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NEWS FLASH

- 01** Services Exports Promotion Council (SEPC) has brought out the India Intellectual Property (IP) Guide at Cannes in MIPCOM 2019, being held from October 14-17, 2019, for the media and entertainment (M&E) industry.
- 02** As per the Hurun Global Unicorn List 2019, with the 21 unicorns, India has emerged as the third largest ecosystem for more successful startups right behind the China and US but ahead of Britain and Israel.
- 03** The second phase of the LOTUS-HR (Local Treatment of Urban Sewage streams for Healthy Reuse plant) has been launched as part of joint collaboration between India and Netherlands.
- 04** As per ratings agency ICRA, growth of 8-10 per cent is expected in the domestic logistic sector over the medium term with the outlook remaining largely stable.
- 05** According to Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Mr Prakash Javadekar, the country will shift to BS VI vehicular emission norms from BS IV by April 2020.
- 06** According to rating agency ICRA, the corporate tax cut can be seen as a positive development for power sector as it will result in an estimated annual savings of Rs 2,500 crore (US\$ 357.70 million) for the power distribution segment.
- 07** The East Coast Railway (ECoR) plans to set 'Waste to Energy Plant' at the Carriage Repair Workshop at Mancheswar area.
- 08** The total value of the top 75 Indian brands increased to US\$ 228.2 billion, growing at a moderate 6 per cent over 2018.
- 09** India to increase the share of non-fossil fuels to 175 gigawatts (GW) by 2022, and to further increase it to 450 GW.
- 10** According to Ministry of AYUSH, three new AYUSH Hospitals have been set up in Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Odisha while 306 Ayush hospitals have been upgraded during the 100-day period of the present government.
- 11** The government is planning to set up a Medical Devices Authority (MDA) for the entire spectrum in the medical devices sector — gauges, weighing machines, orthopaedic implants, etc.
- 12** As per the study, In India, from 2015-2019, Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) activities has been buoyant with over 3,600 steady deals pipeline with an aggregate value of more than US\$ 310 billion.
- 13** Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare launched the 'Food Safety Mitra (FSM)' scheme, along with the 'Eat Right Jacket', and 'Eat Right Jhola' to strengthen food safety administration and scale up the 'Eat Right India' movement.
- 14** India achieved a major milestone of providing benefit to over 50 Lakh people under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR AUSTRIAN CITIZENS

e-Tourist Visa (e-TV) for Austrian citizens

The Government of India has extended e-Tourist Visa (e-TV) scheme to the citizens of Austria w.e.f. 26th February 2016. Under e-Tourist Visa scheme, citizens of Austria may now apply online (<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/tvoa.html>) to obtain the Electronic Travel Authorization for travelling to India. This facility is also available to the citizens of Montenegro. Queries related to e-TV; for any assistance call 24x7 Visa support center at +91-11-24300666 or send email to indiatvoa@gov.in.



Instructions for e-Visa

1. e-Visa has 5 sub-categories i.e. e-Tourist visa, e-Business visa, e-Medical visa, e-Medical Attendant visa and e-Conference visa.
2. Applicants of the eligible countries/territories may apply online minimum 4 days in advance of the date of arrival with a window of 120 days.
3. e-Visa fee is country/Territory specific.
4. Applicant should carry a copy of Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) along with him/her at the time of travel.
5. Biometric details of the applicant will be mandatorily captured at Immigration on arrival in India.
6. The validity of e-Visa (except e-Conference visa) will be 60 days from the date of arrival in India.
7. This facility is in addition to the existing Visa services.
8. e-Visa can be availed for maximum of three times in a calendar year i.e. between January to December.
9. e-Visa is non-extendable, non-convertible & not valid for visiting Protected/Restricted and Cantonment Areas.

NEWS ARTICLES

Bengaluru's unique solution to effectively manage waste: SCC India

To evaluate various technologies available for the onsite processing of wet waste by bulk generators and individual households, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has formed a high-level technical committee consisting of both Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials and KSPCB officials.

Since the wet waste is still not being effectively managed in the city, the committee has invited proposals from city based agencies that possess

technologies for the onsite management of wet waste generated by bulk generators and individual households. The proposals will first be evaluated by the high level technical committee and a meeting would be called with the selected agencies to better understand how they will function.

According to the notification, the proposed technology used by the agencies should be implementable across a large domestic segment, and is in conformity with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.

Dr Shanthy Tummala, one of the committee members, says, "The official notification asking for proposals from service providers with details about their technology being

used is out. They will have to clarify in the proposal whether they are using the bio-methanisation process or the aerobic or anaerobic method. Once the proposal is accepted, they will have to apply and subsequently a meeting will be called for service providers where they will be given a chance to explain their methods. The committee will then evaluate them on details like what infrastructures will they require what quantity they can process per day and their previous case studies of installations."

Once the committee is satisfied with the service provider, it will be approved. She says that this step was taken after a number of apartment complexes

complained that even after paying high amounts to agencies; the quality of their compost from wet waste was poor. "We got to know a number of people are being cheated by some agencies who charge high amounts yet the quality of compost formed from the wet waste is as bad as ash and then these agencies would never be answerable. So we wanted to know how these agencies propose to function. Once selected, their details will be uploaded on the BBMP and KSPCB website so that people can approach them directly," she says.

India jumps to 63rd position in World Bank's ease of doing business rankings: IBEF

India is placed at 63rd position among the 190 countries in the World Bank's 'Ease of Doing Business 2020' report, 14 places higher than the last time.

The country has improved its performance in six of the ten parameters used for ranking. The improved parameters include starting a business, dealing with construction permits, trading across borders, resolving insolvency, paying taxes and getting electricity.

Though, the performance in areas like getting credit, protecting minor investors and enforcing contracts was same as last year and there was downfall in registration of properties criteria.

The study was carried out in New Delhi and Mumbai, although Bengaluru and Kolkata were speculated to be included this time.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had set the target for India to break into the top 50 ranking this year but India will have to wait for another year to achieve the target.

"Those economies that score well in doing business tend to benefit from higher levels of entrepreneurial activity and lower levels of corruption," the World Bank report said.

The advancement of neighbouring economies provides a push for regulatory change along with the economic reason.

According to the report, India abolished filing fees for the SPICE company incorporation form, electronic memorandum of association and articles of association making it easier to start a business. The process was updated, leading to reduction in the time and cost of obtaining construction permits and improved building quality control by strengthening professional certificate requirements.

Trading across the borders is made easier by enabling post-clearance audits, a single electronic platform integrated for trade stakeholders, upgradation of port infrastructures and enhancement of the electronic submission of documents.

Reorganisation proceedings are promoted in order to resolve the insolvency. The report added, India also made resolving insolvency more tough by not permitting dissenting creditors to get as

much under reorganisation as they would receive in liquidation.

The top ten economies that have seen the improvement, including India, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Togo, Bahrain, Tajikistan, Pakistan, Kuwait, China and Nigeria, implemented one-fifth of all the reforms recorded worldwide in 2018-19, the report said.

