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A state's startup policy is key in ensuring that startups have the necessary finance, mentoring, and market access to become significant revenue and job creators in the state. It also includes measures to incentivize important startup players like incubators and higher education institutions, among others, in order to foster India's startup ecosystem's holistic development. The Startup India team helps states develop and implement startup policies.

- ➔ Today, 30 of the 36 States and Union Territories have a dedicated Startup Policy.
- ➔ 26 of these Startup Policies were developed after the launch of the Startup India initiative in 2016.
- ➔ There is at least one DPIIT-recognized startup present in each of the 36 States and Union Territories.
- ➔ 623 Districts host at least one DPIIT-recognized startup.

More on States' & UTs' Startup Policies

Snapshots of the latest Highlights

1 The Indian IT services market was estimated to be at US\$ 14.15 billion in 2021, as more local businesses implemented digital transformation projects, according to a survey by International Data Corp.

2 To make Indian companies globally competitive and support them with easier access to capital, the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) launched a revamped Zero Defect Zero Effect (ZED) Certification Scheme.

3 India exported 13.5 million tonne (MT) of finished steel valued at US\$ 13.05 billion in FY22, according to Mr. Faggan Singh Kulaste, Minister of Steel and Rural Development.

4 Chemical exports from India surged by 106% hitting a record high of US\$ 29,296 million in 2021-22, up from US\$ 14,210 million in 2013-14.

5 India accounted for

the largest number of real-time transactions in the world in 2021 at 48 billion, according to a report by ACI Worldwide.

6 According to a study provided by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), India's military budget increased by 0.9% from 2020 to US\$ 76.6 billion in 2021.

7 India's GDP is expected to grow 7.5-8% in FY23, according to President, CII and CEO & Managing Director of Tata Steel Limited Mr. T V Narendran, with exports playing a key role in the country's success story.

8 In April 2022, strong consumer demand and a revival in economic activity has led to an increase in automobile retail sales by 37%.

9 Global smartphone shipments are expected to surpass 170 million units in 2022, according to a Cyber Media Research (CMR)'s 'India Mobile Handset Market Review Report.

10 Neobank Open

became the 100th unicorn in the country with the latest funding of US\$ 50 million from IIFL and existing investors.

11 During the quarter ended March 2022, nearly a dozen global consumer-facing companies stated that their India business reported strong growth.

12 ICICI bank announced a tie-up with Santander bank in the UK, aimed at facilitating the banking requirements of corporates operating across both India and the UK.

13 Dyson marks India as a global priority market and plans product and retail expansion, according to Mr. Tomás Centeno, President for the Asia-Pacific region, Dyson.

14 GoKwik, an e-commerce enablement platform, raised US\$ 35 million for expansion, in a Series B round led by Think Investments and RTP Global.

15 India and Germany agreed to collaborate with emphasis on Artificial Intelligence (AI) startups and AI research as well as its application in healthcare and sustainability.

India has 70,000 recognised start-ups: PM Modi at MP govt function: Business Standard

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Madhya Pradesh government's Start-Up Policy 2022 and a start-up portal through video link in the presence of young entrepreneurs here.

Under the new policy, start-ups would get subsidies towards rent and salaries of employees.

Modi also interacted with a few entrepreneurs on this occasion to learn about their start-ups, and advised them about how they could benefit people.

In 2014, there were 300 to 400 start-ups in the country, but in eight years their number rose and now there are 70,000 recognised start-ups, the prime minister said.

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan also spoke at the function in Indore.

Under the new policy, the state government will give subsidy to start-ups towards rent for the workplace, salaries and product patents.

There will also be a quota for start-ups in government purchases, an official said.

If a start-up is working from a rented place, Rs 5,000 per month will be paid for rent. It will also get Rs 5,000 per month per head for salary of up to 25 employees, the official added.

