Guidebook

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1.1 Categories

NEWS AND WEBSITES

T1 Automotive

General meaning

Auto body styles, auto shows, technology, auto types, car culture, auto tuning, dash cam videos, motorcycles, roadside assistance, reviews

T1 Business and Finance

General meaning

Tips on how to succeed, make money, choose financial alternatives, success stories, budgeting tips and tricks, business articles, stock market, breaking finance news

T1 Careers

General meaning

Internships and career advice, career planning, job search, interview how-tos, vocational skills, office team building

T1 Education

General meaning

School subjects, educational content, forums, blogs, tips and howtos, presentations, schools and universities reviews, MBA, IELTS, GMAT

T1 Events and Attractions

General meaning

Breaking news on what's going on worldwide, traditions, laws, social activities, social life, photo galleries

T1 Family And Relationships

T2 Parenting

General meaning

Caregivers who take care of children: biological, adoptive or alternative families, tips on parenting, what to expect, pregnancy

T2 Sex

General meaning

Issues about sexual intercourse between two adults: tips, embarrassing issues, how-tos

T2 Society

General meaning

Relationships between people: dating, weddings, civil unions, divorce, marriage, friendships, gender issues, sexual orientation, siblings, extended family, infidelity

T1 Fine Art

General meaning

Costume, dance, design, digital arts, fine art photography, modern art, opera, performance art, theater, sculpture

T1 Food And Drink

T2 Alcoholic Beverages

General meaning

Brand comparisons, recipes, brewing beer, history

T2 Cooking

General meaning

Barbecues and grilling, dining out, food trends, healthy cooking and eating, cooking and baking, specialty diets (vegan, vegetarian), world cuisines, food preparation, recipes, product reviews

T1 Healthy Living

T2 Fitness and Exercise

General meaning

Benefits, aerobics, weight lifting, running, swimming, cycling, gyms

T2 Nutrition

General meaning

Wholesome eating, benefits, diet plans, cleanses

T2 Wellness

General meaning

Yoga, massage, reiki, mindfulness, psychology, health issues and conditions, symptoms, meditation

T1 Hobbies And Interests

T2 Amazing

General meaning

Shocking or hard to believe concepts, amazing facts, viral videos, photo galleries

T2 Humor

General meaning

Comical stories, fun content, jokes, funny pets

T2 Interests

General meaning

Specific pastimes, astrology, horoscopes, calligraphy, camping, collecting, knitting

T1 Home and Garden

General meaning

Gardening, home appliances, home entertaining, home improvement, indoor environmental quality, interior decorating, landscaping, outdoor decorating, remodeling and construction, smart homes, flipping homes

T1 International News

T1 Local News

T2 News India

T1 Movies

General meaning

Movie info including reviews, ratings and biographies, recommendations for new movies to watch, rent, stream or own

T1 Music and Audio

General meaning

Music videos, music channels, charts, podcasts, fan communities, music-related blogs, galleries, awards, musicians, music listening tools and applications

T1 News And Politics

T2 Crime

General meaning

Inner city, national crime levels, statistics

T2 Disasters

General meaning

Natural disasters and their effects

T2 Politics

General meaning

News and commentary on global and local politics, laws

T1 Pets

General meaning

Birds, cats, dogs, fish and aquariums, large animals, pet adoptions, reptiles, veterinary medicine

T1 Pop Culture

General meaning

Celebrity deaths, celebrity families, celebrity homes, celebrity pregnancy, celebrity relationships, celebrity scandal, celebrity style, gossip, photoshoots, viral videos

T1 Real Estate

General meaning

Apartments, developmental sites, hotel properties, houses, industrial property, land and farms, office property, retail property, vacation properties

T1 Science

General meaning

Biological sciences, chemistry, environment, genetics, geography, geology, physics, space, astronomy

T1 Sports

General meaning

Sports-inspired content about games and events, players, sports history, culture, statistics, scores, reviews

T1 Style And Fashion

T2 Beauty

General meaning

Personal care products and regimens, tips and tricks, reviews

T2 Body Art

General meaning

Body tattoos, henna, body paint

T2 Fashion Trends

General meaning

Clothing, jewelry, footwear, accessories, street style, fashion trends

T1 Technology and Computing

General meaning

Artificial intelligence, augmented reality, computing, consumer electronics, robotics, virtual reality

T1 Television

General meaning

Animation, children's, comedy, drama, factual, holiday, music, reality, science fiction, soap opera, special interest, sports

T1 Travel

General meaning

Packing, travel accessories, travel locations, travel preparation, travel type

T1 Video Gaming

General meaning

Video and online games, news, previews, reviews, forums, communities, spoilers and guides

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1.2 RANKING

CONTENT

G (GENERAL AUDIENCE)



This ranking is for branded websites only.

PG (PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED)



Websites should have a high rating and credibility, be clean and visually attractive.

Content on the page should be appropriate for the general audience, be informative and of a high value for readers.

Any advertisements placed on the page should be in compliance with MGID policies and exclude any inappropriate materials.

PG13 (PARENTS STRONGLY CAUTIONED)



PG13 ranking covers personal blogs and advertorial formats of web pages, whose design, content and overall quality are not compliant to PG-ranking but are higher than R.

R (RESTRICTED)



R-rated websites are aimed and designed for entertainment purposes. This means publications may contain unproven or exaggerated yet not deceiving facts. This includes funny and humorous content, galleries, inclusion of lower quality imagery, etc.

Parental guidance is suggested for a younger audience.

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CREATIVE

PG

PG

PG type encompasses highly relevant and tasteful ads that should give a user a clear understanding of what he's about to see after proceeding to the provided publication.

Thumbnails should be of a high resolution. Bright and catchy stock photos are recommended.

Headlines should convey accurate information with no exaggeration, colloquial language or excessive punctuation. PG ads should not contain any personal attributes. This includes direct or indirect assertions or implications about a person's race, ethnic origin, religion, beliefs, age, sexual orientation or practices, gender identity, disability, medical condition (including physical or mental health), financial status, membership in a trade union, criminal record or name.

Suggestive materials of any kind are prohibited for this type.

PG13

PG-13

PG13-ranked creatives represent the middle ground solution between branded PG-ranked creatives and more true-to-life R creatives. Please keep in mind that the MGID compliance team reviews each ad component when ranking. Thumbnail images are not the only deciding factor but the headline, advertising text and CTA text as well.

