

**Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial  
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**Collaboration with the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names  
(for discussion and decision)**

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Government of India

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Dear Chairman,

India, appreciate the efforts of the group of experts and would like to express our sincere congratulations for such a successful virtual event being conducted during such unprecedented times. India is a multilingual country and the Indian constitution recognizes 22 official languages covering all regional languages. Therefore, steps have been taken to standardize the Geographical names in 22 languages.

The National Names Authority is Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. Survey of India, the national mapping agency is the authority for the transliteration of names from one script to another according to the transliteration system approved by the Government of India. The efforts towards transliteration of all map names in all 22 languages mentioned in Constitution of India is started. So far map names of all 1:50000 scale topographic maps have been transliterated in all 22 Languages, using a software in association with CDAC.

Thank you.

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