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#### Significant Diplomatic Engagements

##### **Prime Minister of India addressed the inauguration of Global Millets Conference in New Delhi:**

Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the inauguration of Global Millets Conference in New Delhi on 18 March 2023. Addressing the Conference, Prime Minister stated that, events like these are a symbol of India's growing responsibility in global good. The United Nations has declared the year 2023 as the International Year of Millets. This resolution was initiated by India and was passed at the United Nations with the support of over 70 countries. Some of the significant excerpts of PM's address are mentioned below:



“At present, India holds the G-20 Presidency. India's motto is- 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'. International Millet Year reflects this spirit of considering the whole world as one family. The sense of duty towards the world and the resolve to serve humanity has always been on India's mind. You see, when we moved ahead with Yoga, we also made sure that the whole world gets its benefits through International Yoga Day. This effort of India in the form of International Solar Alliance is working as an effective platform for a sustainable planet. And it is also a matter of great delight for India that more than 100 countries have joined ISA. Today, be it leading the LiFE mission or achieving climate change goals ahead of schedule, we draw inspiration from our heritage, drive change in society, and carry it forward for the global good.



**CIIM Invitational Golf & Royal Gala Dinner:**

Consortium of Indian Industries in Malaysia (CIIM) Invitational Golf & Royal Gala Dinner was held on 10 March 2023, to commemorate 65 years of India-Malaysia Diplomatic relations. The event was organised by CIIM in partnership with the High Commission at Tropicana Golf & Country Resort, Kuala Lumpur. The event was graced by His Majesty, Seri Paduka Baginda the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Her Majesty, The Raja Permaisuri and members of Royal family. Special cultural performances were rendered by artists from Temple of Fine Arts, Malaysia; and Ministry of Tourism Arts and Culture, Malaysia. Celebrated artist DJ Dave (Malaysia) and Indian singer Abid Anwar enthralled the audience by their performance. His Majesty Seri Paduka Baginda the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Her Majesty the Raja Permaisuri Agong also visited the special Millet promotion counters setup during the event for raising awareness about the health and sustainable benefits of millets.



**Fifth ASEAN-India Business Summit:**

The Fifth ASEAN-India Business Summit, jointly organised by the High Commission of India, Malaysia, in partnership with the ASEAN-India Business Council was held at Kuala Lumpur on 6th March 2023. The Business Summit saw high-level participation from the Government of Malaysia with the participation of Minister of Communications & Digital of Malaysia, H.E. YB Fahmi Fadzil, H.E YB V. Sivakumar, Deputy Minister for International Trade and Industry of Malaysia, H.E YB Liew Chin Tong, Deputy Minister for Entrepreneurship Development & Cooperatives, H.E YB Saraswathy Kandasami and senior officials from Government of Malaysia. The Business Summit was also attended by leading businesses, industry chambers, top executives, think tanks from India and Malaysia and ASEAN countries. The Event featured the virtual addresses of the Minister for Commerce & Industry and Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology of India. Vice-Minister, Economic Relations, Ministry of External Affairs of India, H.E. Mr. Dammu Ravi attended the event. The Chairperson of India's International Financial Services Centre Authority, (IFSCA), H.E. Mr. Injeti Srinivas visited Malaysia for the Event leading a large delegation from GIFT City/IFSC.

## Engagements of High Commission of India Kuala Lumpur

**H.E. Mr. Dammu Ravi, Vice-Minister, Economic Relations, Ministry of External Affairs, India met H.E. Dato Dr. Husaini Omar, Director General Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur on March 7.** Discussions covered on expanding India-Malaysia collaboration in higher education, Skill training, opportunities for Malaysian Universities in Gift City India.



**A Special Round Table meeting for 20 Malaysian Universities was organised by International Financial Services Centres Authority, hosted by Bloomberg Asia.** H.E. Mr. Dammu Ravi, (Vice-Minister, Economic Relations) delivered the special address on the occasion. H.E. Mr. Injeti Srinivas, Chairperson IFSCA highlighted opportunities to set up offshore campus in GIFT City. In an interactive session, Vice Chancellors, Presidents, Deputy Vice Chancellors and senior management of leading Malaysian universities shared their insights and ideas on collaboration with India.