As Kashmir marks 10-year tourist boom, selfies, shikaras & pherans help make memories: The Print

Serpentine queues at the airport's baggage claim, families waiting at Dal Lake to hop onto a shikara, couples posing in traditional Kashmiri attire at Nishat Bagh, a bustling Lal Chowk, packed restaurants, fully booked hotels — the Kashmir Valley is seeing a rush of tourists, with local authorities describing it as the biggest footfall in 10 years.

Despite apprehensions about the security situation, for many tourists, their first visit to the Valley is a “dream come true”. These tourists have flocked to the Valley in groups, along with their families, from across the country.

According to data available with the J&K tourism department, over 3.5 lakh tourists have visited Kashmir in the last three months. This number is expected to go up in the coming months. As many as 6.6 lakh tourists from across the country visited the Valley in 2021, a considerable increase from 41,000 in 2020.

J&K has been witnessing a considerable decline in tourist footfall since 2019, following the scrapping of Article 370. The decline was further accelerated by Covid restrictions, which dealt another blow to the Valley's bustling tourism industry.

“We have not seen such a footfall in the last 10 years, since 2012. Our data shows that this has been a bumper season for us,” said Dr G.N. Itoo, Director of Kashmir Tourism.

“Every season we get around 50,000 tourists on average, and now, in just three months, we have over 3 lakh. People are now confident that it is safe to travel to Kashmir,” he added. “Our initiatives for boosting tourism have borne fruit. The local traders, businessmen who depend on tourism, and Kashmir's economy, will get a big boost.”

India's policy approach is a lenient fiscal policy complemented with critical structural reforms, such as the bankruptcy code and targeted assistance to MSME and other vulnerable groups. India was aided by high agricultural output, supported by a favourable monsoon. Agricultural exports, like other exports, have risen dramatically, and India is expanding its economic operations, which will aid in the resolution of some global supply chain difficulties.

Ather Energy raises \$128 mn led by NIIF's SOF, Hero MotoCorp & others: IBEF

Ather Energy, India's leading electric two-wheeler company, raised US\$ 128 million in a Series-E round of funding led by the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund's (NIIF), Strategic Opportunities Fund (SOF) and Hero MotoCorp, a significant shareholder in Ather, which has again invested and continues to hold a 35% stake after the fresh infusion.

The funds will be used by Ather Energy to expand manufacturing facilities, invest in research and development, charging infrastructure and grow its retail network. The company is expected to increase its capacity from 10,000 a month to 35,000 a month by this year, according to Mr. Tarun Mehta, CEO of Ather Energy.

In addition to the single scooter platform on which the company currently operates, the funds will also be used to establish two more scooter platforms. Further, the funds raised will also be used to help the company support its 100 odd suppliers who provide it with customised components to build scooters from scratch.



5G smartphones shipment increases by 300%, set to cross to 170 mn units in 2022: The Economic Times

The overall smartphone shipment is set to cross the 170-million mark in 2022, a new report said on Wednesday. 5G mobile shipments in India grew more than 300 per cent (on-year) in India in the first quarter, it added.

Samsung led the 5G segment with 23 per cent market share in Q1. While affordable smartphone shipments (sub-US \$ 90.35) declined, premium smartphones (US\$ 322.68 and above) grew 58 per cent, indicating strong consumer appetite to switch and upgrade, according to Cyber Media Research (CMR)'s 'India Mobile Handset Market Review Report'.

The smartphone industry continues to face major headwinds, including prevailing supply side dynamics, and resultant raw material shortages. While the initial two months of the quarter remain muted, March bucked the trend, with growth picking-up, Menka Kumari, Analyst-Industry Intelligence Group, CMR noted.



Apple shipments recorded 20 per cent YoY growth in Q1 and it topped the super-premium (US\$ 645.37-1,290.73) segment with 77 per cent market share.

In Q1 2022, the overall feature phone segment declined 43 per cent (on-year), driven by supply side constraints, increase in operator tariff plans as well as rising inflationary trends. The 2G feature phone and 4G feature phone segment declined by 42 per cent and 50 per cent YoY, respectively.

