



## Snapshots

**1** The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, has bagged a Golden and Silver Star at the International 'Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2023' in the 'TV/Cinema Commercials International and Country International' Category at ITB, Berlin 2023.

**2** According to the Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC), India's gem and jewellery exports surged by 24% on a year-on-year basis to US\$ 3.52 billion in February. The total gross shipments of gems and jewellery increased by 5.27% to US\$ 34 billion for the entire fiscal year-to-date April 2022-February 2023.

**3** The Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, is carrying out the Strengthening of Pharmaceutical Industry (SPI) plan with a financial outlay of US\$ 61.1 million and tenure from FY22-FY26.

**4** Indian defence exports have crossed US\$ 1.5 billion with the rising demand for defence products in Europe and the government's attempts to work with partners.

**5** India produced 221.06 million tonnes of milk in 2021-2022, an increase of 5.29% in FY22, as per the annual magazine Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2022. Rajasthan (15.05%), Uttar Pradesh (14.93%), Madhya Pradesh (8.06%), Gujarat (7.56%), and Andhra Pradesh (6.97%) are the top five states that produce the most milk.

**6** Government e-Marketplace (GeM), the government's online marketplace, reported that it had over 850,000 registered micro and small businesses (MSEs) that had received over 6.8 million orders totalling more than US\$ 23 billion.

**7** National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Ltd. registered an 11.93% growth in the generation which stood at 364.2 billion

units (BU) in FY23 till February, as compared to the country's generation growth of 9.56%.

**8** The Prime Ministers of India and Australia, Mr. Narendra Modi, and Mr. Anthony Albanese have finalised the Australia-India Education Qualification Recognition Mechanism. Deakin University in Australia will be establishing a global campus at Gandhinagar, Gujarat's GIFT City.

**9** Under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, the Ministry of Steel has signed 57 Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) for specialty steel with 27 companies. The government has approved US\$ 766.38 million under the PLI scheme to revitalise the steel industry.

**10** After five months of being launched, 5G infrastructure has been deployed in 387 districts in the first phase and will cover the entire country by December, 2024. Over 100,000 base transceiver centres (BTS) are now active in these districts.



## 2nd G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group (SFWG) meeting in Udaipur, Rajasthan from 21st-23rd March, 2023

The Second G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group (SFWG) meeting under India's G20 Presidency is set to take place in Udaipur, Rajasthan from 21st-23rd March, 2023. During the three-day long meeting in Udaipur, over 90 delegates from various countries who are members of the G20 as well as those who have been invited by the Indian Presidency along with International Organisations will engage in detailed deliberations on the agreed upon workplan and priority areas for 2023.

The First G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group (SFWG) was held in Guwahati, Assam on 2nd-3rd February, 2023 where members showed wide-ranging support and cooperation for the SFWG workplan in 2023.

The Second G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group meeting is expected to take forward the discussions and revisit the key takeaways from previous meetings with respect to the three identified priority areas viz.,

1. Mechanisms for mobilisation

of timely and adequate resources for climate finance;

2. Enabling finance for the Sustainable Development Goals; and

3. Capacity building of the ecosystem for financing toward sustainable development.

4. On the side-lines of the meeting, two workshops have been planned viz

5. G20 Workshop on Non-Pricing Policy Levers to support Sustainable Investment and

6. G20 Workshop on Enabling finance for the Sustainable Development Goals.

These workshops are expected to facilitate technical level exchange of ideas, experiences, and know-how from experts for detailed discussions and insights on relevant topics.

The G20 Workshop on Non-Pricing Policy Levers to support Sustainable Investment scheduled to be held on 21st March, 2023. This workshop will focus on better understanding the effectiveness of non-pricing policy levers in enabling low carbon development with due consideration for national circumstances and nationally defined development priorities. On the other hand, the G20 Workshop on Enabling finance for the Sustainable Development Goals will be held on 22nd March, 2023 to build a better understanding among G20 members and strengthen policy and other recommendations towards enhanced financing for SDGs. This is the first time for the SFWG to go beyond climate related issues and engage in dialogue for enabling enhanced financing for select SDGs primarily through

nature-related data and reporting and social impact investing.