**The Chairperson, International Financial Services Centres Authority, H.E. Mr. Injeti Srinivas, accompanied by High Commissioner of India, Mr. B.N. Reddy and Mr. Balasubramaniam, CEO of National Stock Exchange of India Limited met Datuk Umar Swift, CEO of Bursa Malaysia on March 6.** The discussions focused on collaboration between NSE IFSC and Bursa on derivatives trading, dual listing, green financing among other areas.



**High Commissioner, Mr. B.N. Reddy had an audience with HRH Sultan Sallehuddin ibni Almarhum Sultan Badlishah, Sultan of Kedah on March 21.** High Commissioner briefed HRH about ongoing bilateral engagement including defence cooperation and India's participation at LIMA2023. HRH Sultan Sallehuddin reminisced about his attending of the 33 Regular Course (1962-63) of Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun. Two Cadets from the state of Kedah are currently undergoing training at IMA. HRH reminisced about Chetwode Motto, "The safety, honour and welfare of your country come first, always and every time. The honour, welfare and comfort of the men you command come next. Your own ease, comfort and safety come last, always and every time".



**High Commissioner, Mr. B.N. Reddy paid a courtesy call on H.E. Mr. Rafizi Ramli, Minister of Economy in Putrajaya on March 23.** The meeting featured productive discussions on deepening India-Malaysia collaboration in areas of priority for both governments.

**High Commission of India commemorated International Women's Day at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre, Kuala Lumpur on 9 March 2023.**

YB Senator, Saraswathy Kandasami, Federal Deputy Minister of Entrepreneur and Co-operatives of Malaysia graced the occasion as the chief guest and delivered the keynote address. Dato Ambiga Sreenivasan, Datuk Dr Alice Prethima Michael, Datin Lorela Chia, Dr Vimala Perumal, Mrs Jasbir Kaur, Mrs. Assoc Prof Dr Hardev Kaur and Dr Nisha Thayananthan who

have excelled in their respective fields joined the event as special invitees. Speaking on the occasion, High Commissioner, Mr. B.N. Reddy appraised the audience of the launch of a new hashtag, "Nari Shakti for New India" – Women's power for New India by Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi and highlighted the immensely important role of women in the making of New India. Delivering the keynote address on the occasion, YB Senator Saraswathy Kandasami highlighted that, digital technology is a powerful tool for women entrepreneurs as it has the power to create a level playing field by reducing barriers to entry and increasing access to markets. She also added that the digital technology enables women entrepreneurs to balance their work and personal lives, providing greater flexibility and autonomy. The event was attended by over 180 guests which included members of SUHAKHAM, various women's aid organisations, members of sikh community, members of various community and cultural associations in Malaysia, teachers and students of Indian Schools, academicians, members of media.



**The Army Higher Command Course (AHCC) from India's Army War College, Mhow and Indian Air Force - Media Co-ordination Centre delegation visited Malaysia on March 14.**

The delegations interacted with their Malaysian counterparts, Senior Commanders, Think tanks, and visit military installations in Malaysia, to gain insights into the single services and joint force structures gearing to handle current and future challenges. Lt Gen DP Pandey, Commandant of India's Army War College, Mhow, led the delegation to Malaysian Institute of Defence and Security (MIDAS), a leading think-tank specializing in defence and security issues.