India's Pharma exports grow by 103% since 2013-14: PIB

Since 2013-14, Indian pharmaceutical exports have increased by 103 %, from US\$ 11.82 billion in 2013-14 to US\$ 23.98 billion in 2021-22. The Pharma Sector's export performance in 2021-22 was the best it has ever been. Exports have increased by about US\$ 10 billion in the last eight years, which is a fantastic achievement.

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles, Mr. Piyush Goyal stated that under the active leadership of Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi India has been serving as the 'pharmacy of the world'.

With 60% of the world's vaccines and 20% of generic medications coming from India, Indian pharmaceutical businesses have established a global imprint, owing to their price competitiveness and high quality. India is the world's third-largest producer by volume and the fourteenth-largest producer by value. World-class manufacturing competence, robust infrastructure, cost-competitiveness, trained human resources, and innovation are the driving forces behind India's pharma success story. The Indian pharmaceutical sector is currently valued at roughly US\$ 50 billion.

Pharmaceuticals and drugs account for 5.92% of our global exports. Formulations and biologicals continue to contribute to the majority of our overall exports, accounting for 73.31%, followed by bulk medicines and drug intermediates, which accounted for US\$ 4437.64 million in exports. The United States, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Russia, and Nigeria are India's top five pharmaceutical export destinations.

It's also worth noting that about 55% of our pharmaceutical exports

go to highly regulated markets. The prescription market in the United States and Europe is dominated by Indian pharmaceutical companies. India has the most FDA-approved plants outside of the United States.

India's manufacturing PMI expands to 54.7 as demand picks up faster: IBEF

Due to stronger gains in output and factory orders, as well as renewed expansion in overseas sales, India's manufacturing sector grew faster in April than in previous months. In April, the S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) increased from 54 to 54.7. As a result of the easing of Covid restrictions, demand has remained strong. However, the index was somewhat lower than February's 54.9.

For the tenth month in a row, the PMI figures showed an improvement in overall operational conditions. A number above 50 indicates expansion, whereas a score below 50 indicates contraction.

Meanwhile, inflationary pressures grew as global commodity prices rose in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Input costs rose at their quickest rate in five months, while output charge inflation reached a 12-month high.

As businesses continue to share extra cost burdens with their clients, this escalation of pricing pressures could decrease demand.

According to the survey, there was a modest increase in employment in April as capacity pressures among Indian manufacturers remained minor, as seen by a marginal increase in backlogs. It went on to say that the vast majority of survey respondents said their workforces had remained constant since March.



JCB India commissions new manufacturing unit in Halol: Financial Express

JCB India, a fully owned subsidiary of UK-based JC Bamford (JCB) Excavators, on Thursday commissioned its earthmoving and construction equipment manufacturing unit at Halol near Vadodara. The £100-million plant was inaugurated by British prime minister Boris Johnson. This is the sixth factory of JCB India. Of the five existing plants, one is in the Delhi-NCR and two each are in Jaipur and Pune.

“The unit at Halol is focused on exports. Welded components to be manufactured here will be supplied to JCB’s plants in the UK, Brazil and the US. Recently, we have suspended operation of the Moscow plant due to the Ukraine-Russia war. The product manufactured at Halol plant may not be exported to China,” said Lord Bamford, chairman of JCB, in an interaction.

JCB is looking at huge growth opportunities in India considering the fact that on an average nearly 30 km of highways are being added on a daily basis, apart from other mega infrastructure projects. He raised concerns over rising prices of steel, copper and other basic commodities. During 2021, JCB’s global sales were around ₹4.5 billion, he added.

In its five manufacturing plants, JCB makes 60 different end-products in nine categories. In 2021, the company manufactured 50,000 earthmoving and construction equipment in India. Of this, 14,000 were exported to 110 countries.

Gujarat Biotechnology University Opens MSc Admission 2022; Apply Through GAT-B Score: NDTV

The Gujarat Biotechnology University (GBU) is all set to take admissions for the Master of Science (MSc) courses. Established by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of Gujarat, in partnership with the University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom, it is the first postgraduate university in India that focuses entirely on biotechnology.