R



R type includes relevant ads that might give a user an abstract understanding of what he's about to see. Thumbnails can be less pixel-peepable.

Headlines may be catchier, contain exaggeration and colloquial language.

R-rated ads may contain any personal attributes. This

includes direct or indirect assertions or implications about a person's race, ethnic origin, religion, beliefs, age, sexual orientation or practices, gender identity, disability, medical condition (including physical or mental health), financial status, membership in a trade union, criminal record or name.

1.3 CONTENT

RESTRICTED

ALCOHOL

Alcohol-related content is **allowed** as long as the chosen material does not support or convey a positive attitude towards alcohol consumption, e.g.:

- cocktail recipes that include alcohol;
- meal recipes that include alcohol;
- review(s) of rare alcohol beverages served as more as a piece of art or fashion other than a product.

PROHIBITED:

- targeting minors
- portraying people in a state of alcohol intoxication;
- showing alcohol consumption;
- alcohol consumption propaganda;
- implying that consuming alcohol provides health and/or therapeutic benefits.

CIGARETTES, ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES, VAPORS

AND OTHER SMOKING-RELATED CONTENT

Smoking-related publications may be approved as long as the chosen material does not support or convey a positive attitude to the habit. The purpose of the content should be anti-smoking propaganda and informative of the deadly consequences of smoking.

ALLOWED:

- anti-smoking propaganda and its deadly influence on health;
- information pages for those who want to quit smoking;
- review(s) of non-nicotine fluids, non-nicotine disposable electronic cigarettes,which can not be replenished, reusable electronic cigarettes—in which only nicotine-free liquid cartridges can be used—, accessories for electronic cigarettes (batteries, power supplies, drip tips).

PROHIBITED:

- targeting minors;
- smoking propaganda;
- showing the process of smoking;
- implying that consuming smoking provides health and/or therapeutic benefits.

ILLICIT OR DIGITAL DRUGS

Any illicit or digital drug-related material may be approved as long as the main message of the content is against drug consumption and informs on its deadly consequences. Otherwise, such and similar content is strictly prohibited.

ALLOWED:

- anti-drug propaganda and their deadly influence on health;
- real stories of people who stopped using drugs;
- review(s) of rehabilitation centers.

PROHIBITED:

- targeting minors;
- propaganda of drug consumption;
- showing the process of using drugs;
- implying that illicit or digital drugs provide health and/or therapeutic benefits.

SEX

Any sex-related content, advice, tips, tricks, do's and don'ts are allowed as long as the promoted materials exclude explicit and sexually suggestive imagery or nudity, profanity or inappropriate language.

CELEBRITIES

Celebrity-related content should be true and accurate. This excludes false statements and misleading facts about famous personalities. Fake made-up stories about stars created for the purpose of gaining users are prohibited.

KIDS

Content about children should convey a positive attitude towards minors and be family-friendly. Publications related to the harming of children are strictly prohibited.

POLITICS

Political content should be neutral, true and accurate. This includes true facts about politicians, parties, elections, etc. Real life stories and/or rumors about politicians should be confirmed.

PROHIBITED:

- propaganda of any candidate and/or party;
- anti propaganda of any candidate and/ or party;
- rumors or gossips about politicians that are not confirmed;
- fake scandals and facts about politicians and/or parties created to raise awareness among the population;
- slanderous reports.

RELIGION

Religious publications should keep a neutral and tolerant tone. History about any religion and/or interesting facts can be promoted.

PROHIBITED:

- aggressive or offensive content;
- incitement to hatred;
- intolerance to any kind of faith;
- publications supporting religious groups and participation in religious rites.

HEALTH ADVICES

Any health-related topics, materials, and advice should make common sense, be useful and meaningful.

PROHIBITED

PORNOGRAPHY, EROTICA OR ANY ADULT

CONTENT

This includes nudity, or anything that gives an impression of nudity, depictions of people in explicit or suggestive positions and/or activities that are overly suggestive or sexually provocative, or any sex-related content that might be considered for adults.

SEXUALIZATION OF MINORS

The exploitation and sexualization of minors is strictly prohibited.

FAKE STORIES

Any publications that are misleading, inaccurate or deceitful.



OFFENSIVE, THREATENING

OR INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

- intentional self-harm, mutilation, suicide propaganda, murders, dead people, dead animals or corpses;
- illegal organ trafficking dispersion;
- publications directed against human rights and freedoms;
- publications containing direct or indirect allusions to threats, harassment and violence;
- inciting hatred, criminal or terroristrelated content;
- content with excessive profanity or offensive language;
- publications containing hostile statements or discriminative materials against an individual or organization on the basis of personal attributes such as race, ethnicity, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, family status, disability or medical condition;
- faeces or other bodily fluids.

WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES

Publications about any kind of weapons and explosives should not be intended for the use of violence.

ALLOWED:

- self-defense videos;
- reviews of self-defence devices such as military lights, personal alarms, lighting and signaling devices, compasses, tactical pens, credit card knives, etc.;
- publications about collector knives, daggers, swords, cutting tools, kitchen knives or sports equipment;
- publications regarding antiquarian weapons, non-working models of weapons, rocket launchers, paintball markers, sights and holsters;
- the statistics of murders and shootings.

PROHIBITED:

- instructions on how to make and/or use explosive substances;
- instructions for the manufacture of bombs and other explosive devices, as well as their use for murder or harm;
- showing firearms (pistols, rifles, shotguns, hunting rifles, old rifles in the active state, weapons for paintball, pneumatic weapons) in the process of shooting.

PROHIBITED PRACTICES

IMPOSSIBLE-TO-READ CONTENT

Content that cannot be read, viewed and/or verified provides a negative user experience. All the materials should be logically and conveniently displayed on the website.

BLIND NAVIGATION

Blind navigation provides a negative user experience. Your website should have proper and visible navigation. Please avoid placements that can encourage accidental clicks.

UNACCEPTABLE WEB-PAGE FORMAT

Websites must not have an unreasonable amount of popups or overlays. A user should be able to easily close any popup advertisements or overlays that appear in connection with the page. Content must not be overloaded with ads or disrupted by ads.

SPOILERS TO HIDE PROHIBITED IMAGES

Please do not use spoilers to hide any prohibited images (shocking or disturbing imagery).