According to the report, 'Doing Business' analyses regulation in 12 areas of business activity in 190 economies that encourages efficiency and supports freedom to do business. The parameters that are not included in the ranking process are regulation on employing workers and contracting with the government.

Household wealth more than doubles to \$12.6 tn in 2019: Credit Suisse, ET

In a year when the overall economic growth decelerated to a five-year low of 5.8 percent, a report has claimed that household wealth more than doubled USD 12.6 trillion in the calendar year 2019. Total wealth held by the households in the country had stood at USD 5.972 trillion in 2018, according to a report by Swiss bank Credit Suisse.

The startling report comes at a time when many analysts are concerned over almost all the key indicators are heading south or even contracting forcing the government to offer massive tax giveaways. The report also says household wealth in the country has grown four-times between 2000 and 2019, and the country will add another 43 percent or

USD 4.4 trillion to wealth over the next five years.

A specific query on the reasons for doubling up of household wealth was not answered by the bank, which also has operations in the country as a brokerage and other activities. The report says this massive wealth includes both financial as well as investments in real assets like gold and property, and also takes on board currency movements. It can be noted that property market has been in the doldrums since late 2016 following the note-ban.

The wealth per adult stood at USD 14,569 as per the report, or up 3.3 percent, while their debt grew 11.5 percent to USD 120 billion. Financial assets grew at a lower 1.4 percent as against 6.9 percent increase in the non-financial assets, which reflects the volatile markets, the report notes, adding there are 8.27 lakh adults in the top 1 percent of global wealth-holders, who own 1.6 percent of the global wealth.

Nearly 4,500 possess wealth of over USD 50 million, while 1,790 have over USD 100 million, the report says. India is ranked fifth among the countries with ultra-high net-worth individuals, according to the report.

Indian Railway launches One Touch ATVM for fast ticketing at 42 Suburban Stations of Central Railway: PIB

Indian Railways has launched 'one touch ATVM' at 42

suburban stations of Central Railway to render fast ticketing to millions of commuters over Mumbai Suburban Network. Railway passenger can avail the service of this new machine from today onwards at 42 suburban stations. This new machine will reduce the waiting time of the passengers and allow passenger to avoid standing in long queues.

The new machine is loaded with the user friendly and uncomplicated procedure which will greatly ease the load on ticketing system of Mumbai Suburban Network. A total of 92 ATVMs has been installed at 42 suburban stations.

The salient features of one touch ATVM is that a passenger can obtain a ticket in just two steps instead of earlier six steps on a regular ATVM. One touch ATVM will show one screen display for selecting single/return journey tickets. The passenger can select desired station in the distance slab, just press tab "upto station" either for journey tickets or return journey tickets. The passenger can get platform ticket also with single touch.



New World Bank Project to Support Climate Resilient Agriculture for 125,000 Smallholder Farmers in Odisha: The World Bank

The Government of India, Government of Odisha and the World Bank today signed a US \$165 million loan agreement to support smallholder farmers strengthen the resilience of their production systems as well as diversify and improve the marketing of their produce, for increased income.

The Odisha Integrated Irrigation Project for Climate Resilient Agriculture will be implemented in rural areas vulnerable to droughts and largely dependent on rainfed agriculture. It will benefit about 125,000 smallholder farmer households from 15 districts of Odisha managing 128,000 ha of agricultural land. The project will strengthen the resilience of smallholder farmers against adverse climate by improving access to resilient seed varieties and production technologies, diversifying towards more climate-resilient crops, and improving access to better water management and irrigation services.

The Government of India is implementing several missions under the National Action Plan on Climate Change, which also extensively leverages adaptation of climate-smart agricultural practices and technologies," said Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance.

"The project in Odisha is among several such initiatives supported by the government in our commitment to achieve the sustainable agriculture-related targets of the SDGs by 2030." he added.

The loan agreement was signed by Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, on behalf of the Government of India; Surendra Kumar, Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department on behalf of the Government of Odisha; and Junaid Ahmad, Country Director, India on behalf of the World Bank.

In recent years, climate variability has seriously affected agriculture in Odisha, where farming is largely dominated by farmers with landholdings of less than two hectares. More and more agricultural areas are coming under the ambit of extreme weather events. Since 2009, the frequency of droughts in the state has increased from 1 in 5 years to 1 in 2 years.

The project will support the rehabilitation of 532 water tanks - expected to irrigate 91,435 ha; promote productivity improvements at the farm level; support farmers to reduce the current emphasis on food grains (especially paddy and wheat) and increase the share of high-value and more nutritious products like fruits and vegetables; and provide marketing support to farmers who are able to generate a marketable surplus.

The project will also support aquaculture in rehabilitated tanks, help farmers access affordable and quality fingerlings, and disseminate improved aquaculture practices and post-harvest management.

"Rehabilitating existing tanks will make agriculture more productive and climate-resilient for smallholder farmers," said Ranjan Samantaray, Senior Agriculture Specialist and World Bank's Task Team Leader for the project. "This project will support the Government of Odisha's vision to build the resilience of the agriculture sector to climate change, expand cultivable area under assured irrigation and improve water use efficiency," he added.

The \$165 million loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), has a 6-year grace period, and a maturity of 24 years.

Blackstone crosses US\$ 12 billion investment milestone in India: IBEF

Blackstone Group LP, a New York-based firm, has invested US\$ 3.6 billion as of end-September in India, which is a record for a single year in the country, according to a person who is directly familiar with the development.

Total investments by the group across the private equity (PE) and real estate deals have crossed US\$ 12.6 billion. The company plans to surpass the US\$ 13 billion mark by December 2019, that will also mark its 13th year of operations in the country.

As of end-September, Blackstone made real estate investments of US\$ 6.6 billion, surpassing private equity funding of US\$ 6 billion.

"This has been a blockbuster year for Blackstone in India in terms of investments, the highest since it set up operations

here in 2006," said the person cited above, who declined to be named. "There are multiple deals in the pipeline, both in PE and real estate, and it will easily cross \$13 billion by the end of this year," the person said.

Blackstone in the sector of real estate has mostly focused on commercial real estate deals. This consist of nearly US\$ 5.2 billion of the total investments.

The company has invested US\$ 1.6 billion in the real estate in this year alone. The largest transaction includes the acquisition of the remaining stake in Indiabulls Real Estate Ltd's (IBREL) commercial real estate portfolio and taking full control for over Rs 4,000 crore (US\$ 572.33 million).

The Blackstone is planning its second REIT with partner K Raheja Corp. in Mumbai after the co-owned Embassy Office Parks REIT with Embassy Group.

The first real estate deal was signed in 2008 by the company, though, it started buying office assets in 2011. Along with taking early bets in office assets, the company also has adopted the partnership route in India, by collaborating with regional developers. Blackstone, on the private equity front, has invested around US\$ 2 billion this year in sectors such as education, fashion, packaging and housing finance. It has also bought a majority stake in Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd and acquired a stake in companies such as Aakash Educational Services, Essel Propack Ltd, and Future Lifestyle Fashion.

As of 30 June 2019, Blackstone, which set up shop in 1985, has US\$ 545 billion assets under management across the globe.