The courses provided by the GBU includes, animal biotechnology, environment biotechnology, industrial biotechnology, medical biotechnology, and plant biotechnology.

Students interested in pursuing their career in biotechnology can apply for various MSc courses provided by the institute using their Graduate Aptitude Test - Biotechnology (GAT B) scores.

India-U.K. defence, trade ties to get a booster shot: The Hindu

In the backdrop of the rapid geopolitical turmoil, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his British counterpart Boris Johnson agreed on a new and expanded India-U.K. defence partnership and vowed to seal an ambitious free trade agreement by the end of the year.

After his wide-ranging talks with Mr. Modi on the second and final day of his India visit, Mr. Johnson said the U.K. is creating an Open General Export Licence (OGEL) for India to “reduce bureaucracy and slashing delivery times” for defence procurement.

The British Prime Minister said both sides agreed to work together

to meet new threats across land, sea, air space and cyber domains and the U.K. will partner with India on new fighter jet technology as well as in the maritime sphere to detect and respond to threats.

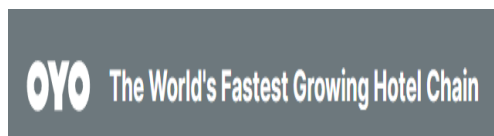
OYO completes acquisition of Europe-based Direct Booker for \$5.5 mn: IBEF

OYO, a travel and hospitality platform, has announced that it has completed the acquisition of Europe based company Direct Booker for US\$ 5.5 million. Direct Booker, a market-leading operator in the vacation home management segment in Dubrovnik, Croatia, was founded by Nikola Grubelic and Nino Dubretic in 2010. So far, the organisation has over 3,200 million homes and serviced 2 million customers.

OYO in the recent past has declared its intention to actively seek for 'tuck-in' acquisitions as a strategic growth lever, particularly in the European market. OYO already has a significant presence in countries such as the Netherlands, Denmark, Belgium, Germany and Austria.

OYO already owns and operates brands, such as Belvilla (Belvilla by OYO), DanCenter, Traum Ferienwohnungen among others in Europe. This acquisition will strengthen OYO’s presence in Europe broadly and Croatia specifically where it already has nearly 1,800 vacation homes.

OYO is the third most downloaded travel app in the world, with presence in over 35 countries. With the acquisition of Direct Booker, the Dubrovnik-headquartered company will now become a part of the OYO platform with a presence across Europe.



Railways

India has the fourth largest railway network with over 22,593 operating trains (9141 freight and 13,452 passenger) with a daily passenger count of 24 million passengers and 203.88 million tonnes of freight. India's railway network is recognised as one of the largest railway systems in the world under single management.

The railway network is also ideal for long-distance travel and movement of bulk commodities, apart from being an energy efficient and economic mode of conveyance and transport. Indian Railways is the preferred carrier of automobiles in the country.

Government of India has focused on investing in railway infrastructure by making investor-friendly policies. It has moved quickly to enable Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in railways to improve infrastructure for freight and high-speed trains. At present, several domestic and foreign companies are also looking to invest in Indian rail projects.

Market size:

Revenue growth has been strong over the years. Indian Railways' revenue reached US\$ 23.30 billion in FY22 (Until March 10, 2022). The gross revenue stood at US\$ 16.89 billion in FY21 (until March 10, 2021). In case of freight earnings, it experienced a year on year growth of 21.81% It stood at US\$ 17.68 billion in FY22 (until March 2022) as compared to FY21 which was at 16.04 billion. Passenger earnings for Indian Railways was at Rs. 50,669.09 crore (US\$ 7.25 billion) in FY20. The total passenger revenue stood at US\$ 4.66 billion until March 10, 2022 as compared to FY21 which was at US\$ 2.03 billion. This was a 162.46% growth.

The gross revenue stood at US\$ 11.44 billion in FY22 (until September 2021).

In FY22 (until September 2021), passenger earnings stood at US\$ 2.05 billion and freight earnings (until October 2021) stood at US\$ 10.5 billion.