As a prelude to the Second G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group, various 'Jan Bhagidari' events to create awareness around India's G20 Presidency are being organised in Udaipur between 18th to 23rd March, 2023. These events include a townhall meeting for MSME entrepreneurs, seminar on Bridging the SDGs Financing Gap: Role of Microfinance at IIM Udaipur, conference on 'Green Finance-A Way Forward', digital banking education program, sessions on cyber hygiene and cyber security, G20 Financial Literacy Walkathon, Financial literacy Camp, Coin/Note Exchange Mela and awareness program by Office of the RBI Ombudsman (ORBIO), Jaipur.

A domestic side event is also being organised ahead of the 2nd SFWG meeting on "Sharing experiences on Climate Budget Tagging (CBT)" on 20th March 2023. The workshop will discuss the initiatives taken at the international and the domestic level in tagging climate related expenditures with a view to better monitor these activities. The event will be chaired by Finance Secretary, Government of India with participation from international experts and state/central government officials.

The delegates will experience Udaipur's rich culture and heritage through specially curated excursion visits, cultural events, and local cuisine.

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## **L&T signs agreement with France-based McPhy for electrolyzer manufacturing: Livemint** **India's improved 1.7% spending on logistics to set stage for US\$ 5 trillion economy: IBEF**

Larsen & Toubro (L&T), an Indian multinational engaged in EPC Projects, Hi-Tech Manufacturing and Services, have entered into an Electrolyzer Manufacturing Binding Agreement with McPhy Energy, a France-based leading electrolyzer technology and manufacturing company, for a long-term partnership to explore the opportunities unfolding in the emerging Green Hydrogen market.

Under this partnership, McPhy will grant an exclusive license of its pressurised alkaline electrolyzer technology to L&T for the manufacturing of electrolyzers, including future product upgrades. L&T plans to set up a Gigawatt-scale manufacturing facility for electrolyzers based on McPhy technology in India to serve the domestic requirements as well as cater to the other selected geographies. The proposed agreement is in line with L&T's strategic vision to be present across the green energy value chain and also furthers McPhy's aim to expand beyond the European market.

India is well suited for Green Hydrogen production due to the low generation costs of renewable electricity from abundantly available solar PV and wind power sources. The country aims to be among the world's largest Green Hydrogen hubs and has grand plans for using the same across the sectors. It can also provide India the energy security by reducing the ever-increasing oil import bill while charting a pathway to green alternatives.

This year, India will spend a staggering 1.7% of its gross domestic product (GDP) on transportation infrastructure, which is roughly twice the amount spent in the United States and most of Europe. The Economist praised this feat as an 'eye-watering' improvement that will pave the way for a US\$ 5 trillion economy.

The Government has increased the capital outlay on infrastructure to US\$ 122 billion for the fiscal year starting April as it aims to strongly boost economic activity and create jobs in the midst of a worldwide slowdown. The government has allocated US\$ 29 billion (Rs. 2.4 lakh crore) for capital expenditures on railways, which is nine times more than it did in the fiscal year 2013-14, according to the official statistics. The money will primarily be used for railway construction, the purchase of new coaches, electrification, and the improvement of station facilities.

The amount allotted for roadways has increased 36% to US\$ 33 billion for 2023-24. For better regional air connectivity, there is also an emphasis on revitalising 50 additional airports, heliports, water aerodromes, and advanced landing grounds. For last- and first-mile connectivity for the ports, coal, steel, fertiliser, and food grains sectors, where it plans to increase investments, the government has identified 100 key transport infrastructure projects.

Road and rail will make up nearly 11% of central government capital expenditure in the fiscal year beginning in April, up from 2.7% in 2014-15.

The Vande Bharat Express, the nation's first domestically designed and constructed high-speed train, two new freight corridors between Punjab and West Bengal

and between Mumbai and Delhi, electrified tracks to allow for the faster movement of goods, more airports, increased electricity production, and deeper penetration of broadband internet are among the major infrastructure investments.

In the last eight years, India has added 50,000 km of new national roadway, which is twice as much as it did in the eight years prior. The network of country roads will be longer in 2023 than it was in 2014, at 7,29,000 km. Moreover, the electricity generation capacity has jumped by 22% and the broadband connections have jumped from 61 million in 2014 to 816 in 2022.

