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1 According to a Times of India (TOI) study, LinkedIn India has expanded by almost 400% over the past five years.

LinkedIn's revenues from the Indian market increased by 84% as compared to FY20. After the US, India is the country with the second-largest market for professional networking. LinkedIn has identified India as its fastest-growing market.

2 According to a Coldwell Banker Richard Ellis (CBRE) report, following a great performance in 2022, sales in the luxury residential market increased by 151% year over year (y-o-y) in the January-March, 2023 quarter. Sales of residential units overall increased by 12% quarter-over-quarter (Q-o-Q) and year-on-year (YoY) during the fourth quarter of FY23 across all segments.

3 Another reserve of lithium has been discovered in Rajasthan's Degana (Nagaur), months after

India discovered its first lithium reserve in the country's history in Jammu and Kashmir. According to Rajasthan government authorities, the new lithium reserve is significantly larger than the one discovered in Jammu and Kashmir.

4 The sales of vehicles for fleet operations, including those to app-based taxi aggregators like Ola and Uber, nearly doubled in FY23. Approximately 137,000 vehicles were sold to fleet operators in FY23, witnessing an increase of 95% from FY22.

5 The online platform for the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to sell goods and services to the government directly Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has crossed 10 million transactions since its launch in August, 2016.

6 According to data from Bloomberg, Maruti Suzuki has made over US\$ 12 billion making it the first Indian passenger vehicle (PV) maker to rank among the top 30 manufacturers worldwide.

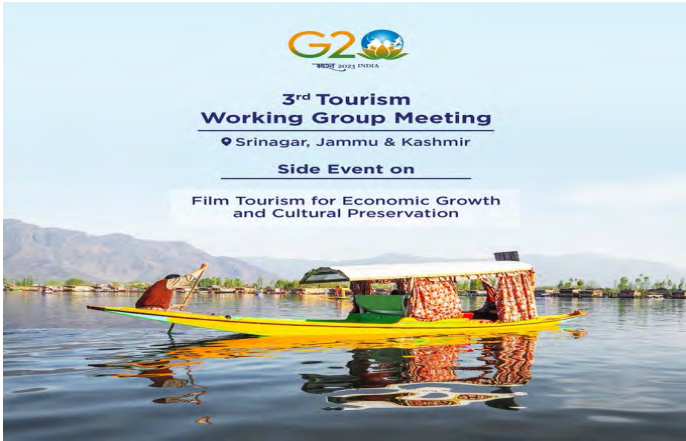
7 In value terms, Unified

Payments Interface (UPI) transactions increased 43% year-on-year (y-o-y) in April 2023 to a new high of US\$ 172.4 billion (Rs. 14.1 trillion). It increased 59% year over year in volume as well, reaching a record high of 8.9 billion.

8 According to National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC), the production of iron ore reached 3.51 million tonnes (MT) in April, 2023, an increase of 11.42%. Approximately 3.15 MT of iron ore was produced in the same month last year, according to NMDC's report with the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).

9 The media and entertainment (M&E) industry in India grew at 19.9% (approximately 20%) in 2022, crossed the US\$ 24 billion mark and surpassed the pre-Covid level. The M&E sector is estimated to grow by 11.5% in 2023 to reach US\$ 29.2 billion.

10 The government has set a target for foodgrain production of 332 million tonnes (MT), for the crop year (July-June) 2023-24, registering a 2.6% increase from the previous year.



The 3rd TWG Meet in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir started on 22. May 2023 with a side event focused on enhancing film tourism to promote economic growth & cultural preservation. It will also highlight the impact of film tourism on the development & promotion of destinations.