Freight earnings stood at US\$ 16.04 billion in FY21. In October 2021, freight earnings stood at US \$ 1.63 billion and freight loading reached 117.35 million tonnes.

Freight remains the key revenue earning segment for the Indian Railways, accounting for 79.1% of the total revenue in FY22 (until August 2021), followed by the passenger segment.

Freight remains the major revenue earning segment for Railways, accounting for 65% of its total revenue in FY20, followed by the passenger segment. In FY20-21, Indian Railways recorded the highest loading in freight transportation. Freight traffic carried by Indian Railways stood at 1,232.64 million tonnes in FY21. With this, the freight revenue of Indian Railways also increased to approx. US\$ 16.04 billion for the year 2020-21, as against US\$ 16.10 billion during fiscal 2019-20.

During FY20, passenger traffic in the country reached 8,086 million and is estimated to reach 12 million by 2031. In FY22 (until March 2022), passenger traffic stood at 3.23 billion.

Investment:

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Inflows in railway-related components stood at US\$ 1.23 billion from April 2000- June 2021.

In November 2021, Indian Railways announced that ~102 semi-high-speed Vande Bharat Expresses are expected to commence operations by 2024, with at least 10 new trains scheduled to launch by August 2022 that will connect 40 cities.

In October 2021, Indian Railways announced a plan to establish ~500 multi-modal cargo terminals under the 'PM GatiShakti' programme, with an estimated outlay of US\$ 6.68 billion in four-five years.

In July 2021, the South Central Railway zone announced infrastructure development by doubling the maximum permissible speed to 100 km per hour on the Godavari Bridge. The initiative gave a major boost to the Indian Railways on infrastructure modernisation.

In July 2021, Indian Railways executed remodeling of Gangapur City Yard to boost the speed of railways between Delhi and Mumbai route.

In July 2021, the Ministry of Railways received bids from the private and public sectors to operate 29 pairs of trains with about 40 modern rakes.

Gross revenue trends (US\$ billion)



New materials & processes for carbon capture and utilization could show new light for global warming challenge

A group of scientists have computationally designed a hybrid material which can absorb greenhouse gas methane, converting it to clean Hydrogen and also simulated a process of capturing carbon dioxide in-situ and converting it to high purity hydrogen from non-fuel grade bioethanol. They have also designed a facility that can test such materials and help further carbon capture research at the institute.

Given the global warming potential of greenhouse gases, scientists are trying to explore innovative methods of absorbing these gases and converting them to useful substances. New materials that can play dual role of absorption as well as conversion is the new challenge area for scientist in carbon capture innovation.

Responding to the challenge, in a series of researches on carbon capture and utilization scientists from Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT), Hyderabad have not only computationally designed a hybrid material that can capture methane and also act as catalyst to convert it to high purity hydrogen, but also simulated and designed a process for in situ capture of carbon dioxide and its conversion to high purity hydrogen from non-fuel grade bioethanol through a mechanism called the optimized intensified chemical looping reforming. The later research has been published in the Elsevier journal Chemical Engineering and Processing.

Potential dual functional materials identified from

theoretical predictions are now being synthesized and simultaneously FBR operating conditions are being optimized for existing sorbent/catalyst materials for meeting increasing challenges of carbon capture and utilization and associated research.

IIT Madras Researchers Develop Math Model for understanding environmental-friendly 'Bio-Cement' from bacteria

Indian Institute of Technology Madras Researchers has developed a structured model to help in the production of bio-cement, which is an alternative sustainable process for cementation. It has the potential to reduce the production of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) in the future.

Called 'Microbially Induced Calcite Precipitation (MICP)', this process is used to make bio-cement using bacteria (Ex: *S. pasteurii*). The Research was focused to gain a better understanding of the MICP process with a long-term aim to scale up the manufacturing of Bio-Cement.

The researchers studied the MICP process using the bacteria, *S. pasteurii* and proposed and developed a structured model for the overall ureolysis processes (uptake and breaking of urea using bacteria) to scale up the MICP process, which can be an alternative to manufacturing cement.