SECURITY VIOLATIONS

NON-FUNCTIONAL WEBSITES

Ads must not direct people to non-functional web-pages:

- Error pages
- Sites that are under construction
- Pages that are PDF or JPEG

WEBSITES INFECTED WITH MALWARE

You must not use websites or content that contain or cause the download of any spyware, malware, or software, resulting in an unexpected experience, such as the automatic download of applications without users' consent. This also includes websites that contain any code or script that interferes with a user's control of the site, such as a script that takes over a web-page or user's browser.

CLOAKING

Cloaking refers to the practice of presenting different content or URLs to users than to MGID moderation. It is used to hide the true destination that users are directed to.

When it is detected by the system, the moderator blocks ads and notifies the account manager by email.

PHISHING

You must not use websites that are designed to collect a user's personal information or harvest personal information with the intention of distributing that information without a user's consent. Personal information includes credit card numbers, email addresses, dates of birth, telephone numbers, sexual orientation and gender.

BROWSER LOCKING

This refers to the practice when the system identifies a popup that would prevent the user from exiting the browser.

You must not interfere, in any manner, with a user's ability to return to the original referring website by clicking back in their browser.

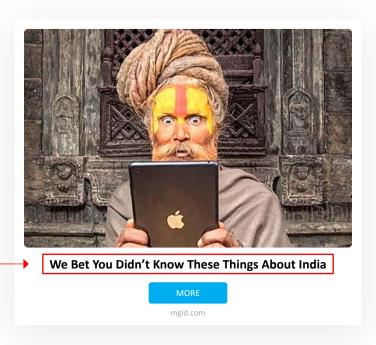
DRIVE BY DOWNLOAD

This refers to a practice when a file download starts automatically when the ad is displayed without any user action.

Websites or content must not contain or cause the download of any spyware, malware or software, resulting in an unexpected experience, such as the automatic download of applications without users' consent.

1.4 CREATIVE

HEADLINE



REQUIREMENTS

Headline

LENGTH

Title can contain up to 65 characters.

GRAMMAR

- Make sure proper verb tenses are used;
- Abide by parts of speech agreement;
- Apply the correct spacing no omitted or exceeding spacing between words and/or punctuation is allowed.

CAPITALIZATION

- In titles for ads in English, each word should be capitalized;
- In headlines for ads in other languages, only the first word has to be capitalized. The other words should be capitalized according to specific language's grammar rules.

*ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BRAND CAMPAIGNS

- Widgets for Brand campaigns also include advertising text and CTA (Call-to-action) text
- Advertising text: the length can contain up to 75 symbols.
- CTA: the length can contain up to 30 symbols.
- Macros are unavailable for CTA.

PROHIBITED PRACTICES

- Prohibited practices
- Poor grammar and redundant wording;
- Misspelling;
- Misleading, false and over-exaggerated statements;
- Titles promising to cure/treat any disease, condition or illness;
- Obscene, defamatory or offensive words in any language;
- Mentioning of contact information (such as addresses, e-mail, phone numbers, etc.) in titles;
- Usage of website URLs as the headline;
- Uppercase for exaggeration;
- Period at the end (.);
- Cut-off sentences with ellipsis (...), excessive punctuation (e.g. !!!, "") and other unnecessary symbols (@, -->,
 <>,**);
- Use of emojis.

BEST PRACTICES

- Highlight the unique aspects the content is covering;
- Don't hesitate to use bright adjectives, epithets, metaphors, power words, figures of speech, homonyms and idioms;
- Write in the appropriate language for the campaign's targeted territory;
- Try to use questions in the title. Readers respond well to How? Why? What? When?;
- Write concisely with clarity of thought; less is more (65 characters or under);
- Use social trends as inspiration;
- Use {City}/{Region}/{Country} macros;
- Use figures (digits) for all numerals;
- Write lively, relevant material;
- Accurately reflect the subject of the publications in your headline;
- Write with a sense of urgency (Eg: "You Don't Want to Miss Out On Following This Beauty Routine").

THUMBNAIL



Thumbnail

MORE

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REQUIREMENTS

Image size:	rectangle crop – a minimum of 492 x 328 pixels		
	square crop – a minimum of 328 x 328 pixels		
Image format:	png, jpg, or static gif (no animated gifs)		
Max. image size:	5 MB		
DPI:	at least 72 (300 is preferable)		
Image crop:	rectangle & square		

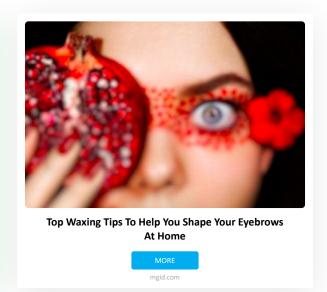
PROHIBITED PRACTICES

- Low resolution thumbnails;
- Amateurish photo editing;
- Controversial or law-bending humor;
- Images with watermarks, logos or trademarks if they are not associated with the publication/campaign;
- Poor framing;
- Stretched thumbnails;
- Excessive and annoying elements (arrows, circles, etc.);
- Fake elements;
- Crosses on images that mimic a "close" option;
- Copying Instagram's questionnaire feature to invite clicks.

BEST PRACTICES

- Make sure the image is relevant to the title;
- Clean, uncluttered imagery. Avoid images with multiple subjects or busy backgrounds to ensure a good crop;
- Brighter images usually get more attention;
- In case of text present in images, the language should correspond to the campaign language.