## **Air traffic to grow 20% in FY24 as Indian carriers add 132 aircraft: Report; Business Standard**

Domestic and international passenger traffic will grow more than 20 per cent in FY24, driven by fleet addition as Indian airlines lose \$1.6-1.8 billion due to a weak rupee and fuel costs increasing, said an industry consultancy.

Indian airlines are expected to add 132 aircraft in FY2024 to tap passenger demand. Air India is expected to induct 53 aircraft and IndiGo will add 49 aircraft, said CAPA India in its annual outlook. The combined fleet size of Indian carriers will increase from 684 at the end of March 2023 to 816 by March 2024.

Domestic traffic will increase by around 20 per cent year-on-year to 160 million passengers in FY24 while international traffic will be up 22-27 per cent to 72-75 million. "Increased capacity deployment by low cost carriers on international routes to significantly stimulate traffic," said CAPA India.

Domestic air traffic grew 47.5 per cent year on year to 123.2 million in calendar year 2022, according to data from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation.



An increase in aviation turbine fuel cost and yields declining due to capacity addition will put pressure on airlines. The industry's loss is estimated at \$1.6 to \$1.8 billion in FY24. While full service airlines are expected to post a loss of \$1.1-1.2 billion, low cost airlines will lose \$0.5-0.6 billion, the consultancy said.

### **Indian mobile phone exports cross US\$ 2 bn in Jan and Feb 2023: Economic Times**

India's mobile phone exports have surpassed US\$ 2 billion in terms of value during the first two months of 2023, resulting in a total export value of over US\$ 9 billion since April 2022, according to a report from the industry body India Cellular and Electronics Association (ICEA).

Smartphone exports for the April 2022-February 2023 period have doubled from the same period a year ago, with India's smartphone makers exporting around US\$ 1 billion per month from September 2022. This was a result of the production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes.

According to the report, Apple and Samsung accounted for approximately 90% of total exports since April 2022, with the rest coming from merchants exporting specific handset models to regions with price arbitrage. The iPhone maker's contract manufacturers — Foxconn Hon Hai, Wistron, and Pegatron — accounted for around 55% while Samsung made up for the remaining 35% of the exports.

India-made devices are now being shipped to countries such as the UK, the Netherlands, Austria, and Italy, indicating an increase in the maturity of the

industry. The contribution of exports to total production is expected to rise from 16% in FY22 to 24% in FY23, according to the report.

Experts said that India is expected to manufacture around US\$ 40 billion worth of smartphones in the current fiscal, up by 20% on-year, of which roughly US\$10 billion worth of handsets will be exported.

The domestic value addition is expected to be around 25% by the end of this financial year. The PLI scheme for mobile manufacturing, with an investment of INR 380 billion, has been successful, leading the government to launch similar schemes in 14 other sectors, including Information Technology (IT) hardware, telecom equipment, and advanced chemistry cell batteries.



### **M&A activity with an India angle hit a record \$171 billion in 2022: Business Today**

Domestic M&A activity saw record levels of activity in 2022 at \$119.2 billion, up 156.3 per cent from 2021, as per report by Refinitiv; companies like HDFC Bank, HDFC, Ambuja Cements, ACC, Adani Group Biocon, Mindtree, L&T Infotech, AM/NS, Essar Ports were involved in M&A deals in 2022, a record year as the cumulative value of deals with an Indian angle touched \$170.6 billion – more than 38 per cent higher than the previous calendar year – and the number of deals also surged nearly 15 per cent.

"India involvement announced M&A activity reached an all-time high and stood at \$170.6 billion in 2022, up 38.2 per cent from a year ago, making it the highest annual period since records began in 1980. Number of announced deals grew 14.7 per cent year on year and saw the busiest ever annual period," stated a report by Refinitiv, a subsidiary of London Stock Exchange Group.

Meanwhile, domestic M&A activity saw record levels of activity and totaled \$119.2 billion, up 156.3 per cent from the previous year, added the report while highlighting the fact that HDFC Bank agreed to merge with HDFC in a deal valued at \$60.4 billion, making it the largest Indian involvement deal on record.