Microbially Induced Calcite Precipitation (MICP) is the process by which calcium carbonate precipitates are formed by microorganisms, which are used to produce bio-cement. The developed structured model is useful for developing a unified model of neurolysis processes with calcite precipitation and MICP scale-up studies in the future.

ISRO-IISc Develop 'space Bricks' For Habitat Construction On Moon And Mars: Republicworld.com

ISRO and IISc scientists have developed a sustainable process to make 'space bricks' that would allow infrastructure construction on the Moon and even Mars.

In a major leap toward planetary exploration, scientists from the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Bengaluru's Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have developed a sustainable process to make 'space bricks'. If successful, the process would allow the construction of habitats on the Moon and eventually on Mars. In a special report, IISc revealed that the method uses bacteria and guar beans and exploits the lunar and Martian soil to consolidate the content into tough, load-bearing brick-like structures.

Aloke Kumar, Assistant Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, IISc said in the university's statement, "It is really exciting because it brings two different fields — biology and mechanical engineering — together". The scientists argue that the use of such methods is important because space exploration has grown exponentially and these ideas would help in settling humans on other planets while Earth's resources continue to dwindle.

Talking about the process of 'space brick' manufacturing, IISc revealed that the raw material required for manufacturing the bricks are urea— which can be sourced from human urine — and lunar soil. The team of scientists created brick samples for habitats on both Mars and Moon by using soil simulants mixed with guar gum, a bacterium called *Sporosarcina pasteurii*, urea and nickel chloride.

