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News: Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)

- The Union Cabinet approves categorizing the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) as an "International Organization".

International Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)

- The International Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) was **launched on 23rd September 2019 at the UN General Assembly.**
- It intends to **bring the Head of States to generate commitments for combating the effects of climate change and resulting disasters** and will provide the high-level.
- Objective of ICDRI is to **promote research and knowledge sharing in the fields of infrastructure risk management, standards, financing, and recovery mechanisms.**

Members

- Afghanistan, Australia, Bhutan, Fiji, Germany, Italy, **India**, Japan, Mauritius, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom and United States.
- The CDRI is the second major coalition launched by India outside of the UN, the first being the **International Solar Alliance**. Both of them are seen as India's attempts to obtain a global leadership role in climate change matters.
- **Infrastructure for Resilient Island States**, launched at CoP 26 to UNFCCC, is under the aegis of CDRI.

News: Ease of Doing Business Rankings

Ease of Doing Business Rankings (EoDB)

- Ease of Doing Business Rankings (EoDB) is released by **Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry based on Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) report 2020**.
- Aim of the rankings is **to boost investor confidence, foster a business-friendly climate and augment the ease of doing business across the country by introducing an element of healthy competition through a system of assessing states based on their performance in the BRAP**.

Parameters

- The parameters include various areas, such as construction permit, labour regulation, environmental registration, access to information, land availability and single window system.

Findings of the EoDB

Top Achievers

- Seven states - Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Punjab, Telangana and Tamil Nadu - were categorised as 'top achievers' in the Ease of Doing Business ranking of states and union territories.

Achievers

- Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, and Madhya Pradesh are the other states categorised as achievers in the ranking.

Emerging Business Ecosystems

- Six states - Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura, Puducherry and Jammu and Kashmir - were 'emerging business ecosystems'.

Aspirers

- Seven states - Goa, Assam, Kerala, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Bengal - were categorised as 'Aspirers'.

Ease of Doing Business was a global annual index published by World Bank. But, recently, World Bank has decided to do away with the index as the measurement criteria seemed to be inflated.