While inbound M&A fell 40.5 per cent from a year ago and totaled \$38.7 billion, outbound M&A activity reached a four-year high of \$9.8 billion, up 31.6 per cent year on year with United States as the most targeted nation with 49.3 per cent market share.

"This was driven by the \$3.3 billion acquisition of United States based Biosimilars Business of Viatrix Inc by Biocon Biologics Ltd, making it the largest ever Indian outbound acquisition in U.S. healthcare," stated the report.

Interestingly, India investment banking activities generated \$989.3 million in 2022, a 16 per cent decline compared to last year, making it the lowest annual period since 2018 when it was pegged at \$963.6 million.



## Engineering and Capital Goods

The engineering sector is the largest of the industrial sectors in India. It accounts for 27% of the total factories in the industrial sector and represents 63% of the overall foreign collaborations. Demand for engineering sector services is being driven by capacity expansion in industries like infrastructure, electricity, mining, oil and gas, refinery, steel, automobiles, and consumer durables. India has a competitive advantage in terms of manufacturing costs, market knowledge, technology, and innovation in various engineering sub-sectors. India's engineering sector has witnessed a remarkable growth over the last few years, driven by increased investment in infrastructure and industrial production. The engineering sector, being closely associated with the manufacturing and infrastructure sectors, is of huge strategic importance to India's economy.

The development of the engineering sector of the economy is also significantly aided by the policies and initiatives of the Indian government. The engineering industry has been de-licensed and allows 100% foreign direct investment (FDI). Additionally, it has grown to be the biggest contributor to the nation's overall merchandise exports.

India became a permanent member of the Washington Accord (WA) in June 2014. It is now a part of an exclusive group of 17 countries who are permanent signatories of the WA, an elite international agreement on engineering studies and mobility of engineers.

### Market Size:

In FY22, India exported engineering goods worth US\$ 111.63 billion, a 45.51% increase YoY. India exports engineering goods mostly to US and Europe,

which account for over 60% of the total exports.

In FY21, India's heavy electrical equipment production stood at US\$ 21.15 billion. The electrical equipment market is forecasted to grow at 12% CAGR to reach US\$ 72 billion by 2025 from US\$ 48-50 billion in 2021. The electrical equipment export market is forecasted to reach US\$ 13 billion by 2025, from US\$ 8.62 billion in 2021.

Indian machine tool production and consumption were estimated at US\$ 879.38 million and US\$ 1.6 billion, respectively, in FY21, while exports stood at US\$ 66.48 million.

The boiler industry's market size stood at US\$ 146 million in 2019 and is expected to grow at a CAGR of 6% to reach US\$ 194 million by 2025. Export of boilers stood at US\$ 106.53 million between April-November 2020, with around 72 million units exported.

The market size of high voltage switchgear (including panels) and low voltage switchgear (including panels) stood at US\$ 679.95 million.

### Government Initiatives:

The Indian engineering sector is of strategic importance to the economy owing to its intense integration with other industry segments. The sector has been de-licensed and enjoys 100% FDI. With the aim to boost the manufacturing sector, the government has relaxed the excise duties on factory gate tax, capital goods, consumer durables and vehicles.

In the Union Budget 2022-23, the government has given a massive push to the infrastructure sector by allocating US\$ 26.52 billion to enhance the transport infrastructure.

In November 2022, Engineering Export Promotion Council of India (EEPC) stated that the government's decision to withdraw the 15% export duty imposed on iron ore and steel products would boost engineering goods exports from the country.

The AICTE has entered into collaborations with the MSME ministry, NHA and DM offices in 150 districts to facilitate engineering internships for students.

### Engineering Clusters

- Maharashtra
- Tamil Nadu
- Andhra Pradesh
- Telangana
- Gujarat
- Karnataka





## Indian Professionals Network in Austria

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## India Industrial Land Bank

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**GIS - based map displaying available infrastructure for setting up business operations in the state.**



Odisha is located in the eastern region of India. The state shares its borders with West Bengal on the north-east, Jharkhand on the north, Andhra Pradesh on the south, Chhattisgarh on the west, and the Bay of Bengal on the east.

