



# Tasar Silk at Republic Day Parade

## Why in News?

Jharkhand's tableau showcasing the production of the famed **tasar silk in the Santhal Pargana region** was selected for the [Republic Day parade in New Delhi](#).

- Jharkhand is among 16 states and Union Territories the tableaux of which have been selected for the parade.

## Key Points

- The country will be introduced to the **silk of Dumka and Godda of Jharkhand**.
  - **Sarihan variety of tasar silk is found in the Dumka district.**
- There are **four types of silk** -- Mulberry, Eri, Muga and tasar. Mulberry, Eri and Muga are common and can be produced indoors but tasar is wild in nature.
- **Country's 70% tasar is produced in Jharkhand**, of which **40% is produced** in the state's **Santhal Pargana region**.
  - The **tasar silk is transported to Bhagalpur in Bihar, where the final product is made.**

## Status of India's Silk Industry

- India stands as the **world's second-largest producer of raw silk after China**.
- India boasts a **diverse range of silk types**, including **Mulberry, Tasar, Muga, and Eri**. The variations arise from the distinct feeding habits of the silkworms.
- The **silk industry stands as one of India's largest foreign exchange earners**, contributing significantly to the country's economic landscape.
- **The major silk-producing states in the country are** Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.