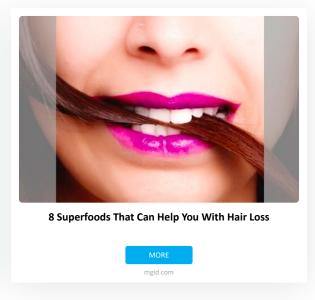


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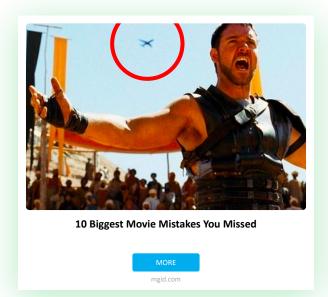


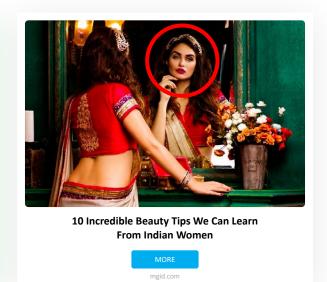


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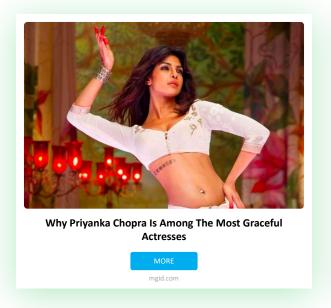


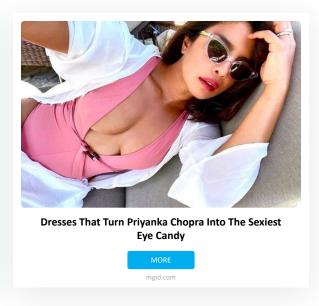


RELEVANT RED CIRCLE



IRRELEVANT RED CIRCLE



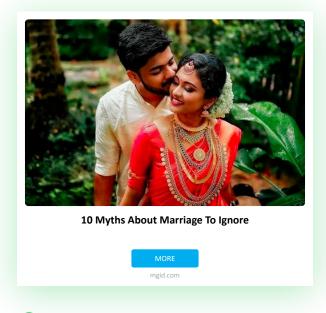


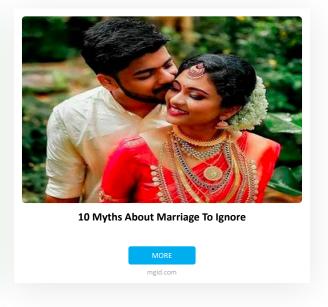


NO OVERT SEXUALIZATION



EXCESSIVE SEXUALIZATION





NON DEFORMED



STRETCHED



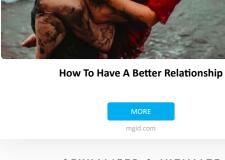
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ELEMENTS IRRELEVANT
TO GEO REGION







NON SEXUALIZED DEPICTION
OF AFFECTION



SEXUALIZED & INTIMATE DEPICTION OF AFFECTION

LOCALIZATION

Ad unit design directly depends on the promoted content. This means to get creatives localized, the provided publications should contain localized tone of materials on the page.

India is a vastly diverse country with a great amount of regional, religious, linguistic, culinary, social and cultural differences. In your selection of images, try to incorporate cultural features that resonate with the targeted audience. Anything mirroring everyday/local life of the country/region would be something the audience can immediately relate to.

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2.1 Categories

BRANDS AND AFFILIATES

T1 Automotive

General meaning

Auto-related products and services

Types of offers

Car searches, car sales, auto supplements, repair parts, car deals, auto tunina. customization

T1 Books and Literature

General meaning

Art and photography books, biographies, children's literature, comics and graphic novels, cookbooks, fiction, poetry, travel books, young adult literature

Types of offers

Audiobooks, E-books, hardback, paperback, all genres, book clubs

T1 Business And Investing

T2 Currencies

General meaning

Cryptocurrencies

T1 Events And Attractions

T2 Casinos and Gambling

General meaning

Promotion of sites that contain or link to content relating to online gambling (legally restricted)

Types of offers

Sweepstakes, online sports betting, slot sites

T2 Events

General meaning

Happenings

Types of offers

Tickets, pre-sale, information on events

T2 Lottery

General meaning

Games of skill that require certain amount of skills where chance is not a controlling factor of the victory

Types of offers

Rummy games, poker

T2 Subscriptions

General meaning

Mobile subscription services which imply scheduled delivery of particular content packages to users' mobile devices for which users are charged a certain amount of money (monthly or yearly)

Types of offers

Magazines, services, monthly memberships, games, mobile content

T1 Family And Relationships

T2 Dating

General meaning

Dating services where two or more people connect

Types of offers

Dating sites for friendship, love, fun

T2 Marriage and Civil Unions

General meaning

People cohabitating

Types of offers

Matrimony services, parenting CDs and classes, family therapy, family improvement, relationship building programs, products for couples

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T2 Pick up

General meaning

How to date and build a relationship

Types of offers

Classes, books and CDs to boost self-confidence for dating, learn how to talk to other people, dating tips

T1 Food And Drink

T2 Alcoholic Beverages

General meaning

Alcoholic beverages related offers

Types of offers

Prequalified suppliers, drink discounts, wineries' promotions, cost saving solutions, bar offerings

T2 World Cuisines

General meaning

Food related offers

Types of offers

Food brands worldwide, cooking classes, grocery discounts and promotions, store deals, meal offerings

T1 Healthy Living

T2 Children's Health

General meaning

Children's healthcare needs

Types of offers

Books about children's health, products specific to children's healthcare needs, vitamins, herbal supplements

T2 Fitness and Exercise

General meaning

Benefits, aerobics, gyms, home workout

Types of offers

Books, CDs, online classes, fitness equipment, workout plans and assistance

T2 Nutrition

General meaning

Wholesome eating, benefits, diet plans

Types of offers

Detox, shakes, recipes, cookbooks, CDs

T2 Weight Loss

General meaning

Diet and weight management

Types of offers

Diets, natural supplements, shakes, beverages, assistance, weight loss plans

T2 Wellness

T3 Alternative Medicine

General meaning

Anything outside traditional medicine

Types of offers

Medicinal books and CDs, services, books or CDs on or about acupuncture, energy therapies, herbal medicine, Avurvedic medicine

T3 Brain Booster

Types of offers

Natural herbal brain enhancing products

T3 Muscle Building

General meaning

Building muscles naturally

Types of offers

Testosterone boosters and natural muscle growing supplements, powders, devices

T3 Smoking Cessation

General meaning

Quitting smoking

Types of offers

Books, CDs, natural supplements, patches

Women's Health

General meaning

Women's health needs

Types of offers

Wellness programs for women, breast enhancement offers, female hygiene

T1 Home And Garden

T2 Gardening

General meaning

Gardening services and products

Types of offers

Tools for gardening, how-tos, CDs, classes, gardening equipment, design assistance, fertilizers

T2 Home Appliances

General meaning

Machines for household tasks such as cooking or cleaning

Types of offers

Special offers, discounts, online shops

T2 Home Improvement

General meaning

Products and services related to renovating or making additions to one's home

Types of offers

Home renovation services, home design services, remodeling products (windows, roofing materials, paint, etc.), classes, CDs

