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News: Logistics Ease Across Different State (LEADS) 2023

- Recently, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has released the 5th edition of “Logistics Ease Across Different State (LEADS) 2023” report, which serves as a guide for stakeholders in the Logistics Sector by providing strategic insights.

Logistics Ease across Different States (LEADS)

Index

- Logistics Ease across Different States (LEADS) index is a **composite indicator to assess international trade logistics across states and Union territories.**
- LEADS report and index have been publishing **annually since 2018 (excluding 2020 due to covid crisis).**
- It is **based on a stakeholders’ survey conducted by Deloitte for the Ministry of commerce and industry.**
- The index is **loosely based on the World Bank’s biennial Logistics Performance Index (LPI).**
- A total of **21 perception and objective variables have been statistically analysed** to prepare a composite index basis upon which the states have been ranked.

- The report evaluates logistics performance based on three key pillars: Logistics Infrastructure, Logistics Services and Operating and Regulatory Environment.

Methodology

- The report is based on a pan-India primary survey conducted between May and July 2023, incorporating over 7,300 responses across 36 states/UTs.
- Additionally, it includes insights from over 750 stakeholder consultations facilitated by various associations.

Key Highlights of the LEADS 2023

Achievers

- Thirteen states and Union Territories, including Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Chandigarh, and Gujarat, are categorized as achievers in the logistics index chart 2023.
- These regions have shown efficient logistical services that contribute to export promotion and economic growth.

Fast Movers

- Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, and Nagaland are recognized as fast movers in the logistics index.

- These areas have shown significant progress and improvements in their logistical services.

Aspirers

- States and UTs in the aspirers category, such as Goa, Odisha, West Bengal, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, and Jharkhand, are identified as regions with potential for growth in their logistics ecosystem. These areas are striving to enhance their logistical capabilities.

Policy Reforms

- The report emphasizes the significance of policy reforms such as industry status for logistics, digital initiatives (PM Gati Shakti, Logistics Data Bank, Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP), GST), and the alignment of State Logistics Policies with the National Logistics Policy.