less rainfall than what is normal; Central India has seen a 17% surplus; South India a 20% surplus and Northeast India received exactly what it normally gets. Cooler than normal conditions in the equatorial Central Pacific contributed to the increased rainfall.

□भारतीय मौसम विज्ञान विभाग् (IMD);



• IMD की स्थापना वर्ष 1875 में हुई थी। • HQ: NEW DELHI

• यह भारत सरकार के पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय (Ministry of Earth Science- MoES) की एक एजेंसी है।

• यह मौसम संबंधी अवलोकन, मौसम पूर्वानमान और भूकंप विज्ञान के लिये ज़िम्मेदार प्रमुख एजेंसी है।



Accidentally hits line judge with ball as he vents his frustration at losing serve

court. He later apologised

for the incident by releasing

blows the men's draw wide

open and means it will

crown a first-time Grand

"Now it gets interesting,"

said fifth seed Alexander

Zverev, who described Djo-

rev bulldozed past Spain's

unseeded Alejandro Davi-

dovich Fokina 6-2, 6-2, 6-1,

while 12th seed Canadian De-

nis Shapovalov beat David

Goffin for a maiden Grand

In the women's draw, Ameri-

can Jennifer Brady, seeded

28th, stunned three-time

Grand Slam winner Ange-

lique Kerber while eighth

seed Petra Martic was bun-

dled out by Kazakhstan's

American Shelby Rogers

upset sixth seed Petra Kvito-

va 7-6(5), 3-6, 7-6(6). She will

next play two-time Slam win-

ner Naomi Osaka, who de-

feated Estonia's Anett Konta-

veit 6-3, 6-4.

23rd seed Yulia Putintseva.

Slam last-eight spot.

Rogers stuns Kvitova

Meanwhile, fifth seed Zve-

Slam winner on Sunday.

kovic as "very unlucky."

Djokovic's disqualification

a statement.

US OPEN

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE NEW YORK

Novak Djokovic was dramatically disqualified from the US Open on Sunday after accidentally striking a woman line judge with a ball during his last-16 match, sending shock waves through the tournament.

The World No. 1 hit the ball in frustration after losing his serve to go 5-6 down in the first set to Spain's 20th seed Pablo Carreno Busta at the Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Djokovic appeared to be looking the other way when he pulled the ball from his pocket and smacked it in the direction of the official, hitting her full on the throat.

Gasping for breath

The official cried out and began gasping for breath as she collapsed to the ground. Djokovic rushed over to check on her, placing his hand on her back as she struggled to breathe. After a few minutes she got up and walked off the court looking dazed.

Around 10 minutes of discussions ensued between Diokovic and tournament referee Soeren Friemel. The umpire then declared that Busta had won following a default for Djokovic. The Serb shook hands with his opponent before leaving the

FALLEN SEEDS

MEN: 1-Diokovic: 7-Goffin WOMEN: 6-Kvitova: 8-Martic:

14-Kontaveit; 17-Kerber TUESDAY'S PICKS

Quarterfinals:

MEN: 5-Zverev vs. 27-Coric

- 12- Shapovalov vs. 20-Carreno Busta

WOMEN: 4-Osaka vs. Rogers 23-Putintseva vs. 28-Brady

DECONSTRUCTING THE DEFAULT

When did it happen?

. In the first set, Djokovic had failed to convert three set points on the Carreno Busta serve at 4-5. He then fell on his shoulder at 5-5, 0-15, and called for a trainer. On resumption, he lost serve and, in frustration, hit the ball that struck the line judge.

What does the rule say?

. According to the Grand Slam rulebook, "Players shall not violently, dangerously or with anger hit, kick or throw a tennis ball ... except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including warm-up). If such violation occurs ... the player shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule. For the purposes of this rule. abuse of balls is defined as intentionally hitting a ball out of the enclosure of the court, hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences."

What is the Point Penalty Schedule?

. In this, the first offence will invite a warning, the second a point penalty and the third and each subsequent offence a game penalty. The referee in consultation with the Grand Slam Chief of Supervisors shall determine whether each subsequent offence shall constitute a default. The referee may

also declare a

default for a

single code

violation.

Diokovic

checks or

the line

judge after a

ball he

hit her.

struck in

frustration

What did the USTA conclude?