T2 Home Security

General meaning

Security hardware in place on a property, and personal security practices

Types of offers

Home security systems, alarms, devices, locking systems

T1 Medical Health

T2 Diseases And Conditions

T3 Bone and Joint Conditions

General meaning

Health and beauty products that aid bone and joint conditions

Types of offers

Cervical collars, bandages, body jackets and garments, insoles, posture correction and improvement, books, CDs

T3 Diabetes

General meaning

Diabetes treatment and prevention

Types of offers

Herbal remedies, preventive methods and supplements, balms, books, CDs

T3 Eye and Vision Conditions

General meaning

Health and beauty products that aid eye and vision conditions

Types of offers

Eye masks, corrective eyewear, preventive therapies, home and herbal remedies, contact lens, books, CDs

T3 Foot Health

General meaning

Products for toe fungus, foot and ankle injuries, muscle and tendon issues, toenail problems

Types of offers

Herbal remedies, preventive methods, balms, waxes, creams, devices, books, CDs

T3 Hemorrhoid

General meaning

Hemorrhoid treatment and prevention

Types of offers

Products and treatment offers, herbal remedies, preventive methods and supplements, books, CDs

T3 Medical Services

General meaning

Health behavior and assistance

Types of offers

Products for at-home care, health consulting, immunizations, medical transport, books, CDs

T3 Other Treatment

General meaning

Health conditions not listed

Types of offers

Uncategorized products

T3 Papilloma

General meaning

Health and beauty products that aid papilloma

Types of offers

Herbal remedies, preventive methods and supplements, lotions, soaking therapy, devices, books, CDs

T3 Parasites

General meaning

Parasitic diseases in humans

Types of offers

Products and treatment offers, herbal remedies, preventive methods and supplements, drinks, liquids, patches, sprays, books, CDs

T3 Prostatitis

General meaning

Prostatitis treatment and prevention

Types of offers

Products and treatment offers, herbal remedies, preventive methods and supplements, books, CDs

T3 Psoriasis

General meaning

Health and beauty products that aid psoriasis

Types of offers

Herbal remedies, preventive methods, balms, waxes, creams, devices, books, CDs

T3 Sexual Health

General meaning

Sexual health issues

Types of offers

Products and treatment, supplements, erectile dysfunction offers where allowed, potency issues, therapies, videos, tutorials, sex health advice, sexual health support, books, CDs (STD related offers are prohibited)

T3 Skin and Dermatology

General meaning

Products and services for itching, breaking out, or irritated skin

Types of offers

Skin solutions, acne treatment, lotions, creams, waxes, patches, home remedies, drinks, devices, supplements, books. CDs

T3 Sleep Disorders

General meaning

Products that enhance sleep, prevent snoring, and relax people before bedtime

Types of offers

Anti-snoring patches, devices, pins, relaxing teas, CDs, a full range of treatment options and solutions for better sleep

T3 Varicosis

General meaning

Health and beauty products that aid varicose veins

Types of offers

Herbal remedies, preventive methods, balms, waxes, devices, bandages, books, CDs

T1 Personal Finance

T2 Financial Assistance

General meaning

Planning, organizing, controlling and monitoring financial resources

Types of offers

Grants, charitable assistance, benefits, financial guidance, budget support, obligations, shares, mortgages, financial naviaation tools

T2 Insurance

General meaning

Products and services that provide protection against most risks to property, health, life

Types of offers

How-tos, insurance quotes, tests, surveys, forms of coverage, templates to get a headstart

T2 Personal Debt

General meaning

Debt solutions that require payment or payments of interest or principal

Types of offers

Personal loan consolidation, loan programs and offers, IVA, helplines, debt advice, debt plans

T2 Personal Investing

T3 Options

General meaning

Working from home, making money opportunities

Types of offers

No-risk matched betting, online surveys, apps, legit schemes, 'get paid to' methods, binaries (legally restricted content)

T3 Stocks and Bonds

General meaning

Financial market toolware, guides, classes for beginners, tools for inexperienced investors

Types of offers

Videos, books, blogs, classes, best practices, how- tos, support, stock trading, bitcoins, live stocks, investment opportunities, shareholding, debt investment, bonds trading, futures, mutual funds, ETFs, ventures, hedge funds, commodities (legally restricted content)

T2 Retirement Planning

General meaning

Financial context that refers to the allocation of savings or revenue for retirement

Types of offers

Bank account sign ups for retirement saving, retirement risk models, financial solutions, retirement plans, rate trends, income goals

T1 Pets

General meaning

Products and services for pets, pets adoption

Types of offers

Pets treats, supplements, toys, and grooming supplies, pets adoption, health care products, veterinary care, pets daycare

T1 Real Estate

General meaning

Commercial, residential, vacation

Types of offers

Real estate agencies, special deals for homebuyers, special offers from homeowners, real estate expertise, video how-tos

T1 Shopping

T2 Couponing

General meaning

Anything that can be redeemed for a financial discount or rebate when purchasing a product

Types of offers

Coupon sites with memberships, couponing deals, super deal cards, grocery vouchers

T2 For Kids

General meaning

Kids' products for sale other than clothing and health products

Types of offers

Kids' tableware, storage, decoration and play items, diapers, baby powders and talcs, strollers, car seats

T2 Gifts and Souvenirs

General meaning

Niche gifts and collectibles

Types of offers

Unique handcrafted gifts, bracelets for charity, local souvenirs, woodworks, clay figures, magnets, photo frames, prepaid gift cards

T2 Services

General meaning

Activities provided by other people, companies, organizations.

