

National Single Window System (NSWS)

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In news- Recently, Jammu & Kashmir became the first Union Territory to be onboarded the National Single Window System (NSWS). This marks a major leap in Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) in the UT.

About the National Single Window System (NSWS)-

- The NSWS, a **2020 budgetary announcement of the Government of India**, is a digital platform that serves as a guide for investors to identify and to apply for approvals as per their business requirements.
- The platform was soft launched in September 2021 by the government.
- **DPIIT along with Invest India** initiated the process of developing the portal as a National Single Window System (NSWS).
- It will provide a **single platform to enable investors to identify and obtain approvals and clearances needed by investors, entrepreneurs, and businesses in India.**
- The system is envisioned to address information asymmetry, duplication of information submitted across platforms and authorities and inefficient tracking of approvals and registration faced by investors.
- Twenty Ministries / Departments have been integrated on NSWS.
- Currently 142 central approvals can be applied through the NSWS portal.
- 14 States/UTs onboarded on NSWS include *Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.*

Services under NSWS-

- **Know Your Approval (KYA) Service:** an intelligent information wizard that generates a list of approvals required by any business to commence operations.
- **Common Registration Form:** To ensure a single point of submission of information and documents across Ministries and States, a unified information capturing system along with a common registration form has been introduced. Information is auto-populated on forms, eliminating the need to fill in the same information again.
- **State registration form:** Enables investors to have seamless single click access to the respective State Single Window System.
- **Applicant dashboard:** Provides a single online interface to apply, track and respond to the queries pertaining to approvals and registrations across ministries and States.
- **Document repository:** An online centralized storage service for investors to enable one-time document submission and use the same across multiple approvals. This eliminates the need to submit documents at multiple portals.
- **E-Communication module:** Enables online response to queries and clarification requests related to applications by Ministries and States.