FORUM FOR INDIAN SCIENCE DIPLOMACY

NHSRC designated as a WHO Collaborating Centre

The National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), has been designated as the WHO Collaborating Centre for Priority Medical Devices and Health Technology Policy. The NHSRC will draw up technical specifications for technologies procured under National Health Mission, draft policies for medical device maintenance and management, undertake evaluations of health product innovations, conduct Health Technology Assessments (HTA), and support the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on issues related to diagnostics initiative, National Dialysis Program and other technology intensive services. At present, NHSRC works on development of technical specification of Blood pressure measuring devices, In vitro diagnostics and devices for cancer and cardiovascular diseases. Future collaboration includes work on International Classification and Nomenclature for Medical Devices, which would improve access to affordable health technologies.

Private sector steps up to channelise CSR fund into research

Companies such as Larson & Toubro, Schneider Electric India, Dabur and ITC are looking at funding key research activities in top institutions, in the wake of the government's decision to expand the scope

of mandatory corporate social responsibility (CSR) spending. Last month the government had allowed CSR spending on publicly funded incubators and contribute to research in science, technology, medicine and engineering at major institutions to help boost R&D investments in the country. Some of the companies were already engaged in such alliances; for example, the engineering company L & T has existing collaborations with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and some Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). Academic and research institutions, are drawing up plans to tap CSR investment from India Inc, to fund research in technology and innovation. Universities are aiming towards industry-academia alliances not just for funds, but also for targeted scientific collaborations in areas relevant to industry. Inclusion of R&D under CSR is seen as a great step as more people will be benefited out of the research outcomes and will also enhance industry-academia relationships.

Launch of satellite-based advisory service for deep sea fishermen

The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) and Airport Authority of India launched a new system that

expands the scope for disseminating alerts and other messages to fishermen who go for multi-day fishing inside the seas. At present, fishermen get advisories, forecasts and early warnings only up to a distance of 10 to 12 km from the coast. The new service will extend the range up to 90 km. It consists of a specially designed device and a mobile application and works by using the communication opportunity provided by GAGAN (GPS-Aided Geo Augmented Navigation) satellite system of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and Airports Authority of India.

India's efforts towards addressing climate change challenges

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Climate Action Summit's opening ceremony organized by the UN Secretary General on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly. He asserted that more effort is required to overcome a challenges of climate change and called for a global people's movement to bring about behavioural change, including respect for nature, judicious use of resources, reduce our needs and live within our means, which have been important aspects of both our traditions and present day efforts. At present, India is striving to present a practical approach and a roadmap in this context, with the pledge to increase the share of non fossil fuel and by 2022, India's renewable energy capacity would be increased to much beyond 175 GW, and later till 450 GW.

MAKE IN INDIA

TEXTILE

India's textiles sector is one of the oldest industries in Indian economy dating back several centuries. India's overall textile exports during FY 2017-18 stood at US\$ 39.2 billion in FY18 and is expected to increase to US\$ 82.00 billion by 2021 from US\$ 31.65 billion in FY19 (up to Jan 19).

The Indian textiles industry is extremely varied, with the hand-spun and hand-woven textiles sectors at one end of the spectrum, while the capital intensive sophisticated mills sector at the other end of the spectrum. The decentralised power looms/ hosiery and knitting sector form the largest component of the textiles sector. The close linkage of the textile industry to agriculture (for raw materials such as cotton) and the ancient culture and traditions of the country in terms of textiles make the Indian textiles sector unique in comparison to the industries of other countries. The Indian textile industry has the capacity to produce a wide variety of products suitable to different market segments, both within India and across the world.

The textile and apparel industry can be broadly divided into two segments - yarn and fibre, and processed fabrics and apparel. The domestic textile industry in India is estimated to reach US\$ 223 billion by 2021F from US\$ 150 billion in November 2017, while cotton production in India is have reached 36.1 million bales in FY19. In FY19, growth in private consumption is

expected to create strong domestic demand for textiles.

Increased penetration of organised retail, favourable demographics, and rising income levels are likely to drive demand for textiles. Cloth production stood at 58.1 billion square metres (provisional) in FY19P (up to Jan 19). India is the world's second largest exporter of textiles and clothing.

Textile and apparel exports from India are expected to increase to US\$ 82 billion by 2021. In FY19, India's textile and apparel exports increased 1.66 per cent to Rs 2,51,387 crore (US\$ 35.969 billion) as compared to Rs 2,47,277 crore (US\$ 35.381) in FY18. Manmade garments remain the largest contributor to total textile and apparel exports from India.

Rising government focus and favourable policies is leading to growth in the textiles and clothing industry. The Ministry of Textiles is encouraging investments through increasing

focus on schemes such as Technology Up-gradation Fund Scheme (TUFS). Under Union Budget 2019-20, the government has allocated Rs 700 crore (US\$ 100.16 million) for Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS).

Cumulative FDI in the Indian textiles reached US\$ 31.2 billion between April 2000 to March 2019. Under Union Budget 2019-20, Government of India allocated around Rs 4,831.48 crore (US\$ 691.29 million) for the Ministry of Textiles.

Integrated Wool Development Programme has been allocated Rs 29 crore (US\$ 4.14 million) under Union Budget 2019-20. The National Handloom Development Programme will get Rs 456.80 crore (US\$ 65.35 million) and the Integrated Processing Development Scheme will get Rs 3.50 crore (US\$ 0.50 million). Khadi Express train will be run to create awareness about the Indian khadi.



Note: SITP - Scheme for Integrated Textile Park, ASEAN - Association of Southeast Asian Nations

Market Size:

The Indian textiles industry, currently estimated at around US\$ 150 billion, is expected to reach US\$ 250 billion by 2019. India's textiles industry contributed seven per cent of the industry output (in value terms) of India in 2017-18. It contributed two per cent to the GDP of India and employs more than 45 million people in 2017-18. The sector contributed 15 per cent to the export earnings of India in 2017-18.

Investment:

The textiles sector has witnessed a spurt in investment during the last five years. The industry (including dyed and printed) attracted Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) worth US\$ 3.12 billion during April 2000 to March 2018.

Some of the major investments in the Indian textiles industry are as follows:

- In May 2018, textiles sector recorded investments worth Rs 27,000 crore (US\$ 4.19 billion) since June 2017.

- The Government of India announced a Special Package to boost exports by US\$ 31 billion, create one crore job opportunities and attract investments worth Rs 800.00 billion (US\$ 11.93 billion) during 2018-2020. As of August 2018, it generated additional investments worth Rs 253.45 billion (US\$ 3.78 billion) and exports worth Rs 57.28 billion (US\$ 854.42 million).

Government Initiatives:

The Indian government has come up with a number of export promotion policies for the textiles sector. It has also allowed 100 per cent FDI in the Indian textiles sector under the automatic route.