Transactions where no physical goods are transferred from
the seller to the buyer

Types of offers

Housecleaning, babysitting, logistics, cable services, streaming services, deliveries, check-ups

T1 Sports

T2 Fishing Sports

General meaning

Fishing supplies

Types of offers

Catalogs, online tackle shops, reels, rods

T2 Sporting Goods

General meaning

Sporting goods products for sale

Types of offers

Sporting uniforms, sporting equipment (trampolines, kayaks, bicycles, tents, pools, air mattresses), gym equipment (kangoo boots, steppers, race tracks, ellipticals) coaching accessories, group sports gear

T1 Style And Fashion

T2 Beauty

T3 Hair Care

General meaning

Hair care related offers

Types of offers

Washing and growing hair, hair treatment and how-tos for sale, hair tools, hair dryers and straighteners, flat and curling irons

T3 Makeup and Accessories

General meaning

Makeup and accessories, brands, classes, videos

Types of offers

Makeup value and gift sets, makeup applicators and tools, makeup cases, video tutorials and how-tos

T3 Natural and Organic Beauty

General meaning

The selection of organic beauty care products

Types of offers

Organic products and cosmetics for sale, body washes, body lotions, soap, creams

T3 Other Beauty Products

General meaning

Beauty products not listed

Types of offers

Nose correction products, lip plumpers, other uncategorized beauty products

T3 Perfume and Fragrance

General meaning

Perfume and fragrance products for sale

Types of offers

Perfume, fragrance and cologne manufacturers, online shops, deals, discounts, special offers, fragrance oils and bars, body sprays

T3 Skin Care

General meaning

Skin care related offers

Types of offers

Anti-aging, cleansing, firming, beneficial skin remedies for sale, books and CDs about skin care, skin care clubs, skin creams, supplements, how-tos for anti-aging, skin whitening products

T2 Children's Clothing

General meaning

Selection and best deals for children's outfits

Types of offers

Online shopping, discount offers, pre-owned outfits for sale, fashion design, style guides

T2 Men's Fashion

T3 Men's Accessories

T4 Men's Jewelry and Watches

General meaning

Selection and best deals for jewelry and watches

Types of offers

Online shopping and catalogs, special jewelry offers and selections, name brand watches

T4 Other Men's Accessories

General meaning

Men's accessories not listed

Types of offers

Uncategorized men's accessories

T3 Men's Shoes and Footwear

General meaning

Selection and best deals for men's shoes and footwear

Types of offers

Online shopping and catalogs, leading brands, style guides, footwear design

T3 Men's Clothing

T4 Men's Outfits

General meaning

Selection and best deals for men's outfits

Types of offers

Online shopping, discount offers, pre-owned outfits for sale, dressmaking offers, fashion design, style guides

T4 Men's Underwear and

Sleepwear

General meaning

Masculine nightwear and intimate apparel

Types of offers

Online shopping, discount offers, handmade items

T2 Personal Care

T3 Oral Care

General meaning

Dental health and care solutions

Types of offers

Cosmetic dentistry, oral care promotions, product reviews, orthodontic solutions, teeth whitening, howtos on brushing and flossing, toothpastes, mouthwash products

T3 Shaving

General meaning

Selection of shaving products and solutions

Types of offers

Shaving clubs, shaving products and tools, brushes, razors and blades, online shops, shaving cosmetics including soaps and foams, video, tutorials

T2 Women's Fashion

T3 Women's Accessories

T4 Other Women's Accessories

General meaning

Women's accessories not listed

Types of offers

Uncategorized women's accessories

T4 Women's Jewelry and Watches

General meaning

Selection and best deals for jewelry and watches

Types of offers

Online shopping and catalogs, special jewelry offers and selections, name brand watches

T3 Women's Clothing

T4 Women's Intimates and

Sleepwear

General meaning

Selection and best deals for women's

intimates and sleepwear

Types of offers

Online shopping, discount offers, handmade lingerie pieces

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T4 Women's Outfits

General meaning

Selection and best deals for women's outfits

Types of offers

Online shopping, discount offers, pre-owned outfits for sale, dressmaking, fashion design, style guides

T3 Women's Shoes and Footwear

General meaning

Selection and best deals for women's shoes and

footwear

Types of offers

Online shopping and catalogs, leading brands, style guides, footwear design

T1 Technology And Computing

T2 Computing

T3 Computer Peripherals

General meaning

Peripheral devices connected to a computer system to add functionality

Types of offers

Mouse, keyboard, monitor, printer, scanner

T3 Computer Software and Applications

General meaning

Any application or group of programs designed for the end user

Types of offers

Spyware removal, computer upgrade, hardware installation services, VPN, extensions, data recovery, screen replacements, computer diagnosis and upgrades, programs and applications for different purposes

T3 Desktops

General meaning

Shop for desktop computers, rental, repair

Types of offers

Best buys, PC rental for business and private, best deals

T3 Laptops

General meaning

Laptop and notebook sales, care, repair, rental

Types of offers

Laptops for sale, pre-owned notebooks, best deals, laptops rental for business and private

T2 Consumer Electronics

T3 Cameras and Camcorders

General meaning

Cameras and camcorders for sale and rental

Types of offers

Digital SLR cameras, mirrorless cameras, camcorders and GoPro action cameras

T3 Energysavers

General meaning

Devices to reduce electrical usage, uncover where the waste is, and figure out how to cut it

Types of offers

Energysavers, electric systems, energy boxes

T3 Other Electronics

General meaning

Consumer electronics not listed

Types of offers

Power banks, game consoles and other electronics

T3 Self Defense

General meaning

Self defense and personal security products online

Types of offers

Safety items, military flashlights, personal alarms and safety devices, lighting and signal devices, compasses, survival products (weapons, stun guns, pepper sprays are prohibited)

T3 Smartphones

General meaning

Smartphones for sale and rental

Types of offers

Smartphones and accessories

T3 Solar Panels

General meaning

Solar panels and solar PV systems

Types of offers

Special discounts on solar panels online, hot deals

T3 Tablets and E-readers

General meaning

Tablets and E-readers for sale and rental

Types of offers

Tablets and E-readers, E-books, accessories

T3 Wearable Technology

General meaning

Wearable devices for sale and rental

Types of offers

Trackers, Bluetooth headset, spectacles, headphones, VR headsets

T1 Travel

General meaning

Travel products, offers, accessories

Types of offers

Vacation packages and rentals, travel videos and how- tos, travel products (beach mats, beach totes, luggage, kits), travel agencies, deals, tours, last-minute offers, discounts, hotel booking, trip planning, flight specials, cruises

T1 Video Gaming

General meaning

Playing games online, clubs, memberships, game paraphernalia Types of offers

eSports, mobile games, PC games, various genres of online games, podcasts, gaming platforms, CDs, books, minigames, browser games

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2.2 RANKING

CONTENT

G (GENERAL AUDIENCE)



This is for brands only.

