

MOST COMPETITIVE STATES 2013

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State competitiveness is one of the most definitive indices for tracking the development of individual states. Not only does it capture state challenges and objectives, but it also brings forth relative strengths.

Mint, in association with the Institute for Competitiveness has ranked states on macroeconomic parameters such as financial performance, business incentives innovation, income distribution and administrative policies using the international Michael Porter model in order to identify their prosperity levels and their contribution in the country's growth.

The event recognizes leading states of India and brings together state heads on a common platform to share opinions and define the roadmap for the progress of the states.

Hon'ble Shri M Hamid Ansari, Vice President of India, who was the Chief Guest at the event, said, "Moreover, the socio-economic indicators vary significantly from state to state and from region to region within the same state. This sub-national diversity can be explained to a degree by various natural, historical and contemporary factors. Otherwise, economic and social inequality at sub-national scale will become a potent threat to our political union and could also disrupt societal harmony in our Republic. It is in this context, that the contents of the India State Competitiveness Report 2013 become relevant and important."

With many State Heads in attendance, The Most Competitive States 2013 recognized the top states in the following categories:

- City States
- Innovation Driven Economies
- Transition Economies
- Investment Driven Economies
- Changeover Economies
- Factor Driven Economies

While receiving the award for the best City State, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Sheila Dikshit said, "Our philosophy has been when you see things happening and when you feel things happening, that is the success of any government. I want to say humbly that we managed to achieve that to some extent because our social sector expenditure is best in the whole country. We spend 75% of our budget on the social sector."



Talking about Madhya Pradesh as the best Changeover Economy, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan said, "I come from the state which was once called BIMARU. I am happy to tell you that for seven successive years, Madhya Pradesh is growing at double digits rate. In every sector such as in infrastructure, power, agriculture and attracting investment to the state, we have taken many initiatives. We have also focused on skill development because we want to make our human resources our strength not our weakness."

This was the second addition of the Most Competitive States by Mint, in association with the Institute for Competitiveness.

Below is the list of winning states under each category:

- City States
 - Delhi
 - Goa

- Innovation Driven Economies
 - Maharashtra
 - Gujarat
 - Haryana

- Transition Economies
 - Tamil Nadu
 - Punjab

- Investment Driven Economies
 - Andhra Pradesh
 - Karnataka

- Changeover Economies
 - Rajasthan
 - Madhya Pradesh

- Factor Driven Economies
 - Uttar Pradesh
 - Bihar

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