Initiatives taken by Government of India are:

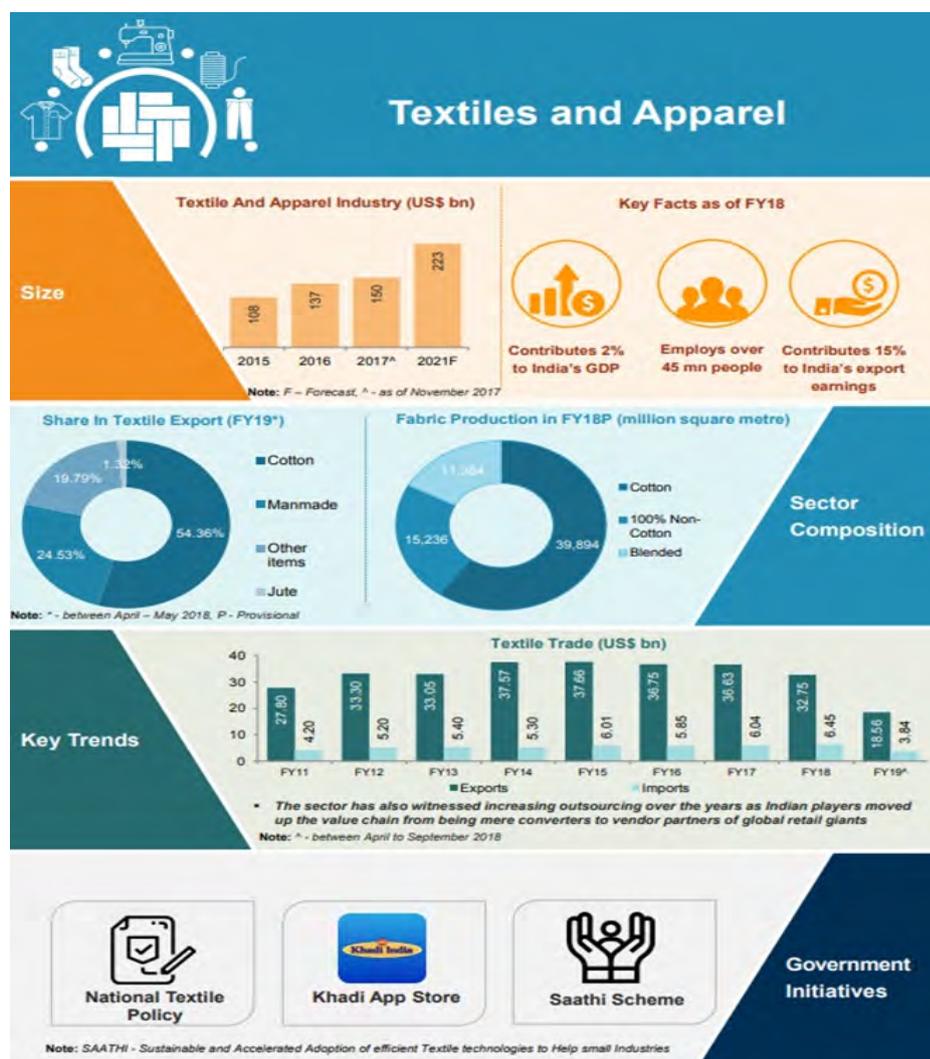
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has revised rates for incentives under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) for two subsectors of Textiles Industry - Readymade garments and Made ups - from 2 per cent to 4 per cent.
- As of August 2018, the Government of India has

increased the basic custom duty to 20 per cent from 10 per cent on 501 textile products, to boost Make in India and indigenous production.

- The Government of India has taken several measures including Amended Technology Up-gradation Fund Scheme.

- Integrated Wool Development Programme (IWDP) approved by Government of India to provide support to the wool sector starting from wool rearer to end consumer.

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), Government of India has approved a new skill development scheme named 'Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SCBTS)' with an outlay of Rs 1,300 crore (US\$ 202.9 million) from 2017-18 to 2019-20.



TEXTILE - Latest News and Developments

Govt's Khadi Village turnover crosses ₹74,323 crore in 2018-19: PTI

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) have said, that its turnover crossed ₹74,323 crore (US\$ 10.33 billion) in 2018-19 with the sale of Khadi products witnessing a growth of over 145 per cent since 2014-15.

The Khadi production, which was ₹879.98 crore (US\$ 120 million) in 2014-15, rose to Rs 1,902 crore (US\$ 260 million) in 2018-19, an increase of more than 100 per cent, and its sales witnessed a growth of over 145 per cent, from Rs 1,310.9 crore (US\$ 180 million) in 2014-15 to Rs 3,215.13 crore (US\$ 440 million) in 2018-19, according to a statement issued by the KVIC.

The Village industries touched a turnover of Rs 71,123.68 crore (US\$ 9.88 billion) in 2018-19 in comparison to Rs 31,965.52 crore (US\$ 4.44 billion) in 2014-15, with a growth rate of 123 per cent.

For the first time, KVIC also brought major textile corporates like Raymonds, Arvind Mills and Aditya Birla Textiles in the Khadi sector for its marketing, which increased Khadi sales manifold. The KVIC also brought major PSUs into the Khadi-fold for purchasing Khadi gift coupons for their employees, which has given business of over ₹100 crore. 376 new Khadi institutions have been added, along with over 40,000 new Khadi artisans.

Union Textiles Minister, Smt. Smriti Irani launches Project SU.RE on Sustainable Fashion Day at Lakme Fashion Week: ET

The Union Minister for Textiles, Smriti Zubin Irani, launched Project SU.RE, India's biggest commitment towards sustainable fashion. The project has been developed by the Ministry of Textiles, The Clothing Manufacturers Association of India (CMAI) and IMG Reliance, the leader in sustainable fashion in India.

The launch of project SU.RE at the Lakmé Fashion Week Sustainable Fashion Day this year was supported by United Nations in India, Lenzing EcoVero that stands for ecologically responsible production of viscose fibre made from the renewable wood, and R|Elan that produces Green Gold fibre made from 100 per cent used PET bottles with one of the lowest fibre carbon footprints globally.

SU.RE stands for 'sustainable resolution' — a five-point agenda for the industry to move towards fashion that contributes to a clean environment. The signatories to this are 16 of India's top fashion and retail brands: Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail, Arvind Fashions, Bestseller, Biba, Future Group, House of Anita Dongre, 109F, Lifestyle, Levis, Max, Raymond, Shoppers Stop, Spykar, W, Trends, and Westside. The signatories have pledged to source and utilise

a substantial portion of their total consumption using sustainable raw materials and processes, by the year 2025.

Australia's Cotton On enters India through Myntra, plans offline stores : BS

Cotton On, Australia's largest fashion retailer, has made its entry into the Indian market through online shopping platform Myntra. The brand plans to compete with the likes of H&M and Forever 21 in India, by opening its flagship store — either in Delhi or Mumbai — in the third or fourth quarter of 2020.

AVS Global Network, a retailer of global fashion brands that focuses on retail through digital platforms, is responsible for launching Cotton On in the country. AVS Global Network has managed to secure an exclusive contract with online retail platforms Flipkart, Myntra and Jabong to sell Cotton On products in India for the next year and a half.

Cotton On Group was established in 1991 and is present in 19 countries including New Zealand, South Africa and Singapore, with about 1,500 stores across the globe.