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G20 events in the month of April 2023



3rd Education Working Group Meeting

📅 April 26 - 29, 2023

📍 Bhubaneswar



Meeting of Agricultural chief Scientists

📅 April 17 - 19, 2023

📍 Varanasi



2nd Employment Working Group Meeting

📅 April 3 - 5, 2023

📍 Guwahati



2nd Health Working Group Meeting

📅 April 17 - 19, 2023

📍 Goa



2nd Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting

📅 April 12 - 13, 2023

📍 Washington DC



2nd Energy Transitions Working Group Meeting

📅 April 2 - 4, 2023

📍 Gandhinagar



2nd Digital Economy Working Group Meeting

📅 April 17 - 19, 2023

📍 Hyderabad



2nd Development Working Group Meeting

📅 April 6 - 9, 2023

📍 Kumarakom



2nd Tourism Working Group Meeting

📅 April 1 - 4, 2023

📍 Siliguri/Darjeeling

Cabinet has approved Production Linked Incentive Scheme 2.0 for IT Hardware: PIB

On May 17, 2023, the Union Cabinet, which was chaired by the Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, approved the Production Linked Incentive Scheme 2.0 for IT Hardware. The budgetary outlay of the scheme is US\$ 2.06 billion.

For many major international companies, India is quickly becoming a reliable supply chain partner. Large companies of IT hardware have expressed a strong interest in setting up manufacturing facilities in India. This is further supported by the nation's strong IT services sector's high demand.

India has become the world's second-largest manufacturer of mobile phones and the exports of mobile phones crossed a major milestone of US\$ 11 billion. Furthermore, due to the great success of the Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) for mobile phones, PLI Scheme 2.0 was approved.

Electronic devices like laptops, tablets, all-in-one PCs, servers, and ultra-small form factor devices are covered under the PLI Scheme 2.0. The tenure of the scheme is six years.

India will need 200 GW per hour of battery storage by 2030 and is exploring viability gap funding for offshore wind production: IBEF

India has set an ambitious target of achieving 500 gigawatt of energy production, coming from non-fossil fuels, mainly renewable energy.

According to Mr. Bhupinder Singh Bhalla, Secretary for the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), by 2030, India

will require 200 GW of battery storage per hour. This would mean that in the medium to long term, the nation would need to find a fine balance between battery storage, and pump storage might serve as a temporary solution. Furthermore, he informed that in order to support the high cost of batteries, the government is working on a draft production linked incentive (PLI) scheme on battery storage.

The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy has been attempting to more than double the amount of electricity produced using solar and wind energy. Currently, the country has access to 172.54 GW of renewable energy, of which 67 GW comes from solar, 43 GW from wind, 51 GW from hydro, and 11 GW from biofuels. In the near future, 284 GW of electricity will be accessible, as about 66 GW is in the implementation stage and 45 GW is in the tender stage.

India's total installed capacity is expected to reach 777 GW by 2030, with more than 500 GW coming from renewable energy sources. However, storing this energy will be difficult, and the government's PLI scheme for battery storage will be essential in this regard.

Mr. Bhupinder Singh Bhalla further said that MNRE will support the green hydrogen industry in two ways. The Ministry is aiming to incentivise domestic manufacturers of electrolyzers, a crucial technology for producing low-emission hydrogen from nuclear or renewable energy. Along with this, it is planning to support the production of up to 3 million tonnes of green hydrogen.

In addition, he informed that another development by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy is supporting offshore wind power production. In the Gujarat and Tamil Nadu regions, advanced research and technicalities are being developed to build up the nation's first offshore wind energy production, he highlighted.

National Programme on High Efficiency
Solar PV Modules PLI Scheme



Investments in the Indian hospitality industry to exceed US\$ 2.3 billion over 2-5 years: CBRE

A report titled, 'Indian Hospitality Sector: On a Comeback Trail,' released by the real estate consultancy company CBRE South Asia predicts that over the next 2-5 years, investments in India's hospitality sector would surpass US\$ 2.3 billion.

The report claims that the hospitality sector's route to recovery is becoming clearer as more than US\$ 400 million in investments are anticipated between 2020-23. Additionally, it forecasts the addition of about 12,000 new rooms in 2023, with numbers likely to increase at a compounded annual growth rate of 3.3% by the year 2025.

Furthermore, it has been suggested that the demand recovery might outpace supply and the demand in the coming years will be evenly distributed across various cities and markets. Moreover, the steady growth in supply is expected to continue, thereby attracting increased interest from investors in the Indian hospitality sector.

All industry key performance indicators (KPIs), including occupancy rate, average rental income per occupied room, and revenue per available room, are anticipated to reach pre-pandemic levels this year, the report further highlighted. India saw a 94% increase in revenue per available room in 2022 compared to 2021, demonstrating a smooth recovery from the pandemic's effects.