. It said: "In accordance with the Grand Slam rulebook, following his actions of intentionally hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences, the US Open tournament referee defaulted Novak Djokovic. Because he was defaulted, Djokovic will lose all ranking points earned at the US Open and will be fined the prize money won at the tournament in addition to

any or all fines levied." Novak's Close Shaves

In the 2016 French Open quarterfinal against Berdych, Djokovic's attempted racquet smash missed a line judge only because the latter took evasive action.

In the 2016 ATP World Tour Finals match against Thiem, the Serb smashed a ball in anger in the direction of his

entourage but luckily it didn't hit anybody.

In the 2020 Australian Open final against Thiem, Djokovic twice remonstrated with the chair umpire by touching him. According to the rulebook, "unauthorised touching" can be deemed physical abuse like ball and racquet abuse. In the 2016 Rome Masters

quarterfinal versus Nadal, Diokovic pushed the umpire's hand away while arguing over

Other Notable Defaults

- John McEnroe at 1990 Australian Open following three code violations.
- . Tim Henman at 1995 Wimbledon (doubles) when a ball he hit towards the net after losing a point accidentally struck a ball girl in her head.
- David Nalbandian in the 2012 Queen's Club final when his kick at an advertising board injured a line judge.
- Denis Shapovalov in the 2017 Davis Cup tie versus Britain when a ball he hit in frustration caught the chair umpire in the eye.

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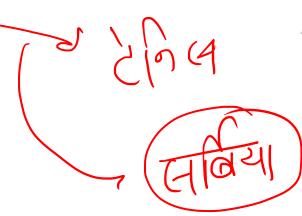
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Chanda Kochhar's husband held

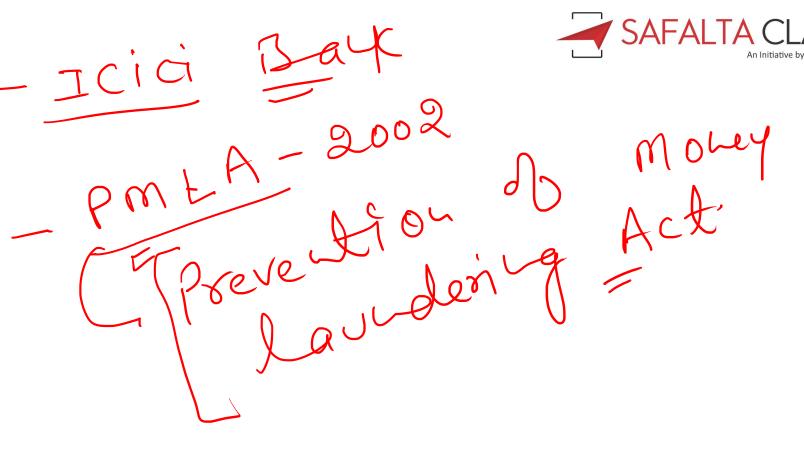
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday arrested Deepak Kochhar, the husband of former ICI-CI Bank CEO and MD Chanda Kochhar, in a money laundering case. The case pertains to alleged credit facilities extended to the Videocon Group of companies.

"The accused has been arrested under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. He will be produced in court on Tuesday," said a senior ED official.

The ED is conducting the probe based on an FIR registered by the Central







1994:

Mumbai:

G.C. Chaturvedi: Chairman

Sandeep Bakshi: MD and CEO

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Sindhu to play Uber Cup

V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM

HYDERABAD

World champion P.V. Sindhu will take part in the Thomas and Uber Cup badminton championships to be held in Denmark from Oct. 3 to 11.

On Monday Sindhu changed her original decision to pull out of the event after the Badminton Asso-

ciation of India top brass appealed to her to play in the tournament.

"I have requested Sindhu to join the team as we have a favourable draw and have the best chance to take a shot at the medal at the Cup," Himanta Biswa Sarma, BAI chief, tweeted in the evening.

1 Cup Badmirtor

Hypersonic cruise vehicle test puts India in elite club

THE総線運HINDU

DRDO says it will help develop hypersonic cruise missiles

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

The hypersonic air-breathing scramjet technology was successfully demonstrated by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on Monday with a flight test of the hypersonic technology demonstrator vehicle (HSTDV), which will lead to the development of hypersonic cruise missiles and vehicles in future.

