



Jharkhand Showcases Tasar Silk Production in R-Day Parade

Why in News?

Jharkhand's tableau in the [Republic Day parade](#) on 26th January 2024, showcased the skill of [tribal women in the production of Tasar silk](#).

Key Points

- The tableau depicted the **Tasar moth rearing, cocoon production, weaving and the modern journey of Tasar garments** from design to global distribution.
- The performance exuded the vibrant spirit of Jharkhand through the "**jhumar**" folk dance and indigenous music.
- **Tasar Silk:**
 - It is a type of [wild silk](#), which is made from **silkworms that feed on plants like Asan and Arjun**.
 - In different parts of India it is known as **tusaar, tusser, tushar, tusa, tassore, and tasar etc.**
 - The silk can also be found in shades of **brown, cream, and orange**.
 - The threads of tasar silk are often thicker than those of other silks, and they are **woven in a way that creates a 'checkerboard' pattern**.
 - It is **lightweight yet strong**, with a **luxuriously soft feel** often compared to that of cashmere or velvet.
 - It **does not retain moisture**, and can be worn in warmer climates of the world.
- **India is the second-largest producer of tussar silk** and the **exclusive producer of Indian tussar** (also known as tropical tussar), which is largely tended to by tribals.
- In India, it is primarily produced in **Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Chhattisgarh**. Currently, **Jharkhand is one of the largest producers**.
 - China, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh are global producers of tasar silk.

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.