CBRE's report shows the hospitality industry in India is on the rise, which has been driven by investments, increased demand, and changing customer preferences. According to the predictions, India's tourism and hospitality sector might generate US\$ 50.9 billion in visitor exports by 2028 as a result of the government's continuing focus on reforms.

The mobile wallets market in India will surpass US\$ 5 trillion in 2027: GlobalData

According to a report by GlobalData, the use of mobile wallets is expanding quickly and gradually replacing conventional payments like cash and credit cards. GlobalData predicted in its analysis that payments made using mobile wallets will increase at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 23.9% between 2023-27 and reach US \$ 5.7 trillion in 2027.

The report claimed that Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has emerged as one of the most popular methods for making day-to-day payments. The rapid acceptance of mobile wallets in India has also been greatly influenced by the strong merchant adoption of quick response (QR) code payments.



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The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) launched UPI, which facilitates fast transfers between bank accounts using a cell number or QR code and enables clients to combine bank accounts with mobile payment solutions, thereby speeding up transactions.

Luxury auto companies are set to drive more electric vehicles in FY24: IBEF

In FY24, over a dozen luxury electric vehicles (EVs), including sports utility vehicles (SUVs), are expected to be sold in India as automakers try to match consumer demand for

environmentally friendly transportation with their product strategies.

The number of electric luxury vehicles among the 48 new passenger vehicle (PV) launches planned for the year through March, 2024 could reach 11, which would be a record high for a fiscal year. Models from Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Lexus, Audi, and Volvo's global lineup will be introduced in India. On the other hand, in FY23, out of the total 54 launched, only about six were electric luxury vehicles.

Demand for electric mobility is rising across categories, from scooters to premium automobiles, thanks to improvements in driving range and charging infrastructure that helps in addressing the major concerns about viability.

Industry estimates show that sales of electric luxury passenger cars increased by 142% in FY23, outpacing the market for luxury PVs by more than four times. Luxury automakers are coming up with plans to meet the growing demand for electric vehicles. These companies, which are sitting on a large backlog of orders, expect electric vehicles to account for at least 10-15% of their total sales in the next 2-3 years.

Mr. Santosh Iyer, Managing Director of Mercedes-Benz India claimed that the company will be launching new battery electric vehicles (BEVs) from their global portfolio in India in the next 8-16 months. The company has forecasted that one out of every four Mercedes-Benz sold in India will be a luxury BEV. Similarly, Audi is estimating approximately 15-20% of its sales in India to come from electric cars in the next few years.

India's real estate sector attracts \$26.6 bn in foreign investment over 5 years: Report

India's real estate sector has seen a three-fold increase in foreign institutional inflows, amounting to \$26.6 billion between 2017 and 2022, according to a report by real estate services firm Colliers. The growth is attributed to structural and policy reforms that have enhanced transparency and ease of doing business in the sector.

The report, titled "India- High on Investors' Agenda," examines the factors that make India a top choice for global investors and tracks the real estate market's recovery and growth. It also explores opportunities in core and alternative asset classes such as Global Capability Centers (GCCs) and Data Centers.

Foreign investments accounted for 81% of total investments in real estate during the period, driven by investor-friendly FDI policies, increased transparency in deals, and higher investment limits. Institutional investments remained strong in Q1 2023, with a 37% YoY increase to \$1.7 billion, led by the office sector.

India's property market currently offers attractive pricing, better valuations, and higher yields compared to other cities in the region, making it a preferred investment destination. Major Indian cities like Bengaluru and Mumbai provide higher yields at lower pricing points.

Investments across various real estate asset classes have seen significant inflows in recent years, with the office sector accounting for 40% of total inflows between 2017 and 2022. Foreign investments in industrial assets have also grown, constituting 87% of total investments in industrial and warehousing during the same period.



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Iron & Steel

One of the primary forces behind industrialization has been the use of metals. Steel has traditionally occupied a top spot among metals. Steel production and consumption are frequently seen as measures of a country's economic development because it is both a raw material and an intermediary product. Therefore, it would not be an exaggeration to argue that the steel sector has always been at the forefront of industrial progress and that it is the foundation of any economy. The Indian steel industry is classified into three categories - major producers, main producers and secondary producers.