"It's a major technological breakthrough in the country. This testing paves the way for development of more critical technologies, materials and hypersonic vehicles. This puts India in a select club of nations that have demonstrated this technology," DRDO chairman G. Satheesh Reddy said.

A test of the technology demonstrator was conducted in June 2019.

"With this success, all critical technologies are now established to progress to the next phase," Defence Minister Rainath Singh tweeted.

The HSTDV took off at 11.03 a.m. from the Dr. API

Need for speed

A few features of the hypersonic technology demonstrator vehicle

- It attained a speed of Mach 6 or six times the speed of sound
- Reached altitude of 30 km where heat shields separated at hypersonic speed
- It uses a scramjet engine, in which air enters at supersonic

- speed and comes out at hypersonic speeds
- It will help in development of hypersonic cruise missiles
- Most missiles use the ramjet engine, which operates at supersonic speeds of up to Mach 3



personic speed," the DRDO said in a statement.

The cruise vehicle separated from the launch vehicle and the air intake opened as planned. "The hypersonic combustion sustained and the cruise vehicle continued on its desired flight path at a velocity of six times the speed of sound, which is nearly 2 km/s, for more than 20s," it added.

'Major breakthrough'

With this technology, cruise missiles could now travel at

and also reaches very high temperatures, up to 1,000°-2,000° Celsius, during re-entry. "After the Anti-Satellite Test, this is the biggest achievement recently," the source pointed out.

Critical events such as fuel injection and auto ignition of the scramjet demonstrated technological maturity, the DRDO said. "The scramjet engine performed in a textbook manner. It worked at high dynamic pressure and at very high temperature." Jew Delhi

THE繼續幾HINDU

Change our ways swiftly and globally: David Attenborough

Veteran broadcaster accepts Indira Gandhi Peace Prize

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said on Monday that the UPA government was criticised as being "too restrictive" on giving environmental clearances, but it knew how to strike a balance between protecting the environment and meeting development needs.

It doesn't take an epidemic to tell us "we are not in good shape," Dr. Singh said.

He made these remarks at a virtual ceremony where he conferred the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize for 2019 on British broadcaster Sir David Attenborough, whom he described as the "human voice of nature".



David Attenborough

extinction of life in rivers, the reduction of natural habitat for any life other than humans – all this is evident to anyone who has eyes to see," Dr. Singh said while praising Sir David as a living legend.

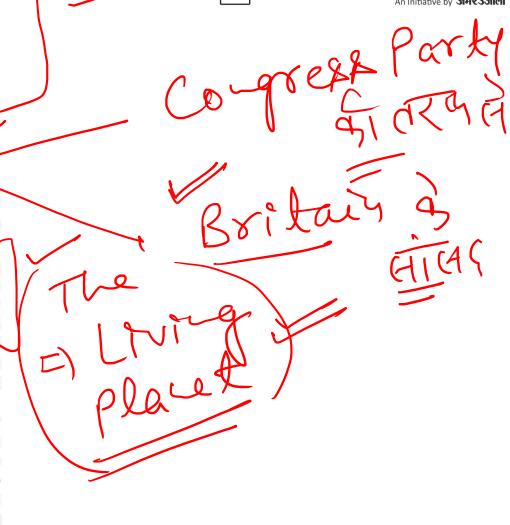
"Indeed, we were criticised by industrialists and

The pandemic was a way of nature telling humans to be less exploitative.

In his acceptance speech, Sir David, 94, who is well known for his series *The Living Planet*, said the world was heading towards a crisis unlike any other in human history as "humans have overrun the planet."

"We must change our ways, and we must do so swiftly and globally. But success will only come if the nations of the world agree to act to together and help one another. This will not be easy. We have to change from being nationalists and become internationalists," he said.

In her opening remarks,



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National honour proves cold comfort for Odisha folk artiste

Padma Shri awardee Jitendra Haripal has been robbed of his livelihood after the COVID-19 lockdown

SATYASUNDAR BARIK

BHUBANESWAR

Jitendra Haripal, awarded the Padma Shri in 2017 for his contribution to the folk music of Odisha's Sambalpur district, is keeping his fingers crossed, hoping the current dry spell of the monsoon continues.