At current prices, the state's gross state domestic product (GSDP) is projected to be US\$ 87.39 billion in 2022-23BE.

According to the DPIIT, cumulative FDI inflows in the state stood at US\$ 130.89 million between October 2019-June 2022.

Odisha has emerged as the key state with regard to the mineral and metal-based industries. In 2019-20<sup>^</sup>, Odisha contributed to the largest share (43.0%) of mineral production (by value) in India. Value\* of minerals produced in the state reached US \$ 4.03 billion in 2020-21.

Odisha has a well-developed social, physical, and industrial infrastructure, and the state government has undertaken several infrastructural projects to further promote overall development. The state's

infrastructure includes well-connected road and rail networks, airports, ports, power, and telecom.

Total merchandise exports from Odisha stood at US\$ 5,393.35 million in FY23 (until August 2022).

### Key Sectors:

In the State Budget 2022-23, Odisha has allocated 7.8% of its total expenditure on roads and bridges, which is significantly higher than the average allocation by states (4.7%).

Total traffic handled by Paradip Port reached 63,729 thousand tonnes during April-September 2022.

As of August 2022, Odisha had a total installed power generation capacity of 7,648.56 MW, of which 1,530.85 MW was under the central utilities, 3,840.52 MW (under state utilities) and 2,277.19 MW (under private sector).

Total merchandise exports from Odisha stood at US\$ 10.22 billion in FY21 and at US\$ 15.14 billion in FY22 (until February).

In 2021-22, at current prices, agriculture, industry (including mining), and services sectors are

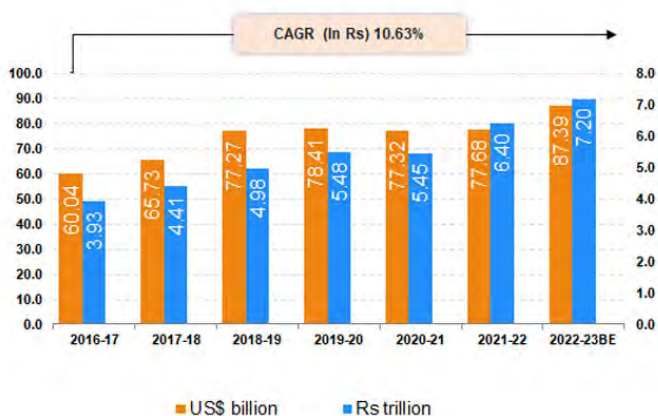
estimated to contribute 21%, 40%, and 40% to the economy, respectively.

As of July 2022, the state had five operational, five notified and seven formally approved SEZs.

In 2021-22, the total production of horticulture crops in the state was expected to be 13,062.98 thousand tonnes and area under production was 1,463.76 thousand hectares. In 2021-22, the total production of vegetables and fruits was estimated at 9,523.71 thousand tonnes and 2,782.05 thousand tonnes, respectively.

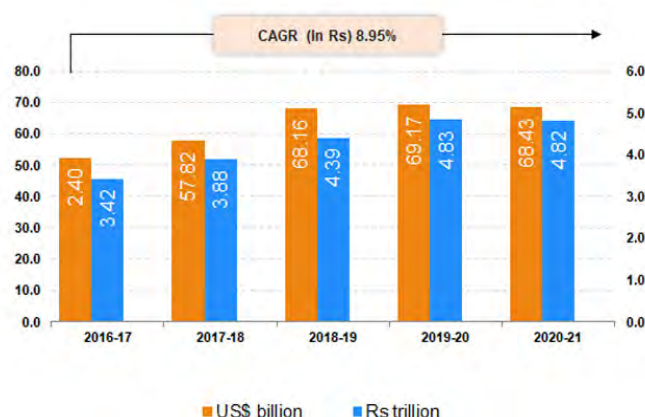
Odisha's industries are based mainly on the natural resources available in the state. It carries more than 35% of country's natural resources. The state has significant reserves of iron ore, bauxite, nickel, coal, etc. Hence, it is an attractive destination for mineral-based industries. In March 2021, Arcelor Mittal-Nippon Steel India and the Odisha government signed a MoU to establish a 12 MT integrated steel plant in the state, with an investment worth US\$ 6.88 billion.