As of December 2022, India was the world's second-largest producer of crude steel. In FY22, the production of crude steel and finished steel stood at 133.596 MT and 120.01 MT, respectively. In April-November 2022, the production of crude steel and finished steel stood at 81.96 MT and 78.09 MT respectively. The growth in the Indian steel sector has been driven by the domestic availability of raw materials such as iron ore and cost-effective labour. Consequently, the steel sector has been a major contributor to India's manufacturing output.

The Indian steel industry is

modern, with state-of-the-art steel mills. It has always strived for continuous modernisation of older plants and up-gradation to higher energy efficiency levels.

Market Size:

In the past 10–12 years, India's steel sector has expanded significantly. Production has increased by 75% since 2008, while domestic steel demand has increased by almost 80%. The capacity for producing steel has grown concurrently, and the rise has been largely organic.

In FY22, the production of crude steel and finished steel stood at 133.596 MT and 120.01 MT, respectively. The consumption of finished steel stood at 105.751 MT in FY22. Between April-December 2022, India's finished steel consumption stood at 75.34 MT. In April-July 2022, the production of crude steel and finished steel stood at 40.95 MT and 38.55 MT respectively.

In FY23 (until January 2023), the exports of finished steel stood at 5.33 MT, while the imports stood at 5 MT. In FY22, exports and imports of finished steel stood at 13.49 MT and 4.67 MT, respectively. In FY22, India's export rose by 25.1% YoY, compared with 2021. In FY21,

India exported 9.49 MT of finished steel. In December 2022 exports of finished steel stood at 4.42 lakh tonnes.

The annual production of steel is anticipated to exceed 300 million tonnes by 2030–2031. By 2030–31, crude steel production is projected to reach 255 million tonnes at 85% capacity utilisation achieving 230 million tonnes of finished steel production, assuming a 10% yield loss or a 90% conversion ratio for the conversion of raw steel to finished steel. With net exports of 24 million tonnes, consumption is expected to reach 206 million tonnes by the years 2030–2031. As a result, it is anticipated that per-person steel consumption will grow to 160 kg.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India's finished steel consumption is anticipated to increase to 230 MT by 2030-31 from 133.596 MT in FY22. As of December 2022, India was the world's second-largest producer of crude steel, with an output of 124.5 MT of crude steel and finished steel production of 117.6 MT, in FY22. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The industry is witnessing consolidation of players, which has led to investment by entities from other sectors. The ongoing consolidation also presents an opportunity to global players to enter the Indian market. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In October 2021, the government announced guidelines for the approved specialty steel production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme. Under the Union Budget 2023-24, the government allocated Rs. 70.15 crore (US\$ 8.6 million) to the Ministry of Steel. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In April-November 2022, the production of crude steel in India stood at 81.96 MT. Easy availability of low-cost manpower and presence of abundant iron ore reserves make India competitive in the global set up. India is home to fifth-highest reserves of iron ore in the world.

Chhattisgarh is in the central part of India. The state shares its border with Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra in the west, Uttar Pradesh in the north, Odisha and Jharkhand in the east, and Andhra Pradesh in the south.

At current prices, Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of Chhattisgarh stood at US\$ 57.34 billion in 2022-23. GSDP (in Rs.) of the state at current prices increased at a CAGR of 9.98% between 2015-16 and 2022-23.

Chhattisgarh is presently one of the few states that have surplus power. Korba district in Chhattisgarh is known as the power capital of India. It is also among the few profitable states in terms of utility-based electricity. As of August 2022, Chhattisgarh had a total installed power generation capacity of 13,439.52 MW, comprising 8,805.79 MW under private utilities, 1,971.05 MW under state utilities and 2,662.68 MW under central utilities.

Mineral resources are Chhattisgarh's biggest strength. It is a leading producer of minerals such as coal, iron ore and dolomite. Moreover, considerable reserves of bauxite,

limestone and quartzite are available in the state. The state accounts for 35.4% of tin ore reserves of India. Chhattisgarh is the only state in India that produced tin concentrates.

