

National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment

Why in News?

Recently, the website of the **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** has been ranked first under Central Ministries Portal, and the **Digital Police portal** ranked second in a **National E-Governance service delivery assessment (NeSDA)** of websites of central government ministries.

What is National E-Governance Service Delivery Assessment?

About:

- It is a **periodic assessment intended to improve the effectiveness** of States/Union Territories and the Central Government in **delivery of their online services** to citizens.
- It is released by Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
- In this assessment, the service portals were evaluated alongside their parent Ministry/portal Department's in this project.
- The assessment was conducted by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in association with its knowledge partners NASSCOM and KPMG in 2021.
- NeSDA 2021 is the second edition of NeSDA, the first edition was launched in 2019 and it is a biennial study.

Categorisation of Portal:

- · All Government portals that were evaluated were divided into two main categories-
 - States/Union Territories/Central Ministry portal.
 - State/Union Territory/ Central Ministry Services Portals.

Parameters:

- There were four main parameters of assessment: -
 - Accessibility.
 - Content Availability.
 - Ease of Use and Information Security.
 - Privacy for Central Ministry Portals.
- An additional three parameters were also used for the Central Ministry Services Portals -
 - End Service Delivery.
 - Integrated Service Delivery.
 - Status and Request tracking.

Recent evaluation of NeSDA 2021:

- In the case of MHA, the **National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)** Digital Police portal was shortlisted for evaluation under the Services Portal.
- Accordingly, the main website of Ministry of Home Affairs was chosen as the parent Ministry portal for evaluation.
- In the category of **State/UT portal, among group A states- Kerala** became a front runner and the progress **was made by Tamil Nadu** followed by **Punjab.**
- Among group B states- Odisha being at top followed by Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.
- Among North-Eastern states Nagaland, Meghalaya and Assam are at top.
- Among UTs, J&K topped followed by A&N, Puducherry, Delhi and Chandigarh.

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