GSDP of Odisha at Current Prices



Source: Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation BE- Budget Estimate

NSDP of Odisha at Current Prices



Source: Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation



## Embassy Events

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The Embassy hosted an interactive session for Startups visiting Austria from Kerala, India. The Startups active in areas like circular economy, digitization, EV charging, edutech, talent acquisition, etc interacted with the officials from Austrian startup ecosystem. They also learnt about growth opportunities in Austria and Europe. The delegation will also visit Salzburg and Innsbruck to participate in Salz21 and Skiinnovation in Salzburg and Innsbruck respectively.



The Embassy of India hosted on the International Women's Day 2023 - Threads of Tradition- a showcase of India's rich heritage of textiles and fashion. The Indian Embassy's Fashion Show was a stunning celebration of the timeless elegance of sarees. From vibrant hues to intricate embroidery, the Indian Fashion Show - Threads of Tradition on Sarees had it all. A spectacular display of India's cultural heritage through the art of draping, accessorizing, and designing.





## Jharkhand

Jharkhand is endowed with rich cultural heritage and bestowed liberally with bounties of nature. The State is kaleidoscope of past splendours and present glory. A fascinating State with luxuriant forest, captivating wild life, enthralling water falls, exquisite handicrafts, adventure tourism, sprawling water bodies, enchanting classical and folk dances and music and above all hospitable and peace loving people. The State of Jharkhand is blessed with immense bio-diversity, moderate climate, rich cultural and historical heritage, religious places of worship and ethnic aspects to make the State the ultimate destination for tourists. The lush green forests, rivers and waterfalls of this primeval land are home to many kinds of spectacular flora and fauna. Age-old tribes are the main inhabit of this wonderful land, the state is also a hubs of industry, commerce and education.

A treasure-trove of minerals comprises 40 per cent of the mineral wealth of the country ranking first in the production of coal, mica and iron and helps in making Jharkhand one of the richest state of India in natural resources. Not just the lush forest, but the great water bodies, falls and dams make perfect picnic spots for that quiet day to be spent in the arms of nature. The warm sun, tinkling water, manmade architectural beauties in the form of dams make it worth a visit. Religious shrines fill your heart with hope. Jharkhand is proud to be housing many different religious shrines that are crowded by devotees all though the year.

The State Government has a firm belief that development of tourism sector would not only generate immense employment opportunities directly or indirectly, but also contribute in accelerating economic development. This would not only ensure show casing of rich traditional and cultural heritage of the State but also would have cascading effect in development of other sectors. Jharkhand Tourism exclusively focuses on domestic and inbound tourism into Jharkhand to reassure the position of the State as a preferred tourist destination in India.



Jonha Falls



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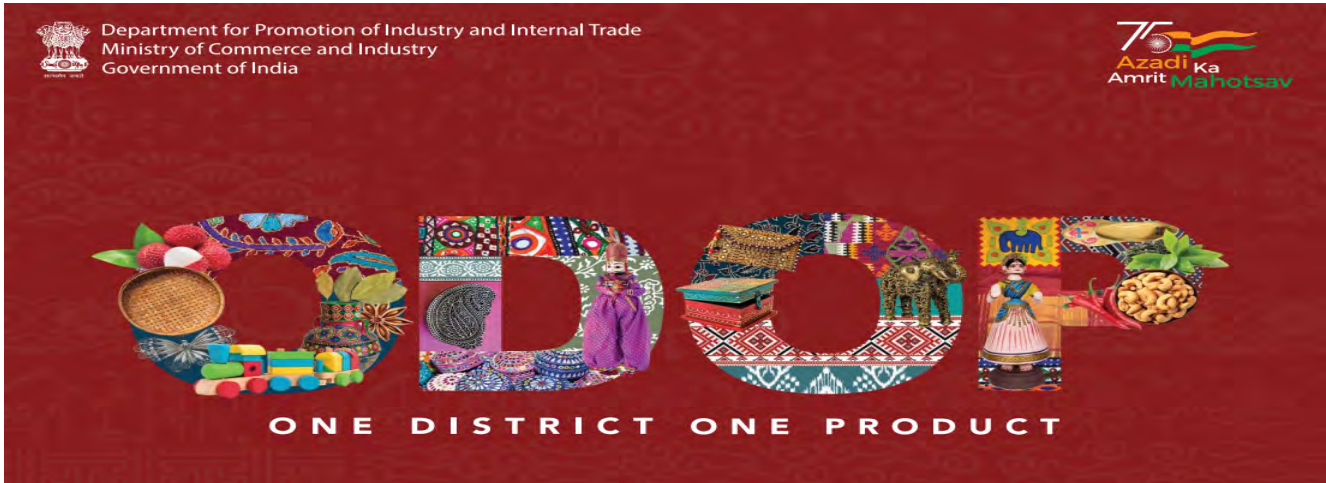
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## Gems & Jewellery



