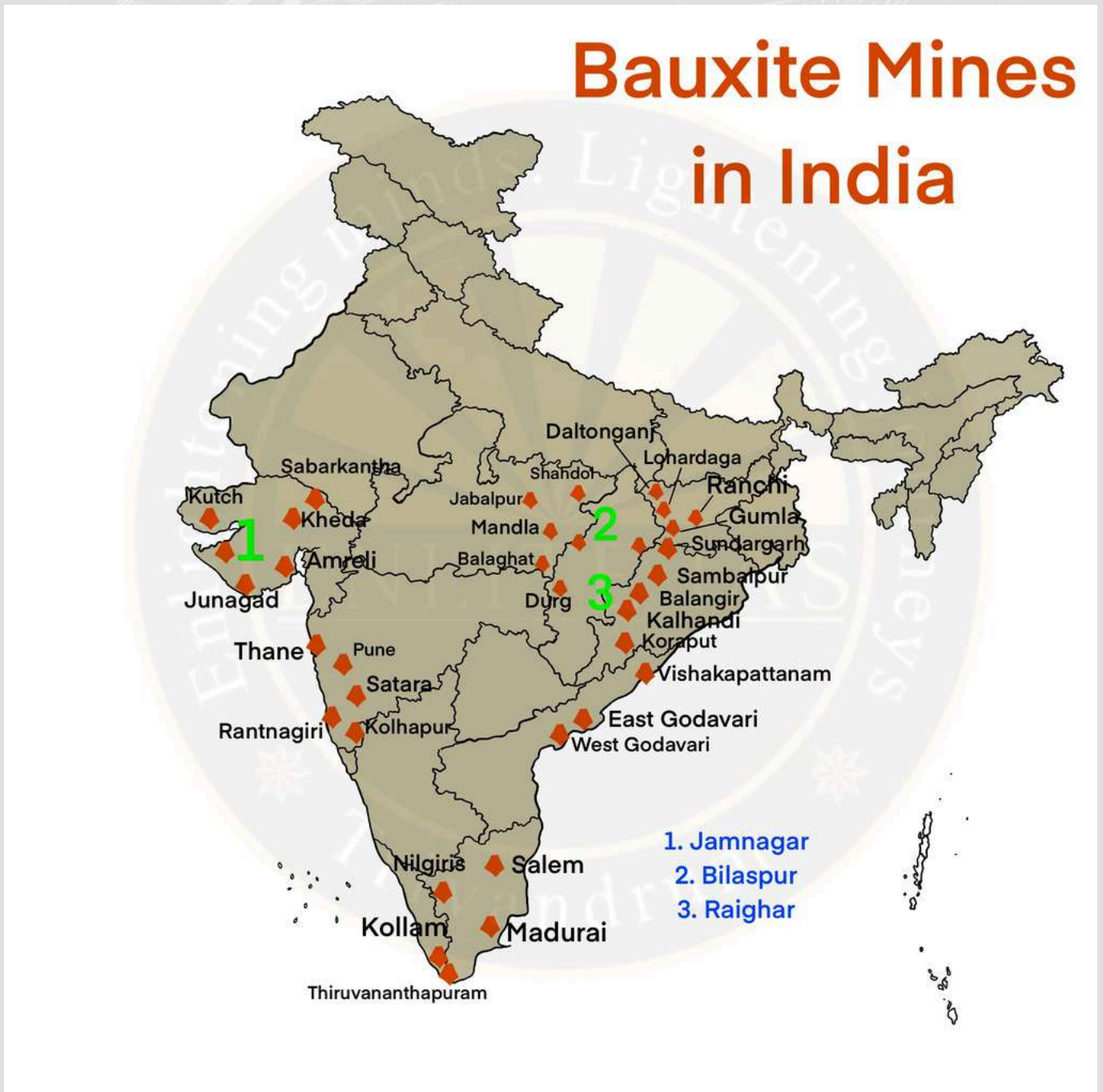


1 Bauxite Distribution in India (Source: The Indian Express)

Bauxite is the ore of aluminium and deposits of Bauxite are mainly associated with laterites regions (hills / plateaus)





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Major Producers

- **Orissa**
 - Orissa is the largest producer, which produces about 50% of the total bauxite production of the country.
 - The main bauxite belt is in Kalahandi, Koraput, and Baragarh districts.
- **Gujarat**
 - Gujarat is the second-largest producer and produces over 15 percent of the total bauxite of India.

2 Elephanta Caves *(Source: The Hindu)*

- Located on Elephanta Island (historically known as Gharapuri, meaning “city of caves”), are a **UNESCO World Heritage Site situated in Mumbai Harbour.**
- Likely constructed between the 5th and 7th centuries CE during the rule of the Kalachuri or Chalukya dynasty.
- *Dedicated primarily to Lord Shiva, showcasing rock-cut architecture and Shaivism traditions.*
- The name “Elephanta” was given by the Portuguese in the 16th century.





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3 Union Territories (UTs) (Source: *The Indian Express*)

Union Territories (UTs) in India are centrally administered regions under direct control of the Union Government and they are initially created through 7th Constitutional Amendment Act (1956) and the States Re-organization Act (1956).

Current Union Territories

- Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, National Capital Territory of Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Lakshadweep, Ladakh, and Puducherry.

Reasons for the formation of Union Territories are

- **Political and Administrative Consideration:** Delhi and Chandigarh.
- **Cultural Distinctiveness:** Puducherry, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and Daman and Diu.
- **Strategic Importance:** Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Delhi, Puducherry, and Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh.
- **Special treatment and care of the backward and tribal people**

Constitutional Provisions

- **Article 1:** The territories of India shall comprise
 - The territories of the States
 - The Union Territories
 - Such other territories may be acquired.
- **Articles 239 to 241 in Part VIII of the Constitution deal with the union territories**
 - **Art 239:** Union Territory shall be administered by the President through an Administrator to be appointed by the President.
 - **Article 239A:** Provides for the creation of local Legislatures or councils of Ministers or both for certain Union Territories.
 - **Article 239AA:** Added by the 69th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1991. It says that the Union Territory of Delhi shall be called the National Capital Territory of Delhi, and the Administrator thereof, appointed under Article 239, shall be designated as the Lieutenant Governor.



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Parliament Role

- The Parliament can make laws on any subject of the three lists (including the State List) for the union territories.
- The President can make regulations for the peace, progress and good government of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and Daman and Diu.
- The Parliament can establish a high court for a union territory.

UTs with the Legislature

- Delhi, Puducherry and Jammu and Kashmir.