Chhattisgarh has emerged as one of the most preferred investment destinations in India. The state (including Madhya Pradesh) attracted cumulative Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) worth US\$ 1.43 billion between April 2000-March 2020. From October 2019-December 2021, FDI inflow in Chhattisgarh stood at US\$ 1.01 million. In 2021, 98 IEMs have been filed in Chhattisgarh with a proposed investment of US\$ 4.12 billion. In July 2022, 25 IEMs were filed in the state with a proposed investment of US\$ 645.46 million.

Total merchandise exports from Chhattisgarh is estimated at US\$ 1,278.69 million in FY20, US\$ 2,320.29 million in FY21, US\$ 3,388.69 million in FY22 and US\$ 1,311.06 million in FY23 (until August 2022).

A wide range of fiscal and policy incentives for businesses were announced under its Industrial Policy, 2014-19. Additionally, the state has well-drafted policies for

the IT/ITeS, solar energy, agro and food processing, minerals and biotechnology sectors. Chhattisgarh stands fourth among Indian states in rankings based on ease of doing business and reforms implementation, according to a study by the World Bank and KPMG.

KEY SECTORS

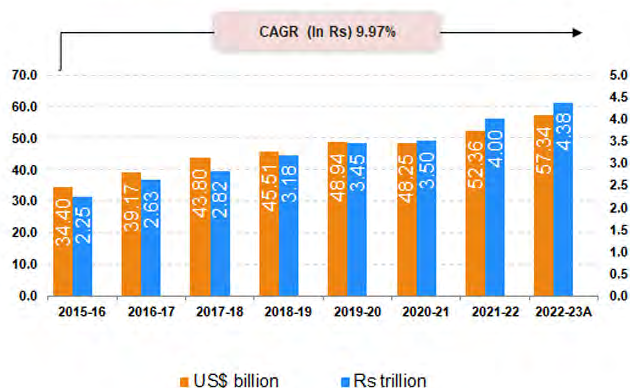
Metals and Mining: Chhattisgarh is the only state in India to produce tin concentrates and accounts for 36% of the country's tin ore reserves. Dante Wada is the sole district producing tin from 6 mines.

Cement: Chhattisgarh has abundant limestone reserves that support a strong cement sector.

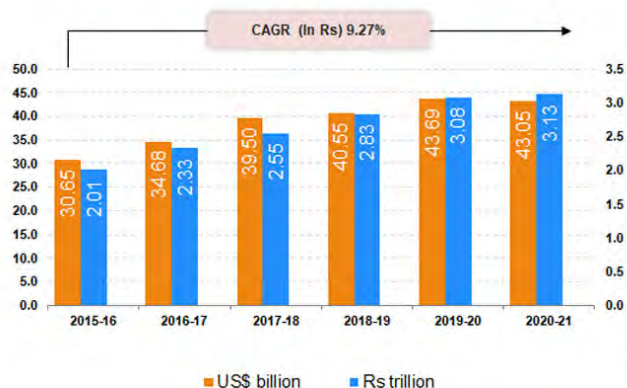
Agriculture: Around 80% employment in the state is dependent on agriculture. The state's position as the 'Rice Bowl of Central India' and its reliance on agriculture has led to brisk growth in the food processing industry as a special-thrust industry.

Apparel: Chhattisgarh is one of the leading producers of tussar and kosa silks in the country and has the potential to be a strong player in the Indian apparel industry.

GSDP of Chhattisgarh at Current Prices



NSDP of Chhattisgarh at Current Prices



Note: A - advanced estimates

Source: Directorate of Economics & Statistics of Haryana, MOSPI

Note: Exchange rates used are averages of each year

Source: Directorate of Economics & Statistics of Haryana, MOSPI

The State of Odisha situated in the eastern seaboard of Indian subcontinent is endowed with amazing array of incredible tourism products. Traditionally, famous as a hub of cultural destination, but of late has emerged as one of the beautiful state in the country with rapid progress in all front including travel & tourism sector.

Odisha offer something that is very unique and a tourist visiting to the state get everything on a platter what they wants from Odisha. It has a chequered history of temple constructions with stunning temples and monuments, long coastlines of 480 kms, 35% of thick & dense forest cover, Buddhist heritage, 62 ethnic tribes, scintillating classical dance of Odissi, largest brackish water lake of Asia-Chilika, the criss-crossed mangroves forest of Bhitarkanika, so many and so forth.