### **Thewa artwork** Pratapgarh, Rajasthan

Developed in Rajasthan's Pratapgarh district during the Mughal era, Thewa is a special jewellery-making art form, which involves embossing intricate works of gold onto the molten and multi-colored glass. Done with a pen-like tool called the Tankla, which evokes a sense of awe.



### **Silver Filigree** Karimnagar, Telangana

This is a unique craft of jewellery making, mostly using gold or silver, and involves delicate metalwork. Tiny beads and threads are twisted together to form artistic motifs. The elegance of Silver Filigree is symbolic of South Indian nobility.



### **Bangles - Lac** Deoghar, Jharkhand

The uniqueness of these bangles, according to the artisans, lies in the purity of the materials used. Lac is a natural resin secreted by a tiny insect, which is collected from trees in Deoghar, Jharkhand and is processed by traditional craftsmen to create Lac bangles.



### **Bead Necklace** Deoghar, Jharkhand

Deoghar glass beadwork, especially its bead necklace, is a symbol of the district's vibrant tribal history. These necklaces hold immense spiritual and cultural significance for the tribal communities of the State, besides being a testament to the excellent craftsmanship.



# International Year of Millets (IYM) 2023

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The UN General Assembly on 5 March 2021 declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets (IYM). The IYM aims to raise awareness about the nutritional benefits of millets as well as promote it as a sustainable food thus contributing towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

*What are millets?*

*Millets are nutritionally superior as their grains contain high amounts of protein, essential amino acids, minerals and vitamins. Millets are known for their high dietary fiber and protein content, and hence preferred as dietary foods for people with diabetes and cardiovascular diseases. Millets contain health promoting phenolic compounds which play a vital role in combating multiple lifestyle related diseases.*



*Millet Recipe of the month:*



#### **Preparation Method:**

- Mix the Finger Millet flour, rice flour, wheat upma rawa, curd, salt, and cumin seeds in a mixing bowl.
- Make a thin batter consistency by adding sufficient amounts of water.
- Heat the non-stick pan and grease it with the little amount of oil.
- When the pan is hot, pour a ladleful of the batter and spread using a circular motion to make a thin dosa.

- Flip and cook on both sides.
- Pour a little oil along the edges while cooking.
- When crispy, take from the pan.
- Serve hot with coconut chutney/peanut chutney/tomato sauce.

#### **Ingredients:**

Finger Millet Flour-50 g,  
Rice Flour-50 g, Wheat upma  
rawa-1 g, Curd-20 g,  
Cumin seeds-1 g and Salt-1 g.



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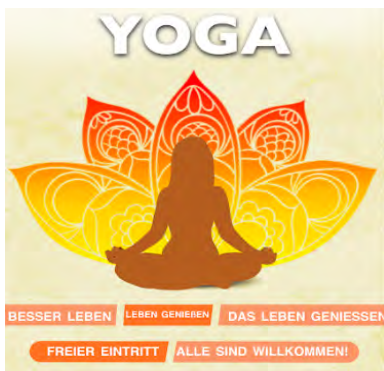
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The Government of India has extended e-Tourist Visa (e-TV) scheme to the citizens of Austria w.e.f. 26th February 2016. This facility is also available to the citizens of Montenegro and the Vatican City. The Indian e-Visa is an electronic travel permit that makes acquiring a visa to visit India easier. After filling out an online form with the traveler's personal information and passport information, the Indian electronic visa can be received fast.

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