PG (PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED)



The type encompasses clean, transparent and high quality products and services with no legal risks. A high rating and credibility is a must.

Content on both landing page and offer page should be appropriate for the general audience, informative and of a high value.

PG13 (PARENTS STRONGLY CAUTIONED)



PG13 ranking covers personal blogs and advertorial formats of web pages, whose design, content and overall quality are not compliant to PG-ranking but are higher than R.

R (RESTRICTED)



R-rated landing pages usually include advertorials in a form of articles with storytelling approach, chatbots, or any other format, and are designed to draw awareness among the public.

LPs may contain exaggerated yet not deceiving information in order to raise interest among potential customers. Parental guidance is suggested for a younger audience.

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CREATIVE

PG

PG

PG type encompasses highly relevant and tasteful ads which should give a user a clear understanding of what product or service he's about to see after proceeding to the landing and/or offer page(s). Thumbnails should be of a high resolution. Bright and catchy stock photos are recommended. Headlines should convey accurate information with no exaggeration, colloquial language or excessive punctuation.

PG ads should not contain any personal attributes. This includes direct or indirect assertions or implications about a person's race, ethnic origin, religion, beliefs, age, sexual orientation or practices, gender identity, disability, medical condition (including physical or mental health), financial status, membership in a trade union, criminal record or name. Suggestive materials of any kind are prohibited for this type.

PG13

PG-13

PG13-ranked creatives represent the middle ground solution between branded PG-ranked creatives and more true-to-life R creatives. Please keep in mind that the MGID compliance team reviews each ad component when ranking. Thumbnail images are not the only deciding factor but the headline, advertising text and CTA text as well.

R



R type includes relevant ads that might give a user a more abstract understanding of what is on the landing page.

Thumbnails can be less pixel-peepable.

Headlines may be catchier, contain exaggeration and colloquial language.

R-rated ads may contain any personal attributes. This

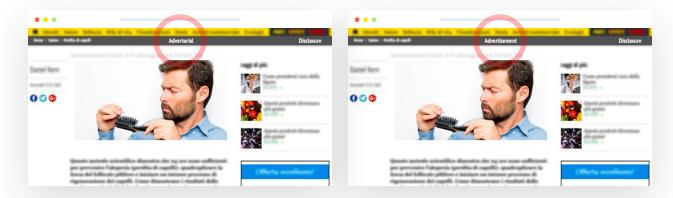
includes direct or indirect assertions or implications about a person's race, ethnic origin, religion, beliefs, age, sexual orientation or practices, gender identity, disability, medical condition (including physical or mental health), financial status, membership in a trade union, criminal record or name.

2.3 CONTENT

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. ADVERTORIAL/ADVERTISEMENT

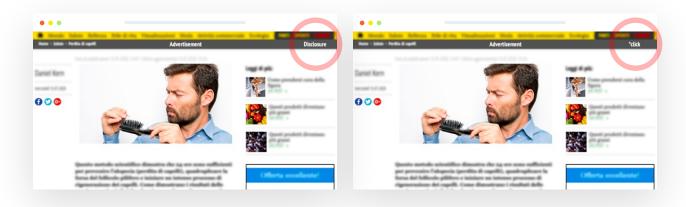
Please label your landing pages with Advertorial/Advertisement at the top of the page.



2. DISCLOSURE

Please add Disclosure reference to your landing page.

In order of consumer protection, advertisements that feature a consumer and convey his or her experience with a product or service as typical when that is not the case will be required to clearly disclose the results that consumers can generally expect. Disclosure foe your website is a statement that informs your users about something of relevance to them so that they can make informed decisions.



3. TOS

Please make sure you provide users with the transparent terms of your service.

4. PRIVACY POLICY

Please make sure to provide users with the details on how you handle personal data.



5. FAKE NAVIGATION BUTTONS

Please avoid using fake navigation and social media buttons. Each navigation tool should be clickable and lead user to a corresponding destination.



RESTRICTED

Landing pages

MULTIPLE OFFERS PROMOTION

Running multiple products within one URL requires prior approval. If you would like to run an A/B test, please contact your account manager and provide the complete information about the products/ offers/lps you would like to test. Please be mindful that products and services rotating within one URL should fall under the same vertical (e.g. 5 different products for weight loss (Garcinia Cambogia, Choco Slim, etc.).

CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENT

Images and names of celebrities can be used in the following cases:

- when a celebrity owns the product;
- when a celebrity is a representative, advertising person of a trademark;
- grants permission to use their name to advertise a product.

Using the image or name of a celebrity for advertising purposes without his/her knowledge and consent (only for product landing pages) is prohibited.

CELEBRITIES ARE CONSIDERED:

- Hollywood actors
- Athletes
- Bollywood actors
- Comedians
- Fashion designers
- Influential persons
- Inventors
- Models

- Politicians
- Reality television stars
- Royals
- Famous bloggers, vloggers and influencers
- Practicing doctors
- Professors

Products

ALCOHOL

Alcohol-related content should be in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.

ALLOWED:

- advertising of specialized magazines or newspapers;
- event advertising;
- advertising of accessories.

PROHIBITED:

- targeting minors;
- alcoholic beverages sale;
- alcohol consumption propaganda;
- portraying people in a state of intoxication;
- brand or informational advertising for alcoholic beverages;
- implying that drinking alcohol provides health or therapeutic benefits;
- showing alcohol consumption.

DATING

ALLOWED:

- matrimony services;
- dating services in which the main purpose is to find a life partner for longterm relationship and marriage;
- video presentation of profiles;
- registration by e-mail;
- use of credit card for more account options;
- indication of preferences for potential candidates for acquaintance — gender, height, weight, age and nationality;
- search by interests.

PROHIBITED:

- online dating sites offering sexual encounters;
- websites containing profiles with erotic and pornographic materials;
- denied access without credit card details or account information:
- escort services;
- webcast of dating sites, web modeling;
- use of misleading phrases 'Live Cam'
 'Video Chat', 'Join the video', 'Webcam
 chat'
- online dating sites containing obscene and vulgar words or phrases
- fee charging post factum;
- targeting minors;
- content promoting marriage to a foreigner.