**On 27 March, High Commissioner, received and congratulated Cadet Izzah Hazirah, the First Lady Cadet from Malaysia, joining one-year Cadet Training Course at Officers Training Academy (OTA), Chennai on 1 April 2023.**



**Commanding Officer of Indian Coast Guard Ship ICGS Samudra Paheredar, DIG Mr. Pramod Pokhriyal, accompanied by High Commission of India Kuala Lumpur officials, met Rear Admiral Maritime Haji Rozali, Director Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) at HQ of Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency on March 16.** The discussions focused on closer exchanges between Indian and Malaysian Coast Guards on training & capacity building, pollution control, disaster response etc. The High Commission and the Coast Guard Ship, SAMUDRA PAHEREDAR



jointly hosted an Onboard Reception at Port Klang on March 16 at which Deputy High Commissioner, Mrs. Subhashini Narayanan represented the High Commission of India. Rear Admiral, (M) Hamid Bin Hj Mohd Amin, Deputy Director General Operations, MMEA graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.



**High Commissioner, Mr. B.N. Reddy attended the first performance of Second season of 'Jaya Ram' of Sutra Foundation at Temple of Fine Arts, KL, hosted by Alaka Foundation/ Creador, on 23 March.** 'Jaya Ram' symbolises the cultural linkages between India & Malaysia during celebration of 65 years of diplomatic relations.

**The High Commission organised a Consular Facilitation Session in Dewan Gandhi in Sungai Petani, Kedah, on 18 March 2023.** The session received a positive response with more than 400 people in attendance. A team of the Officials of High Commission was at the Consular Facilitation Camp. The Session addressed queries & resolved grievances, on the spot, pertaining to variety of Consular Services, including passport and OCI card related services.



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**High Commissioner called on Dató Jana Santhiran, Secretary General, Ministry of Transport Malaysia on 31 March.** Both parties discussed various issues of bilateral and multilateral interest in transport sector, including enhanced direct flight connectivity between India and Malaysia, development of railways and ports and white shipping agreement.

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**High Commission of India organised a Tree planting event in Ipoh, Perak on 21 March, as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and India-Malaysia@65 celebrations, at which Mrs. Amrita Dash, Counsellor represented the High Commission of India.** The event was held at Majlis Kebudayaan Negeri, Ipoh, & was attended by over 60 members of community associations in Perak. The event was



organised in partnership with Kinta District Cultural Association, Department of Culture & Arts, Perak, Tourism Perak and Green Town Indian Cultural Society, Ipoh. Dato' Nolee Ashilin Mohammed Radzi, Patron, Kinta District Cultural Association; Cik Nurmalis Musa, CEO, Tourism Perak; Mr & Mrs Nithiananda Jawahar, Patrons, Greentown Indian Cultural Society & Ms Ruth Robert, President, Greentown Indian Cultural Society graced the occasion. The distinguished participants also included members of Green Town Indian Cultural Society, Ipoh; Khalsa Diwan Malaysia and Perak Malayalee Association.

## What's New – Business & Investments News in India

### 1. **Settlement of India-Malaysia trade in Indian Rupee (INR)**

Trade between India and Malaysia can now be settled in Indian Rupee (INR) in addition to the current modes of settlement in other currencies. This follows the decision by the Reserve Bank of India (India's Central Bank) in July 2022 to allow the settlement of International trade in INR. India International Bank of Malaysia (IIBM) is the first Bank in Malaysia that has operationalised this mechanism by opening a Special Rupee Vostro Account through its Corresponding Bank in India i.e. Union Bank of India...[read more](#)

### 2. **One District Product (ODOP) has been approved for 713 districts under PMFME Scheme**

Out of all 766 districts across 36 States/ UTs, One District One Product (ODOP) has been approved for 713 districts of 35 States/ UTs under Centrally Sponsored "Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme" implemented by Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI). Under the PMFME Scheme, MoFPI has authorised 76 incubation centres across the nation with a total investment of US\$ 24.9 million to support current and potential entrepreneurs in the creation of new and innovative products, among other things, at all stages of the value chain...[read more](#)

### 3. **5% of the world's 5G users in India**

Six months after the launch of 5G service in India, the number of 5G customers has surpassed 50 million. By December 31, 2022, the proportion of 5G consumers in the country's total customer base has reached 4.37%. It is estimated that the total 4G subscriber base is at 773 million. By the end of 2022, India had 5% of the world's 1 billion 5G consumers. By the end of 2024, Omdia predicts India will have over 150 million 5G subscribers. By 2028, according to Ericsson, India would be the second-largest market for 5G subscribers after China...[read more](#)

