

Enforcing Contracts portal

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In news- The “Enforcing Contracts Portal” was inaugurated by the Secretary (Justice) at the Department of Justice, Delhi.

Key updates-

- The Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) index of the World Bank is a ranking system which is an indication of an economy’s position relative to that of other economies across 11 areas of business regulation.
- The “Enforcing Contracts” indicator is one such essential area that **measures time and cost to resolve a standardized commercial dispute as well as a series of good practices in the judiciary.**
- The portal is envisioned to be a comprehensive source of information pertaining to the legislative and policy reforms being undertaken on the “Enforcing Contracts” parameters.
- It includes the latest data related to the functioning and disposal of commercial cases in the **Dedicated Commercial Courts of Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Kolkata.**
- It contains instructive videos related to e-filing, advocate registration; manuals on using the Electronic Case Management Tools (ECMTs) like JustIS app for judicial officers and e-Courts services app for use by lawyers and a repository of all related commercial laws for ready reference.
- The new portal also **hosts online reporting by all High Courts regarding the Mediation and Arbitration centres** in order to monitor and promote institutional mediation & arbitration by way of Pre-institution Mediation and Settlement (PIMS) of commercial cases.
- Currently, only the cities of **Delhi and Mumbai** are under the purview of the EoDB.

- **Kolkata and Bengaluru are likely to be included** in the Doing Business Report in future.