Within the next 12 months, Factorie, the group's streetwear fashion brand, along with Typo, will be introduced to the Indian market. The group has been on an expansion spree for the past four to five years, especially in the US, where it operates about 121 stores and is currently vying for the support of the Indian market to help achieve its goals.

INDIAN STATE ECONOMIC PROFILE

HARYANA

Haryana is among the northern most states in India and adjacent to national capital Delhi. It is surrounded by Uttar Pradesh in the east, Punjab in the west, Himachal Pradesh in the north and Rajasthan in the south. The state surrounds the national capital city, New Delhi, from three sides. Historically an agrarian state, Haryana today is a well-developed industrial state.

The state is one of India's largest automobile hubs and accounts for two thirds of passenger cars, 50 per cent of tractors and 60 per cent of motorcycles manufactured in the country. The state has also emerged as a base for the knowledge industry, including IT and biotechnology. Haryana is the third- largest exporter of software and one of the preferred destinations for IT/ITeS facilities.

Between FY12-19A, the state's GSDP (in Rs) grew at a CAGR of 12.16 per cent to Rs 7.07 trillion (US\$ 98.01 billion) in 2018-19 (A). The state accounted for 7.28 per cent

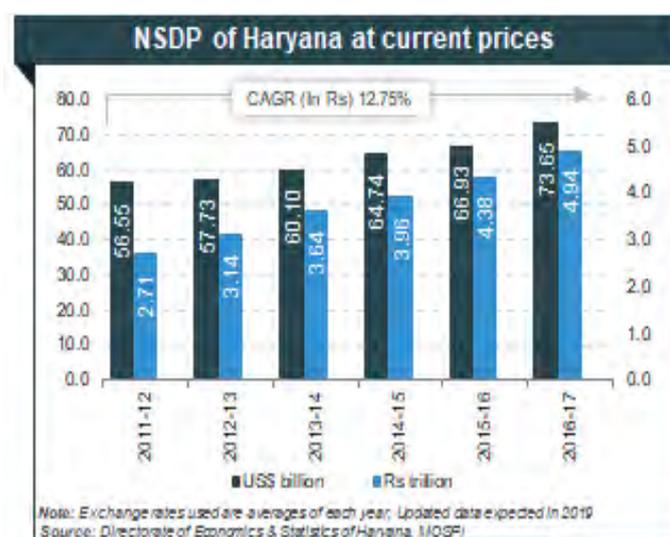
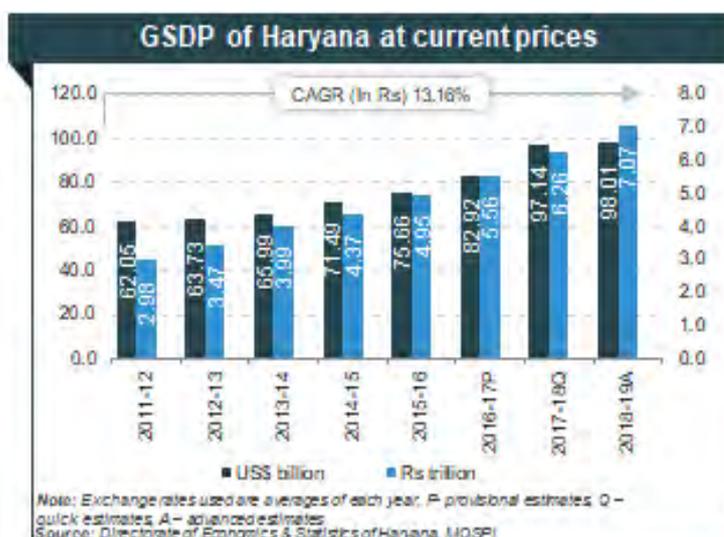
of India's agricultural exports in FY19 (up to December 2018). Merchandise exports from Haryana reached US\$ 13.3 billion in FY18 and US\$ 10.2 billion in FY19 (up to December 2018).

According to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), Haryana had 27.85 million wireless subscribers and 272,924 wireline subscribers, as of February 2019. The number of internet subscribers in the state as of December 2018 stood at 13.97 million.

The state offers a wide range of fiscal and policy incentives for businesses under the Industrial and Investment Policy, 2011. Moreover, it has sector-specific policies, particularly for IT and tourism. The Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (HSIIDC) is the state's premier industrial promotion and investment facilitation agency, responsible for providing reliable and efficient facilities for entrepreneurs investing in the state.

Major initiatives taken by the state of Haryana to develop industrial infrastructure to achieve consistent economic growth are:

- ▶ HSIIDC has developed a number of industrial estates, industrial model townships (IMT) and specialised parks for cluster development.
- ▶ The state government acquired 1,000 acres of land for a dedicated pharma park in the KMP express global economic corridor.
- ▶ Haryana is the first state to have implemented its State Wide Area Network (SWAN) for voice, data and video transmission.
- ▶ The state government has extended various incentives to companies within the sector, including relaxation in floor area ratio, rebate on registration, transfer of property charges and exemption under the Haryana Shop & Commercial Act.
- ▶ The state government has established a Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB), Gurgaon under the guidance of UNESCO as a Category II Centre.



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Sectors of Collaboration - Opportunities in India



Artificial Intelligence

- 3rd in Artificial Intelligence Research across the globe
- 3rd highest early adoption of AI
- Among top 20 countries in Artificial Intelligence readiness
- USD 957 billion potential



Smart Cities

- 100 Indian cities
- US \$ 650 billion infrastructure investments over next 20 years
- 402 Projects already commissioned worth US\$ 60+ billion



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3-4 Acre	7
4-5 Acre	21
5+ Acre	25
TOTAL	157