### 4. **India Forest cover increased by 5,516 square kilometres between ISFR 2017 and ISFR 2021**

Each year since 1987, the Forest Survey of India (FSI) is assessing forests, and its findings are published in the India State of Forest Report (ISFR). As per the ISFR 2021, the forest cover stood at 708,273 square kilometres, whereas as per ISFR, the total forest cover stood at 713,789 kilometres. Therefore, there is an overall increase in forest cover of the country by 5,516 square kilometres between ISFR 2017 and ISFR 2021. Conservation, afforestation, protection, and the growth of trees outside forest are responsible for the rise in forest cover...[read more](#)

### 5. **India, World Food Programme sign MoU during Global Millets Conference**

During the Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference on 18 March 2023, World Food Programme (WFP) and the Indian Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation between 2023-2027. Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar lauded the World Food Programme (WFP) 's (of the United Nations) efforts to advance food self-sufficiency and support national and international initiatives to secure long-term solutions to the problem of hunger...[read more](#)

### 6. **India's M&A activity touched an all-time high with a 38% jump in 2022**

As per the India Investment Banking Review 2022 report by Refinitiv, India's merger and acquisition (M&A) deals in 2022 were the highest ever, at US\$ 170.6 billion. In 2022, the deal activity was 38% more than that of 2021. The financial sector topped the list of target sectors as it received investments of over US\$ 70 billion. The next most-favoured sector was the technology sector with investments worth US\$ 20.4 billion...[read more](#)

### 7. **India's renewable energy capacity reaches 168.96 GW: Union Minister R.K.Singh**

India's total installed renewable energy capacity touched 168.96-gigawatt (GW) mark by February, 2023-end. Mr. R.K. Singh, Union Minister for Power, New and Renewable Energy said that, out of the total 168.96 GW, 64.38 GW is solar power capability, 51.79 GW is hydropower, 42.02 GW is wind power, and 10.77 GW is biopower. He further informed that another 82.62 GW of green energy capacity is being implemented and that 40.89 GW of capacity is in different stages of tendering...[read more](#)

# Spotlight and Opportunities in India

## Medical Devices



- The healthcare and medical device sectors in India have grown significantly in the last decade. A wide range of medical devices, from consumables to implantable medical devices, are produced in India. The majority of medical devices manufactured in India are disposables like catheters, perfusion sets, extension lines, cannulas, feeding tubes, needles, and syringes, as well as implants like cardiac stents, drug-eluting stents, intraocular lenses, and orthopaedic implants.
- The medical devices sector in India comprises large multinationals, small and mid-sized companies. As of 2020, the medical devices market is estimated to be at US\$ 12 billion in India, and it is expected to grow at a CAGR of 15%, which is 2.5 times the global growth rate. India is the 4th largest Asian medical devices market after Japan, China, and South Korea, and among the top 20 medical devices markets globally.
- The medical devices industry in India is poised for significant growth with the market size expected to reach \$50 bn by 2030. 100% FDI is allowed under the automatic route for both brownfield and greenfield setups. Strong FDI inflows reflect the confidence of global players in the Indian market.
- In FY 2021-22, India's exports of medical devices stood at \$2.9 bn. By 2025, it is expected that the exports will reach \$ 10 bn.
- To increase export of medical devices in the country, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) and Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) implemented the following initiatives:
  - Re-examination and implementation of Schedule MIII (a draft guidance on good manufacturing practices and facility requirements)
  - System for export labelling
  - Clinical evaluation and adverse reporting clarification
  - State licensing authority to extend free sales certificate validity from 2 years to 5 years to allow exports
  - Create a list of manufacturers with export licensing for easy access to regulatory authorities worldwide.