His four-roomed, tileroofed house in the Stationpada area of Sambalpur town is on the verge of collapse. Incessant rain in the last week of August weakened the house further, with a portion of a wall caving in. The precarious structure shelters 11 members of Mr. Haripal's family.

The COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown has robbed Mr. Haripal and his family of their livelihood. The legendary singer, who shot to fame with his chart-buster 'Rangabati..Rangabati', was much sought after for stage shows and recordings.

"We have managed to survive with the Odisha government's monthly Padma Shripension of ₹10,000 but it is difficult to meet other ex-

penses, leave alone repairing the house," said Mr. Haripal. "Our life is at risk. The rat burrows have destabilised the house further," he added.

Mr. Haripal, from the Dalit community, said he had wanted to meet the District Collector and request for a house, but has not been able to arrange an appointment.



Jitendra Haripal and his wife. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT



Fire on tanker off Sri Lanka doused

Risk persists owing to heat on the vessel and strong winds, says Navy official

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

COLOMBO

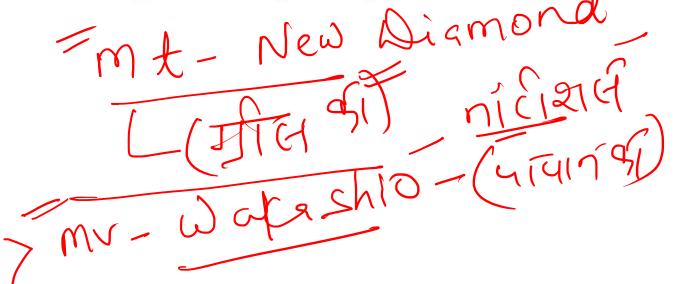
The fire that erupted on oil tanker *MT New Diamond* off Sri Lanka's south east coast was completely doused on Sunday, Navy authorities said.

Over the past four days, Indian and Sri Lankan Navy vessels, along with tug boats, were jointly engaged in putting out the flames on the vessel, a 330-metre-long very large crude carrier, carrying 2,70,000 tonnes of crude oil from Kuwait to Odisha.

"The fire has been put out

completely, but the heat remains close to combustible material. So our vessels are still in the area closely monitoring the vessel," Sri Lankan Navy spokesman Indika de Silva told *The Hindu*. The risk persists, as Sri Lanka witnessed strong winds and rainfall on Sunday, he added.

Earlier, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa thanked defence forces of India and Sri Lanka for their firefighting efforts in order to prevent a potential oil spill.





Under the lens A total of 22,457 NGOs or associations are at present registered under the FCRA. The licences of 20,674 have been cancelled and those of 6,702 are deemed to have expired

 Sabrang Trust, an NGO run by social activist Teesta Setalvad, and Lawyers Collective, run by noted lawyer Indira Jaising, lost their FCRA registration in 2016

 Eight foreign donors came under the government watchlist during the UPA regime and 13 after the Modi government came to power in 2014. Among

them are Compassion International and

World Movement for Democracy

A foreign donor, placed under the watchlist or "prior permission" category, cannot directly send money without the Union Home Ministry's clearance

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Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), 2010

Foreign funding of voluntary organizations in India is regulated under FCRA act and is implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs.



2019 Overall Best Performers



STATES PROPELLING EASE OF DOING BUSINESS RANKING FOR AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT

Modi Govt Presents State Business Reform Action Plan 2019







Top 10 Achievers

Rank

State

- 1 Andhra Pradesh
- 2 Uttar Pradesh
- 3 Telangana
- 4 Madhya Pradesh
- 5 Jharkhand

Rank

State

- 6 Chhattisgarh
- 7 Himachal Pradesh
- 8 Rajasthan
- West Bengal
- 10 Gujarat





Ease of Doing Business (EODB) is a joint initiative by the Department for Promotion of Industries and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and the World Bank to improve the overall business environment in the States.



ईज ऑफ डूइंग बिजनेस (ईओडीबी) राज्यों में समग्र कारोबारी माहौल को बेहतर बनाने के लिए उद्योगों और आंतरिक व्यापार विभाग (डीपीआईआईटी) और विश्व बैंक द्वारा एक संयुक्त पहल है।