

MCA 21 Version 3.0: Digital Corporate Compliance Portal

Why in News

Recently, the government launched the first phase of the latest update to its **digital corporate compliance portal**, **Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) 21 Version 3.0.**

■ It will help in improving <u>Ease of Doing Business</u> in **India. India ranked 63rd** out of 190 countries in <u>Ease Doing Business 2020: World Bank Report.</u>

Key Points

About:

- It will leverage the use of latest technologies to further streamline the Corporate Compliance and stakeholders experience.
- MCA 21 has been part of Mission Mode projects of the Government of India.
 - MCA21 Version 3.0 is part of the <u>2021 Budget</u> announcement.
 - MCA21 is the online **portal of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) that has made** all company related information accessible to various stakeholders and the general public. It was **launched in 2006.**
- The entire project is proposed to be launched within the <u>Financial Year</u> 2021-22 and will be data analytics and <u>machine learning</u> driven.
- The MCA21 V3.0 in its entirety will not only improve the existing services and modules, but will also create new functionalities like e-adjudication, compliance management system, advanced helpdesk, feedback services, user dashboards, self-reporting tools and revamped master data services.
 - It comprises a revamped website, new email services for MCA Officers and two new modules, namely, e. Book and e. Consultation.

Objective:

It is designed to fully automate all processes related to the proactive enforcement and compliance of the legal requirements under the <u>Companies Act</u>, <u>1956</u>, New <u>Companies Act</u>, <u>2013</u> and <u>Limited Liability Partnership Act</u>, <u>2008</u>. This will help the business community to meet their statutory obligations.

Benefits:

- Easy **access to the updated legislations** along with a tracking mechanism for historical changes in law.
- It will **give new meaning to corporate compliance culture** and will further enhance the trust and confidence in the Corporate regulatory and governance system.
- Other Measures taken to Improve Ease of Doing Business:
 - Integrated Incorporation Form :
 - Simplified Proforma for Incorporating Company Electronically (SPICe) was

introduced which extends 8 services from three Ministries through a single form.

- RUN Reserve Unique Name:
 - It is <u>a web service</u> used for reserving a name for a new company or for changing its existing name. The web service **helps verify whether the name chosen for the company is unique.**
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code:
 - The <u>Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code of 2016</u> has introduced new dimensions in resolving insolvency in India. It is <u>India's first comprehensive legislation of</u> corporate insolvency.

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