# Spotlight and Opportunities in India




## Textiles





- India is among the world's largest producer of textiles and apparel. The domestic apparel & textile industry in India contributes approx. 2% to the country's GDP, 7% of industry output in value terms. The share of textile, apparel and handicrafts in India's total exports was 11.4% in 2020-21. India holds 4% share of the global trade in textiles and apparel.
- India is one of the largest producers of cotton and jute in the world. India is also the 2nd largest producer of silk in the world and 95% of the world's hand-woven fabric comes from India. The Indian technical textiles segment is estimated at \$16 Bn, approximately 6% of the global market. The textiles and apparel industry in India is the 2nd largest employer in the country providing direct employment to 45 Mn people and 100 Mn people in allied industries.
- The highest contributors to FDI in the Textile sector of India (including dyed, printed) from April 2016 to March 2021 are Japan, Mauritius, Italy, and Belgium. India scaled its highest ever exports tally at \$ 44.4 Bn in Textiles and Apparel (T&A) including Handicrafts in FY 2021-22, indicating a substantial increase of 41% and 26% over corresponding figures in FY 2020-21 and FY 2019-20, respectively.
- Government has launched the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme with an approved outlay of INR 10,683 crore (US\$1.3 billion) to promote production of MMF (Man Made Fabric) Apparel, MMF Fabrics and Products of Technical Textiles in the country to enable Textiles Industry to achieve size and scale and to become competitive.
- The future of the Indian textiles industry looks promising, buoyed by strong domestic consumption as well as export demand. India is working on various major initiatives to boost its technical textile industry. With consumerism and disposable income on the rise, the retail sector has experienced a rapid growth in the past decade with the entry of several international players like Marks & Spencer, Guess and Next into the Indian market. The growth in textiles will be driven by growing household income, increasing population and increasing demand by sectors like housing, hospitality, healthcare, etc.



## INDIA TOURISM - Upcoming festivals in India in June 2023




SI.No	Events	Description	
1.	<p><b>Vaikasi Visakam</b></p> <p>Place Of Celebration: Tamil Nadu</p> <p>Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023</p>	<p>Vaikasi Visakam is said to be the day when Lord Muruga incarnated in this world with the mission of saving earth from demons like Soorapadman and Tharakasuran. The festival is celebrated in a grand manner in the Aarupadai Veedu (Swamymalai, Thiruchendur, Palani, Thiruthani, Thiruparankundram and Palamudhircholai - the six major temples for Lord Muruga). The divine incarnation of Lord Muruga (also known as Skanda, Karthikeya or Subramanya) to alleviate the sufferings of the Devas is believed to have occurred in the Tamil month of Vaikasi on a full moon day in the asterism or nakshatra `Vishaka`, and is a combination of three stars that shines brightly in the sky.</p>	
2	<p><b>Vat Purnima</b></p> <p>Place of Celebration: Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat, Uttarakhand</p> <p>Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023</p>	<p>Vat Purnima, also known as Vat Savitri, is one of the most significant days for Hindu women. On this Purnima (full moon) during the three days of the month of Jyeshtha in the Hindu calendar (which falls in May–June in the Gregorian calendar), a married woman marks her love for her husband by observing a fast and tying a ceremonial thread around a banyan tree. The celebration is based on the legend of Savitri and Satyavan as narrated in the epic Mahabharata.</p>	
3	<p><b>International Yoga Day</b></p> <p>Place of celebration: All over India</p> <p>Date: 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023</p>	<p>The International Day of Yoga has been celebrated across the world annually on June 21 since 2015, following its inception in the United Nations General Assembly in 2014. India Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, in his UN address in 2014, had suggested the date of June 21, as it is the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and shares a special significance in many parts of the world</p>	