The Department of Tourism is the apex body for formulation of plans, programmes, policies and coordinates with various line Departments, both Central & State Governments and private sectors for promotion and development of tourism in the State.

The Department is headed by the Minister of State, Tourism & Culture (Ind. Charge) and the administrative head of the Department is Secretary Tourism. The Director & Addl. Secretary is the head of the Tourism Department / Directorate which is composite in character. The Department has 33 Field Offices, 6 Tourism information Counters. The Offices functioning outside the State works primarily as a bulwark for tourism promotion and marketing, the offices inside the state cater information, facilitate tourist visit and oversee overall tourism infrastructure, promotion and publicity.

The main objective of Tourism Department is to increase the tourist traffic to the state, extend their duration of stay, promote & position Odisha as one of the preferred tourist destinations both in domestic and international markets. To achieve the above objectives, the DoT has adopted a multi-prong strategy - creating tourism infrastructure and destinations within the state, participate in national and international travel fairs and exhibitions, organise unique cultural programmes within the state to attract more and more tourists to the state.



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Koraput:

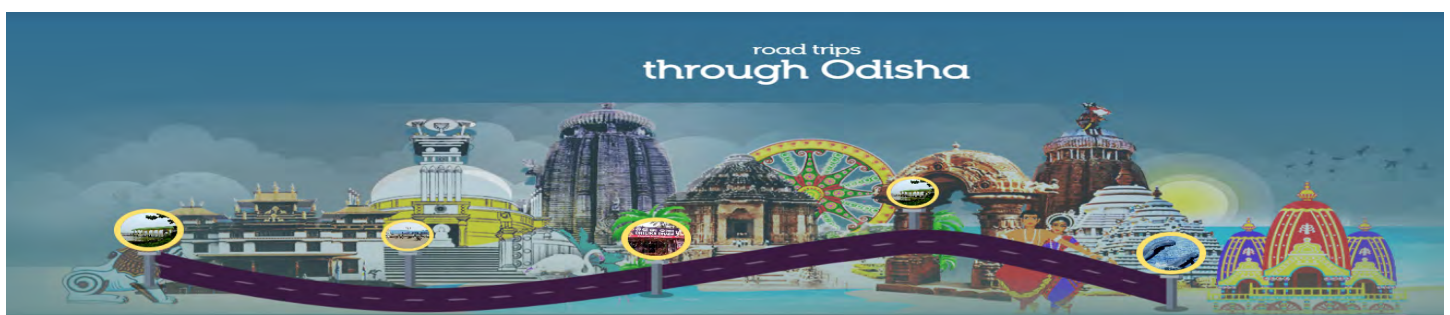
Covered with thick forests and dotted by pristine waterfalls and deep valleys, Koraput, in Odisha, is a natural retreat with a languid pace of life. Home to various tribes of the state of Odisha, Koraput showcases the colours of tribal life and a rich folk culture.

Bhubaneswar:

Bhubaneswar, the capital of Odisha, is one of the most ancient cities in India. With several popular temples dominating its skyline, Bhubaneswar is widely considered to be the seat of Tribhubaneswar or Lord Lingaraj, an incarnation of Lord Shiva, and is an important Hindu pilgrimage centre.

Puri:

Spirituality and divinity echo through every by-lane of the temple city of Puri. A very popular destination of pilgrimage for Hindus, the city is sprawled along the long and pristine coastline of the Bay of Bengal, in the state of Odisha.



