



# Inauguration of National Turmeric Board in Nizamabad

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The Union **Home Minister inaugurated the National Turmeric Board in Nizamabad**, Telangana, **to develop a complete value chain for turmeric**, including packaging, branding, marketing, and export.

- Operating **under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, the board aims to reduce middlemen, **promote GI-tagged organic turmeric**, and train farmers in best practices.
- Previously, the **Spices Board managed turmeric promotion** along with over 50 other spices.

## Turmeric

- **About:** [Turmeric](#) is an **underground stem (rhizome)** of the **Curcuma longa plant**, which is part of the **ginger family (Zingiberaceae)**.
  - [Curcumin](#), the active compound in turmeric, gives it its **yellow color** and is known for its **anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, and antimicrobial benefits**.
- **Cultivation:** India cultivates **30+ turmeric varieties** across **20+ states**, with major producers being **Maharashtra, Telangana, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu**.
  - **Turmeric requires** a tropical climate with **20-30°C temperature, 1500+ mm annual rainfall, and well-drained sandy or clay loam soils** for optimal growth.
- **Global Standing:** India is the **world's largest producer, consumer, and exporter** of turmeric.
  - In **2022-23**, it contributed **over 75%** of global production and held a **62% share** in global exports.
- **Export Data:** India exported **turmeric and related products** worth **USD 207.45 million in 2022-23**, mainly to **Bangladesh, UAE, USA, and Malaysia**, and **aims to reach USD 1 billion in turmeric exports by 2030**.
- **GI Tags:** [GI-certified](#) varieties include **Lakadong turmeric** (Meghalaya), [Kandhamal turmeric](#) (Odisha), [Erode turmeric](#) (Tamil Nadu).
- **Health Benefits:** Curcumin helps in **reducing inflammation, fighting oxidative stress, and aiding digestion** by enhancing **bile production**, making turmeric significant in **traditional and modern medicine**.

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