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<p>3..</p>	<p><b>Jagannath Rath Yatra</b></p> <p>Place of celebration: Odisha</p> <p>Date: 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023</p>	<p>Jagannath Rath Yatra is celebrated in Puri, which is situated 60 km from Bhubaneswar, the capital city of Odisha. The procession is also known as the festival of chariots because it witnesses the journey of three separate chariots for Lord Jagannath, Lord Balarama and Goddess Subhadra. Jagannath Yatra is celebrated on the second day of the Shukla Paksha as per the traditional Oriya calendar. This auspicious festival is celebrated for nine days and commences with the Rath Yatra and concludes on a ninth day with a return journey - Bahuda Jatra. The deities are moved from their abode of Jagannath Temple to Gundicha Temple during the procession.</p>	
<p>4..</p>	<p><b>Eid ul Adha (Bakrid)</b></p> <p>Place Of Celebration: All over India</p> <p>Date: 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023</p>	<p>The day of Eid-ul-Adha falls on the tenth day in the final (twelfth) month of the Islamic Lunar Calendar, Dhu-al-Hijjah. The celebration of Eid-ul-Adha is to commemorate Prophet Ibrahim's devotion to Allah SWT and his readiness to sacrifice his son, Ismail. At the very point of sacrifice, Allah SWT replaced Ismail with a ram, which was to be slaughtered in place of his son. This command from Allah SWT was a test of Prophet Ibrahim's willingness and commitment to obey his Lord's command, without question. The act of Qurbani consists of slaughtering an animal as a sacrifice to mark this occasion in remembrance of Prophet Ibrahim's sacrifice for Allah SWT.</p>	

## INCREDIBLE INDIA – Beautiful West Bengal




*From the mighty Himalayas to the greenery of Gangetic planes, from serene beaches to mangrove estuaries - West Bengal is a land of many natural splendors. Adding to its charm and appeal are the magnificent heritage architecture, colorful folk festivals, beautiful arts and crafts, traditional and contemporary music, theater and films and delicious ethnic specialties that make West Bengal truly a brilliant experience offering unique diversities!*

Sl. No	Places to visit	
1.	<p><b>Howrah Bridge</b></p> <p>An iconic landmark in Kolkata, the Howrah Bridge is a huge steel bridge over the Hooghly River. It is considered to be one of the longest cantilever bridges in the world. Also known as Rabindra Setu in honor of the renowned Bengali poet Rabindranath Tagore, the bridge connects cities of Howrah and Kolkata and carries 100,000 vehicles and countless pedestrians daily. At night, as the city is enveloped in a blanket of darkness, the bridge is illuminated by thousands of LED bulbs, making it look stunning and as captivating as ever.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Belur Math</b></p> <p>Belur Math is the headquarters of Ramakrishna Math and the Ramakrishna Mission, founded by Swami Vivekananda, the chief disciple of 19th century mystic sage and reformer, Ramakrishna Paramahansa. It is located on the west bank of the Hooghly River in India, at Belur, and is one of the notable institutions in Kolkata. The temple is the heart of the Ramakrishna movement and is notable for its architecture which symbolizes the unity of all religions, Hindu, Islamic, Buddhist, and Christian. In 2003, the Belur Math Railway Station was also inaugurated, which is dedicated to the Belur Math Temple.</p>	
3	<p><b>Dakshineswar Kali Temple</b></p> <p>One of the holiest places of Eastern India, the temple is situated on the eastern bank of the Hooghly River, and the presiding deity of the temple is Maa Bhavatarini. The temple was built by Rani Rashmoni, a philanthropist and a devotee of Kali in 1855 and is famous for its association with Ramakrishna Paramhansa and his wife Sarada Devi. There are twelve shrines dedicated to Shiva, along the riverfront, a temple to Radha-Krishna, a bathing ghat on the river and a shrine dedicated to Rani Rashmoni. Nahavat-Khana, the chamber in the northwestern corner just beyond the last of the Shiva temples, is where Ramakrishna Paramahansa spent a considerable part of his life.</p>	