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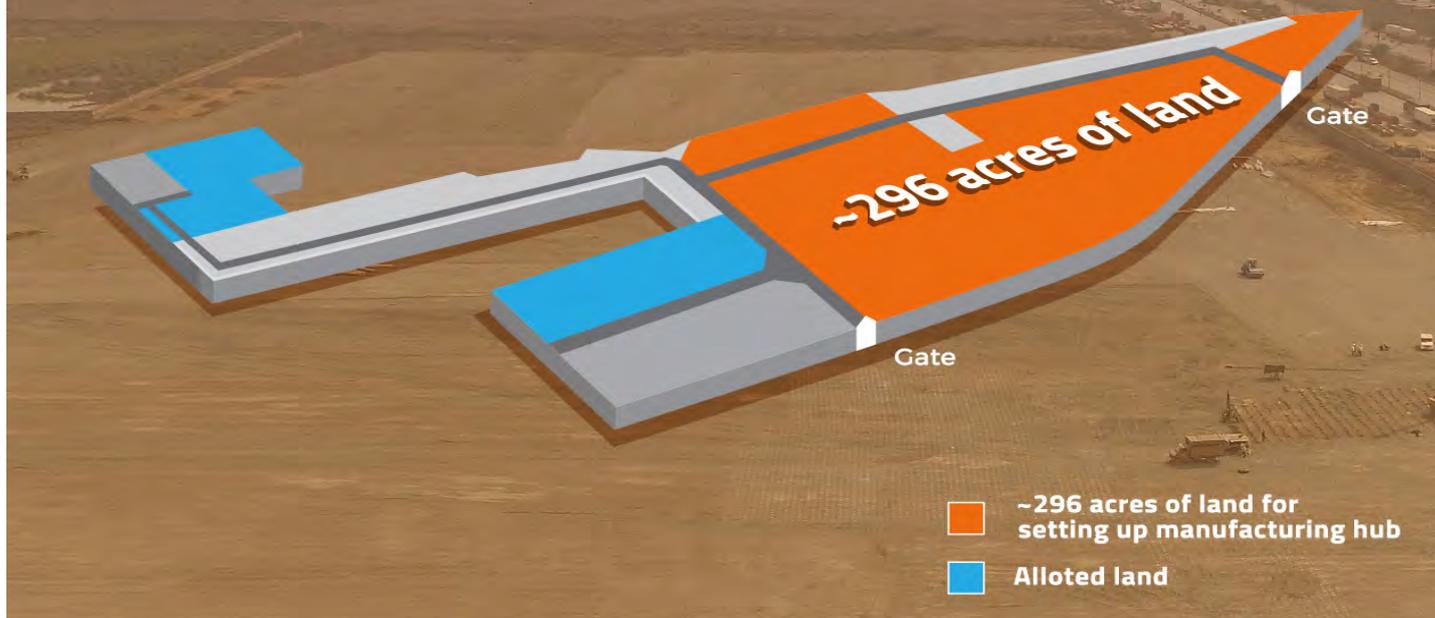
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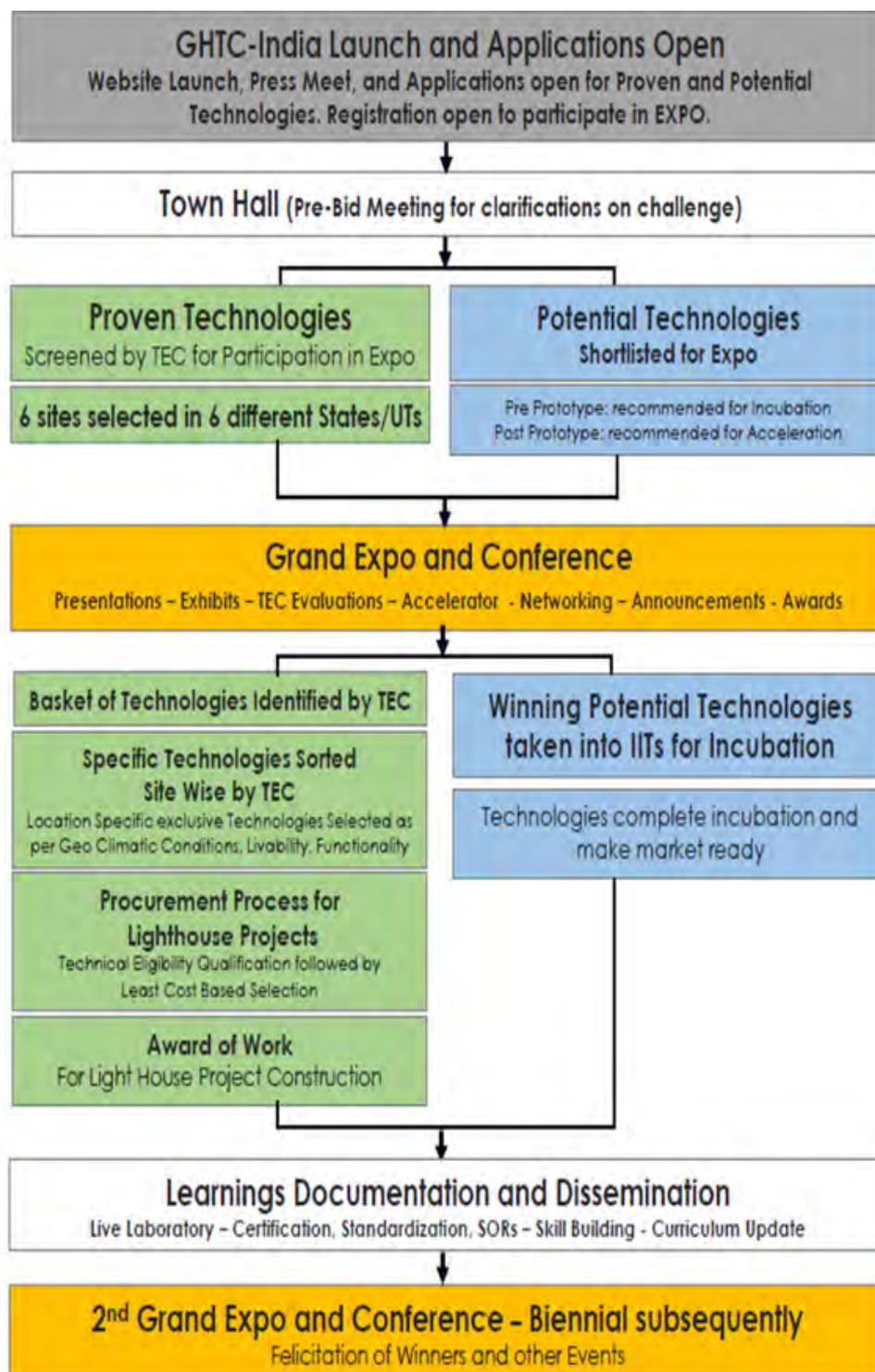


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Office of Principal Scientific Adviser, Government of India

India's Waste to Wealth Mission Global Request for Proposals

In partnership mode

**“Waste Mining & Land Recovery of the
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The RFP is in a partnership mode; the advantage of partnering with the Government of India for technology deployment would allow access and exposure to the Indian market and conditions.

Link to the Request for Proposal <http://psa.gov.in/rfp/>

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Golden Temple, Amritsar, Punjab

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Deriving its name from five full-bodied rivers—Sutlej, Beas, Ravi, Jhelum, and Chenab—which flow through its vast plains, Punjab is representative of abundant things.

Punjab is a land of ethnic and religious diversity, having borne and shaped a number of religious movements that include Sikhism, Buddhism and Sufism. The Punjabi language, too, finds its origin in the Indo-European linguistic family that includes Persian and Latin.

Naturally replete with fertile soils and rich water sources, it is primarily an agricultural state, and has continually and infinitely contributed towards the food security of the Indian Republic.

Punjab's many festivals—Teej, Lohri, Basant, and Baisakhi, to name some—are celebrations that mirror the farming ethos. Indeed, Bhangra, the traditional dance of Punjab revolves around, and replicates a farmer's daily life. Historically, Punjab has played host to a number of ethnicities, including the Aryans, Persians, Greeks, Afghans and Mongols, thus bestowed with a rich tangible heritage.

Reflecting this history are the countless sites that dot the state: impressive forts & palaces, ancient monuments, architectural marvels and many a battlefield.

