

CRITERIA UNDER ODOP

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Districts Export Action Plans focus on identification of products and services for overseas markets, which include specific actions required to support local exporters/manufacturers in producing/manufacturing identified products in adequate quantity and with the requisite quality, for reaching potential buyers outside India, identifying and addressing challenges for exports of the such identified products/services, improving supply chains, market accessibility and handholding for increasing exports.

Districts Export Action Plans also design the strategies to promote export of the identified products and services in the districts. The plans include specific actions required to support local exporters/manufacturers in producing/manufacturing identified products in adequate quantity and with the requisite quality, for reaching potential buyers outside India. The plans also focus on the interventions required to provide ecosystem for innovation/ use of technology at the district level to make them export competitive. These plans also include identifying and addressing challenges for exports of such identified products/services, improving supply chains, market accessibility and handholding for increasing exports.

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