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Sl. No	Sacred Sites in India	
4.	<p><b>Victoria Memorial</b></p> <p>Victoria Memorial stands as a reminiscence of erstwhile colonial grandeur and is a perfect representation of sheer magnificence that entices its visitors and leaves them awestruck. The idea of the monument was conceptualized by Lord George Curzon, 1st Marquess Curzon of Kedleston and Viceroy of India as a 'stately' memorial for deceased Queen Victoria, the first Empress of British India. The monument now serves as a museum that houses original artifacts that once belonged to the Empress Queen. Other than these, the gallery also displays a host of valuable collection of paintings and original manuscripts, as well as memorabilia of viceroys and governor generals who held important administrative positions during the Raj.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Sundarbans National Park</b></p> <p>The Sundarbans National Park is many things at once, a biosphere reserve, national park and tiger reserve, such is the richness of this mangrove ecosystem. The Sundarbans stretches from River Hooghly in West Bengal, India, all the way to River Baleswar in Bangladesh. In this UNESCO World Heritage Site, the mangrove trees stand lazily on the mudflats, which are visible during low tides, and submerged in height tide. Sundarban is the home for the world famous Royal Bengal Tigers, and was declared as a wildlife sanctuary and core tiger reserve in the year 1977.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Darjeeling</b></p> <p>Nestled among the rolling mountains with the glistening Mount Kanchenjunga towering over the azure sky, Darjeeling fondly called "Queen of the Hills", provides a perfect gateway for those seeking to be in harmony with nature. This is the land of the muscatel flavored Darjeeling tea revered by connoisseurs across the globe. This is the land of the world heritage Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, where the century old miniature steam engine still chugs uphill vying for space with the fast disappearing Land Rovers.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Kolkata Indian Museum</b></p> <p>The ninth oldest museum of the world and largest in India, the foundation stone of the museum was laid down in the year 1814 and has been a center of multidisciplinary activities ever since. Popularly known as 'Jadugarh', it has the finest collection of contemporary paintings, sacred relics of Buddha, Egyptian mummies and ancient sculptures. In addition to these, the Indian Museum boasts of some of the most exquisite collections of ornaments, fossils, skeletons, antiques, armors, and stunning Mughal paintings.</p>	

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8.	<p><b>M.P. Birla Planetarium</b></p> <p>Situated at the famous Chowringhee Road right in the proximity of Victoria Memorial and St. Paul's Cathedral, Birla planetarium is the largest planetarium in Asia and the second largest in the world! Birla Planetarium is a magnificent edifice set up by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on 2nd July 1963, and is one of the three planetariums present in India. Also known as Taramandal, the Planetarium regularly holds many shows and programs are in various languages including Hindi, English, Bengali, and other regional languages. In addition to being a planetarium, Birla Planetarium also has an electronics laboratory and an astronomy gallery that has a collection of paintings and astronomical models.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Indian Botanic Garden</b></p> <p>Situated in the Shibpur suburb of Kolkata, this expanse of greenery dates back to the late 1700s, when it was used to study and develop commercial plants for trade under the British East India Company. The original history of the garden is almost similar to the Kew Garden in England which is situated on the bank of the river Thames. Estimated to be more than 250 years old, the Great Banyan Tree is a looming figure, towering over everything else at the gardens and occupies an area of 4.67 acres! Elsewhere on the sprawling grounds you'll find a cactus house, a lake, an orchid collection, and more than 1,700 plant species from India and abroad, including a number of rare specimens.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Bishnupur Terracotta Temples</b></p> <p>Bishnupur, a municipal town in the modern day Bankura district in West Bengal, was a centre of music, art, and architecture for hundreds of years. Among other things, the town is well-known for its terracotta temples, extensively embellished with carved and moulded terracotta decorations made from the locally available laterite clay. The Bishnupur temple complex consists of 20 temples, and are associated with the Gaudiya Vaishnava faith. The temples were built by the Malla kings who ruled a part of West Bengal between Burdwan and Purulia across 700 years, from the 10th to the 17th centuries.</p>	

## INDIAN COMPANIES IN MALAYSIA:

### Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Malaysia



# LARSEN & TOUBRO



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- [Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade \(DPIIT\)](#)
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- [Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry \(FICCI\)](#)
- [Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India \(ASSOCHAM\)](#)
- [Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority \(APEDA\)](#)
- [Apparel Export Promotion Council \(AEPC\)](#)
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- [Carpet Export Promotion Council](#)
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