Places to visit in Punjab:

AMRITSAR-

A bustling city with an indomitable spirit, Amritsar holds one of the holiest of Sikh ethos at its heart - the Golden Temple. Covered in 400 kg of gold and surrounded by a serene sarovar (pond), one is immediately swamped by the humbling sight of the glistening structure, which is also home to one of the biggest community kitchens (langar) in the country that serves about 20,000 people a day. Though visitors often make a beeline for the temple, the old-world charm of the city slowly sneaks up on them, making them fall in love with a city that buzzes with spirited and lively nuances. Be it the bullet-ridden walls of Jallianwala Bagh or the energetically charged scene of the Wagah Border, one has to step into the city to feel the passion of thousands of people who laid down their lives for the country. Amritsar gets its name from the holy tank called Amrit Sarovar, meaning pool of nectar, which surrounds the Golden Temple. Legend has it that the fourth guru of the Sikh faith, Guru Ram Das, founded the city around 1574 AD.

WAGAH BORDER-

The Wagah Border is an army outpost on the Indian and Pakistani border, lying between the cities of Amritsar and Lahore (Pakistan). It is around 28 km from Amritsar and is one of the main access points overland to the neighbouring country of Pakistan. Among its many buildings, roads and barriers, one can witness the impressive Beating the Retreat ceremony, held here every day. During the ceremony, an infantryman stands at attention on both sides of the gate. Then, the gates are flung open and the two soldiers, one from both India and Pakistan, approach each other, mimic anger and exchange fierce looks. After this, they shake hands and begin to lower both the Indian and the Pakistani flags on either side of the gate simultaneously. People from both countries gather to witness the impressive proceedings.

JALLIANWALA BAGH-

Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar is the site of one of the biggest tragedies in Indian history. On April 13, 1919, this park, spread across 7 acre, saw about 2,000 Indians indiscriminately shot dead at the hands of British soldiers lead by General O'Dyer. This incident is known as the Jallianwala Bagh massacre or the Amritsar massacre. The wall near the end of the park still holds the marks of around 36 bullets. After the shooting, several dead bodies had to be taken out of the well which people jumped into to avoid being shot. A memorial is built here to commemorate the 2,000 Indians who were killed or wounded.

PATHANKOT-

Lying at the foothills of Kangra and Dalhousie, the small and bustling city of Pathankot is like a delightful appetiser before you set out to explore the exquisite beauty of Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh. Criss-crossed by the Beas and Ravi rivers, the city enjoys a lush green landscape that is dotted with ancient forts and centuries-old temples. From the majestic Shahpur Kandi Fort, built under the patronage of Rajput chief, Jaspal Singh Pathania, to the charming Nurpur Fort, named in honour of Mughal empress Nur Jahan, Pathankot preserves its age-old ties with care.

PATIALA-

From a rich history to a profound culture, the city of Patiala, in Punjab, boasts majestic art and architecture. From finest buildings, including the Moti Bagh Palace and the Sheesh Mahal, to the most notable schools of Hindustani classical music, the Patiala gharana that produced the likes of Ustad Ali Bux and Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan, the city offers much to the quintessential traveller. For shoppers, Patiala is a right delight and offers jutis (embroidered shoes), parandis (coloured braids) and nallas (silken drawstrings). Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports that was set up within the Moti Bagh Palace after independence is said to be the largest sports institute in Asia.

BHAGWATHI MANDIR-

Legend ascribes the building of Bhagwathi Mandir to a 17th century miracle. Two devotees from Maiser Khana lit a fire to offer prayers to goddess Bhagwathi, the presiding deity at Jwalamukhi temple, where they were headed. It is said that her vision appeared and asked them to return to their village and worship her there instead. The temple, thus built, continues to draw hordes of devotees during the biannual fairs held here since.