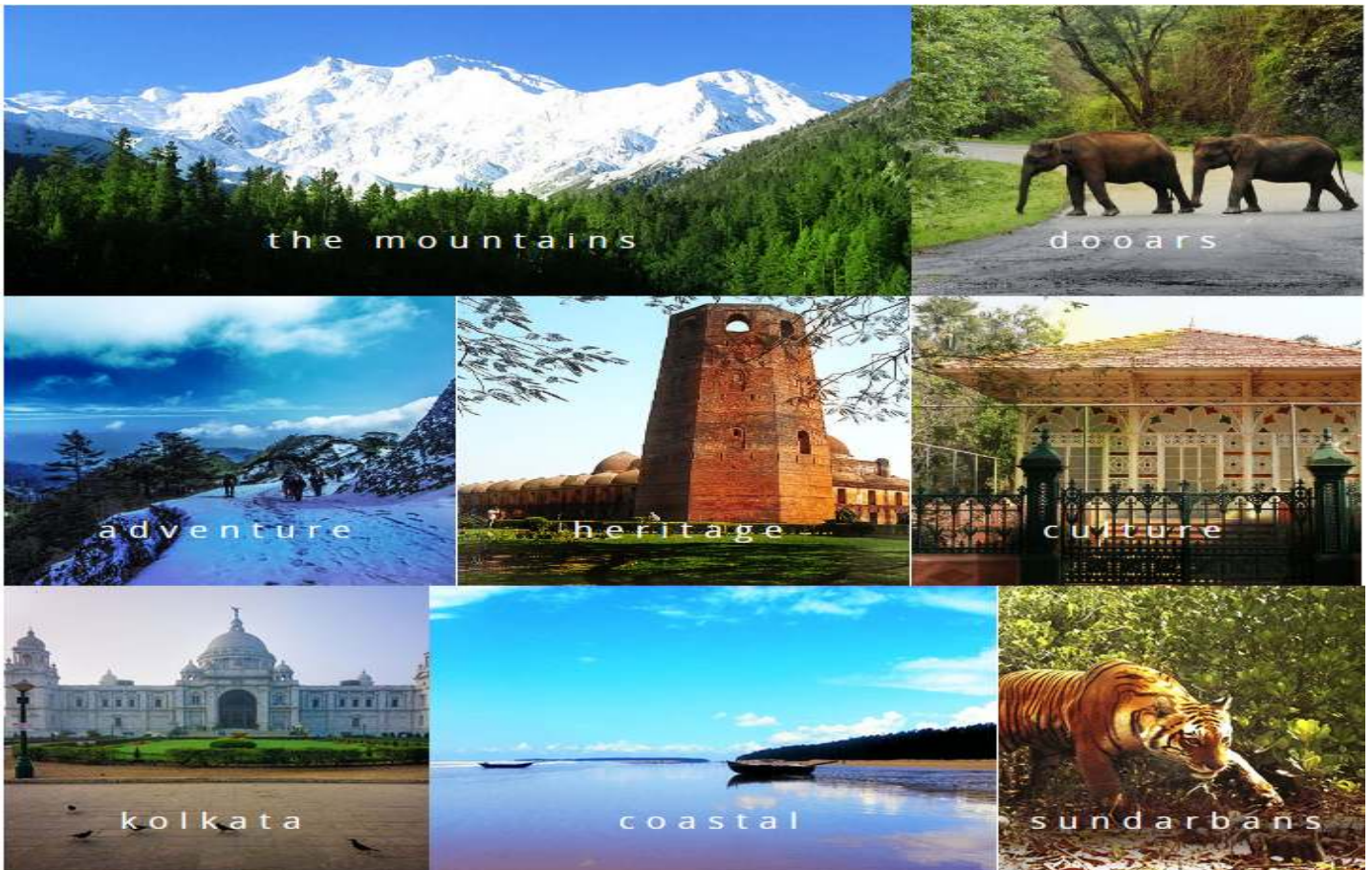
West-Bengal

West Bengal is located in the eastern part of India on the Bay of Bengal, covering total area of 88,752 Kms. The state is surrounded by Sikkim and Bhutan in the north, Assam in the northeast, Bangladesh in the east, Bay of Bengal in the south, Odisha in the southwest, Jharkhand & Bihar in the west, and Nepal in the northwest.

West Bengal has got heterogeneous geographical division with countless natural assets, stretching from Darjeeling Himalayan range of mountains in the north to the Gangetic Plain in the south, from quiet beaches across the coastal region to the world's largest Delta which is also known for being the natural habitat of wild scarce species of Royal Bengal tigers at mangrove estuaries of Sundarbans, from green varied landscapes to vast historical events starting from ancient & classical period, medieval & early modern period, colonial period to independence and afterwards.

The limitless irresistible features comprises of unwind rich history, heritage architecture,

finery arts and crafts, vibrant folk festivals, music-theatre-drama, traditional celebrations, delicious cuisines and ethnic specialties which is magical about this land. Adding to its lure numerous great works has taken birth here since immemorial time in the form of unforgettable lyrics, poetry, art, prose. It has witnessed ultimate vision and inspiration being the home to legendary saints, preachers, poets, thinkers, freedom fighters, singers, sportsmen, film-makers, scientists, academicians and is crowned as the cultural and intellectual hub since pre-colonial times. West Bengal is the fourth-most-populous state in the India and is religiously diverse. West Bengal produces several varieties of Handloom cotton and silk in the country which is a popular way of livelihood to the rural population of the state. Durga Puja is the biggest, most popular and widely celebrated festival in the state and the five-day-long colorful Hindu festival witnesses' intense celebration across the state. Last but not the least Cricket and Football are popular sports in the state.



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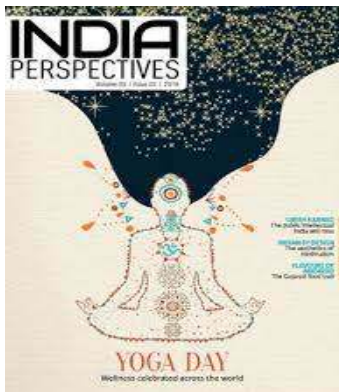
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The Government of India has extended e-Tourist Visa (e-TV) scheme to the citizens of Austria w.e.f. 26th February 2016. This facility is also available to the citizens of Montenegro and the Vatican City. The Indian e-Visa is an electronic travel permit 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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