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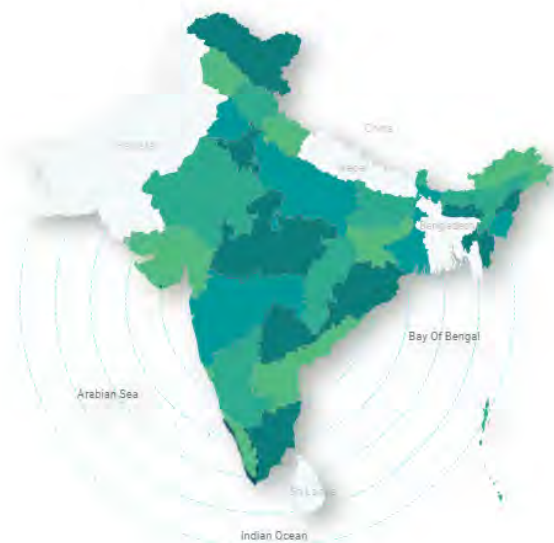
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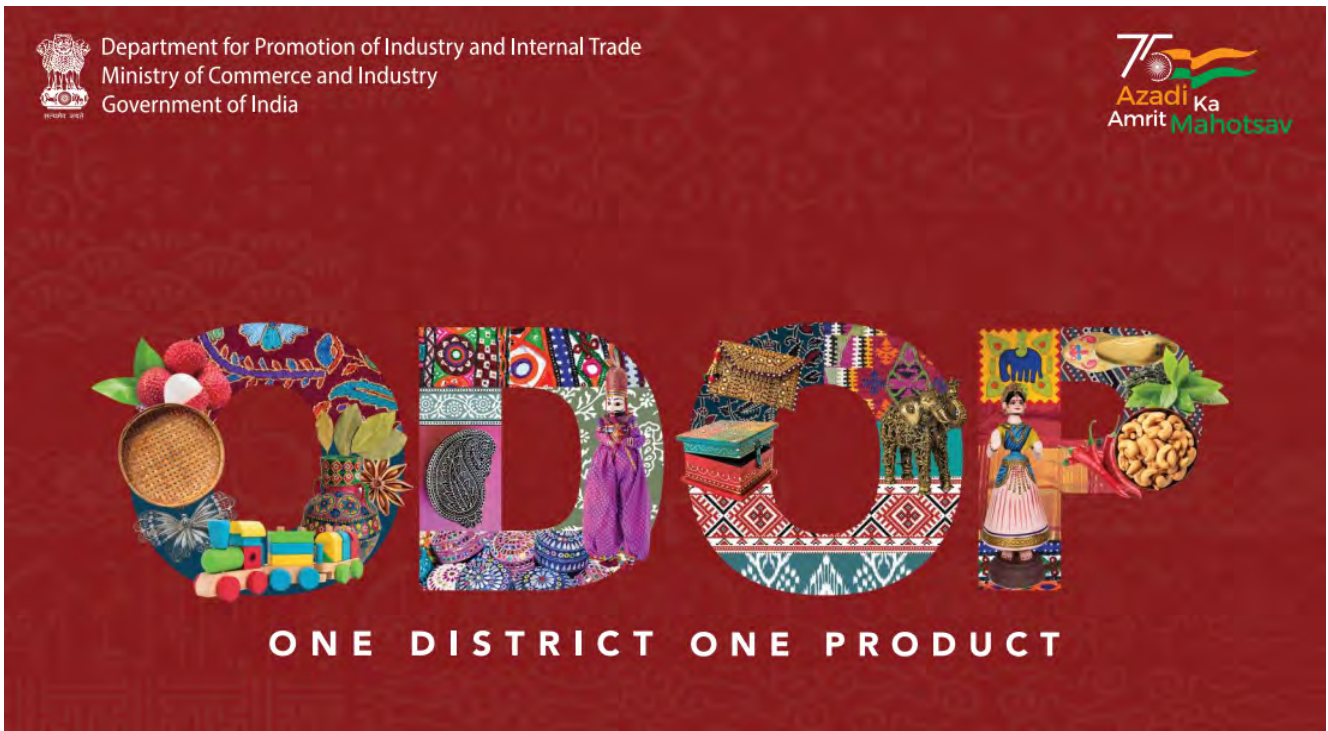
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International Year of Millets (IYM) 2023

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.

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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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The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (erstwhile Central Board of Excise & Customs) launched a mobile app "Indian Customs -Guide to Travelers" for dissemination of information about the Customs Baggage Rule, 2016. The application has been launched to inform traders, exporters and importers about the Customs Baggage Rules 2016. It has been developed by Bengaluru Customs and is available on [Android Play store](#), [Apple Store](#) and [Windows store](#).



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- His contact details are: 0043 1 505 866 and ccl.vienna@mea.gov.in

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