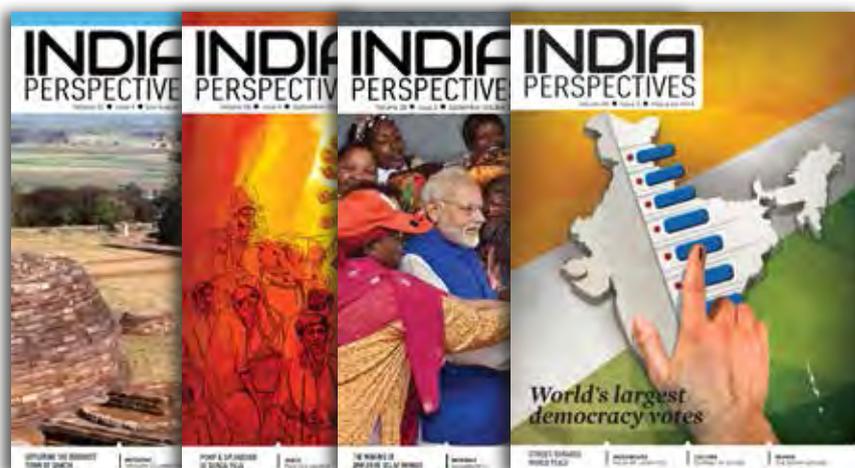
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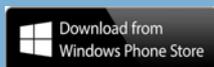
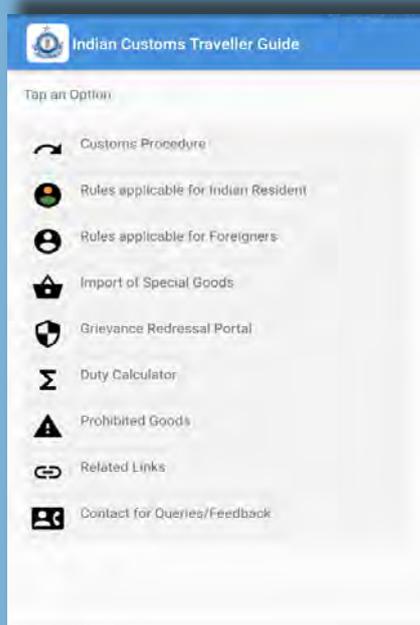
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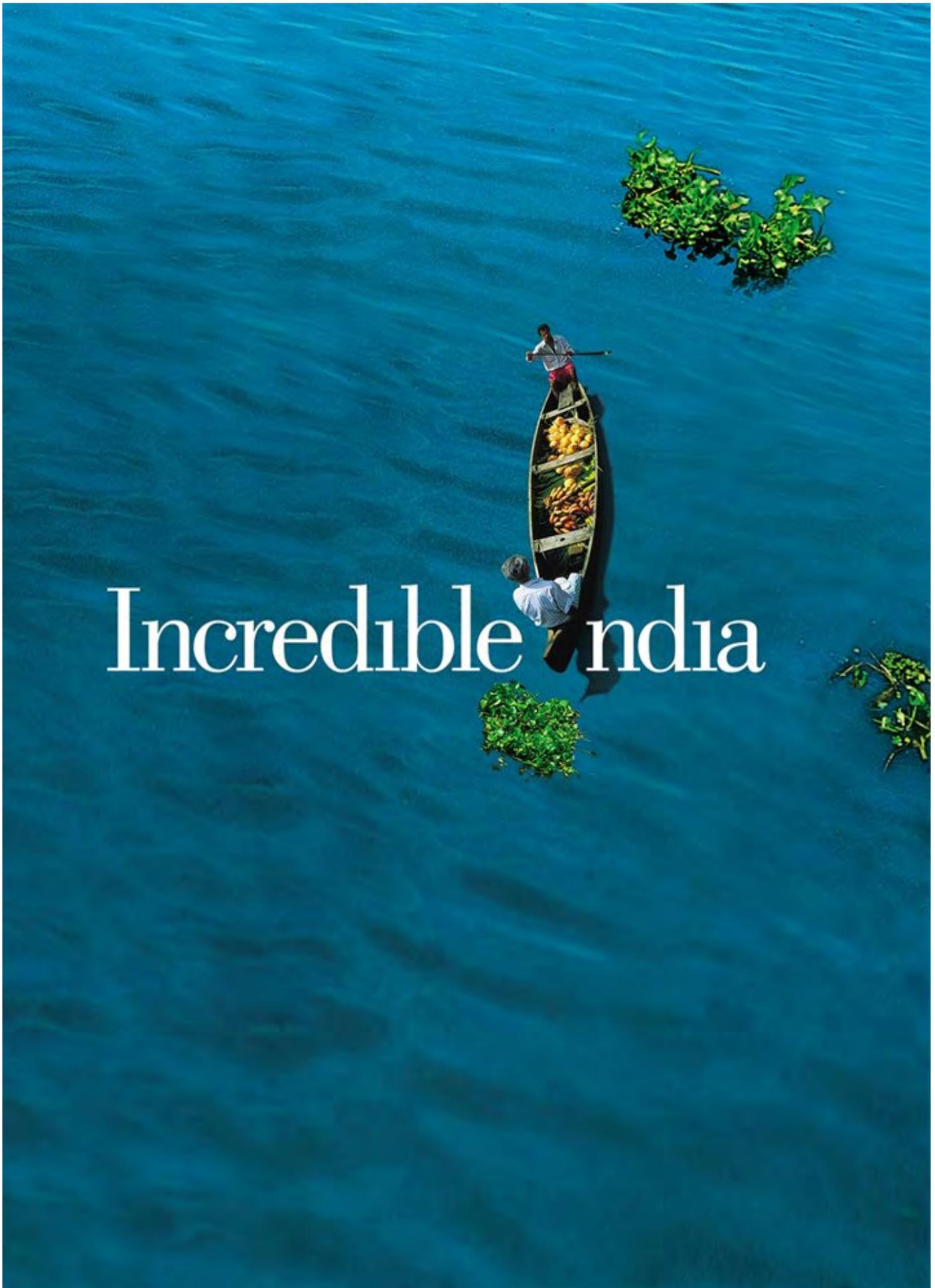
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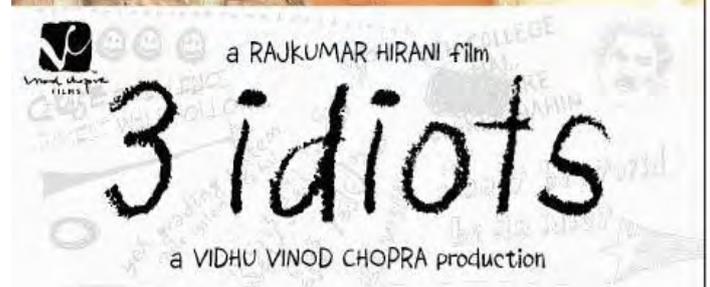
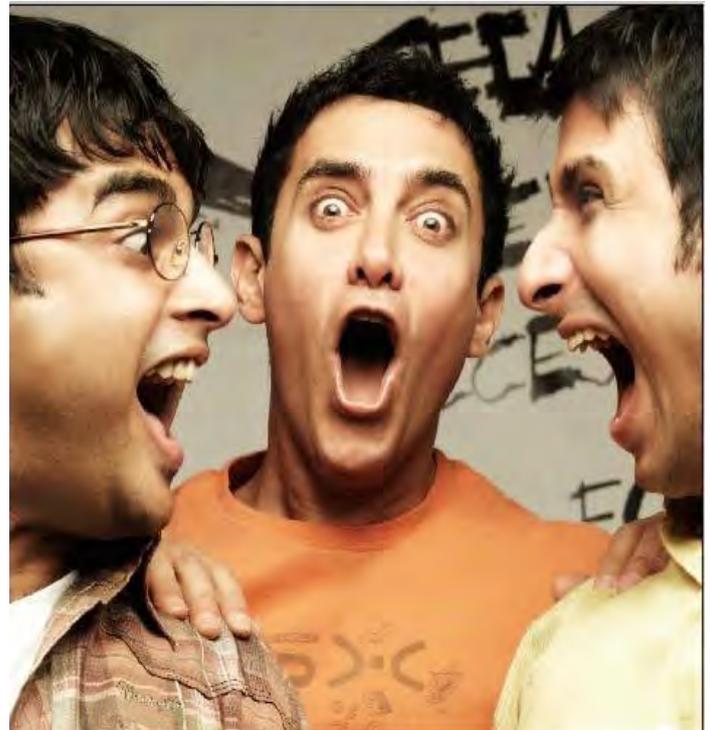
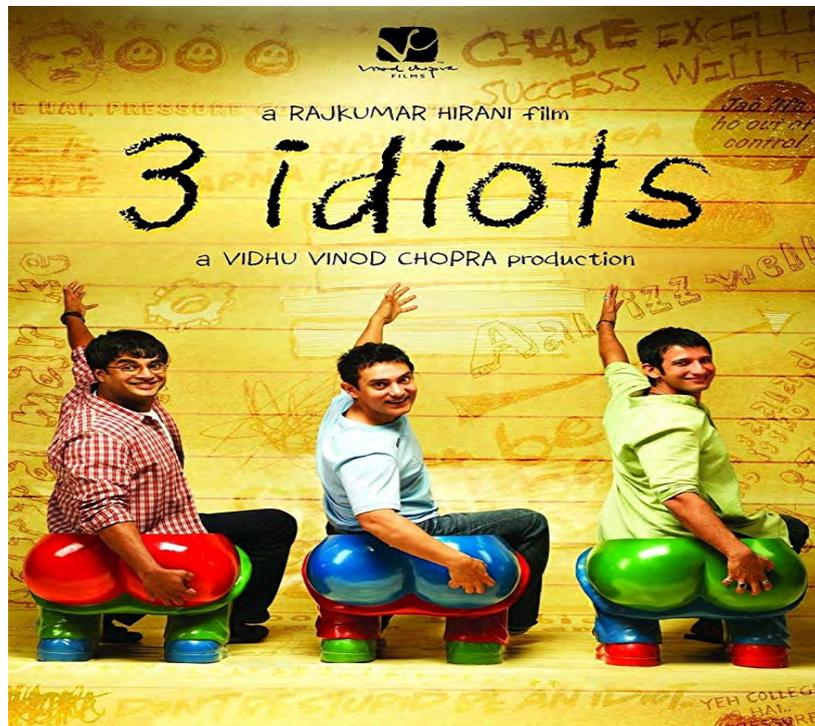
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