HEALTHCARE AND MEDICINES

ALLOWED:

- online pharmacies with a license;
- organic products;
- advertising of certified dietary supplements on natural components;
- Contraceptive advertising should inform on the contraceptive properties of the product, not sexual pleasure or stimulation, and should not be shown to individuals under the country's legal age.

PROHIBITED:

- online pharmacies without a license;
- sale of illicit pharmaceuticals and food supplies;
- prescribed medicine;
- false statements or fraudulent claims;
- use of the Ministry of Health and their logos;
- false statements about worshiping a particular faith or God(s) to heal the disease(s);
- doctors, scientists and professors who are not related to the product.

GAMING AND GAMBLING

ALLOWED:

- games of skill (the game of rummy, poker, or any other game that requires certain amount of skills where chance is not a controlling factor of the victory);
- online non-gambling games;
- Google Play and iTunes games without winnings or withdrawals.

PROHIBITED:

- targeting minors;
- promoting of gambling as the main source of income;
- gambling applications where the final link does not lead to Google Play or iTunes;
- gambler lifestyle propaganda;
- non-gambling sites, falsely expressing or implying winnings;
- gambling websites without a license.

SWEEPSTAKES

Sweepstakes belong to a category of contest where a winner is rewarded with a prize or prizes. To get your offer approved, please consider the following requirements:

- conditional price;
- transparent terms of participation;
- disclaimer.

PROHIBITED:

- misleading and false statements;
- statements that create the false impression that the product is free;
- collection and processing of personal data without user's consent;
- applicant falsely claims that he acts on behalf of large corporations.

VOLUNTEERING AND CROWDFUNDING

Volunteering and crowdfunding-related content should be in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations. Website's high rating and credibility is a must.

ALLOWED:

- non-profit charitable and volunteer organizations;
- advertising events, sites, success stories, cures, results, etc.;
- charitable advertising actions
 "something for something" (free
 performances for children suffering from
 cancer, free activities or attractions,
 gifts, etc.);
- charity concerts, including those with the participation of world-class stars (information must be carefully checked);
- for-profit crowdfunding platforms that allow people to raise money for events ranging from life events such as celebrations and graduations to challenging circumstances like natural disasters, accidents or illnesses.
- Each platform is separately checked by Legal and Compliance Departments for every country.
- Any fraudulent schemes or fake websites that mimic branded crowdfunding platforms with a purpose to raise money by deceiving users is prohibited.

ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES, VAPERS, NON-NICOTINE SMOKING MIXTURES AND RELATED PRODUCTS

The chosen type of content should be in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations of the targeted geo.

ALLOWED:

- products and services for those who want to quit smoking;
- non-nicotine fluids;
- non-nicotine disposable electronic cigarettes that can not be replenished;
- reusable electronic cigarettes, in which only nicotine-free liquid cartridges can be used:
- accessories for electronic cigarettes (batteries, power supplies, drip tips);
- non-nicotine smoking fluids.

PROHIBITED:

- targeting minors;
- promotion of smoking;
- nicotine-containing liquids;
- nicotine-containing disposable electronic cigarettes;
- any electronic cigarette that can be used to consume a nicotine-containing fluid:
- lack of description of goods in online
- no description of the terms and conditions of the service or online store;
- showing the process of smoking;
- implying that smoking provides health or therapeutic benefits.

HOROSCOPES AND FORTUNE TELLING

Any services or practices that involve predicting the future of an individual's life such as chiromancy, numerology, clairvoyance, face reading, tarot cards, etc. require a licence or validation.



BFSI

Banking, financial services, insurance and companies that operate in at least one of such financial sectors are allowed for promotion with the following requirements:

- conditional price;
- transparent terms of participation;
- disclaimer.

PROHIBITED:

- false statements or fraudulent claims;
- misleading promises that guarantee earnings;
- payments and resolution of financial distress.

All financial services with the purpose to earn an income online are checked by the Legal Department. The promoted service should be in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations. Please consider the following requirements:

- transparent terms and services;
- privacy policy;
- disclaimer.

ALLOWED:

- applications for traders;
- securities trading with corresponding license;
- seminars, videos, books, blogs;
- mining applications;
- ICO investment;
- ICO and blockchain technologies.

PROHIBITED:

- false statements or fraudulent claims;
- financial pyramids;
- investments with a high level of risk;
- fraudulent schemes of rapid enrichment;
- guarantees of earnings and payments;
- securities trading without a license;
- MMM:
- MLM.

LEAD-GENERATING OFFERS

While working with lead-generating offers, please consider the following requirements. The web page should contain:

- disclaimer:
- terms and conditions;
- consent to processing personal data. It can be a checkbox, popup or anything visible, which must be accepted by the user.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions include mobile subscription services which imply a scheduled delivery of a particular content to users' mobile devices for which users are charged a certain amount of money (monthly or yearly). Offers related to such services can be promoted with the following requirements:

- detailed information on the timing of the subscription must be clearly disclosed before purchase;
- transparent information about automatic renewing features for subscription.

PROHIBITED:

- false statements or fraudulent claims:
- hidden information that there is a subscription for automatic renewal.

VIDEO-STREAMING SERVICES

AND ONLINE CINEMAS

Requirements that need to be followed to get an offer approved:

- online cinemas with licensed content;
- license to distribute and broadcast video content.

PROHIBITED:

- online cinemas based on torrents;
- non-transparent terms of subscription, lack of information about charging for the use of the service.

SOFTWARE

Promotion of any application or group of programs designed for the end user is allowed with the following requirements:

- content downloaded with the consent of the user:
- advertising apps from the Apple Store and Google Play store;
- detailed description of the software with information from the developer;
- transparent conditions for the purchase of software with clear indication of time intervals and amounts of payment.

PROHIBITED:

- content that contains or causes automatic download of applications without the user's consent;
- free download of licensed software and online video (Torrents, RapidShare, Mediafire, etc.)
- the offer to download content under falsified ID;
- reward for downloading content;
- target pages that require downloading of additional programs to access the page content.

ENERGYSAVERS

Devices related to saving electricity consumption should be in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations of the targeted country.

ALLOWED:

- promotion of optimization of energy consumption and stabilization of pressure;
- uninterruptible power supplies.

PROHIBITED:

- energy theft or meter tampering;
- any other fraudulent schemes.

RADAR DETECTORS

This kind of product should be in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations. It's allowed to promote radar detectors configured only for signal reception.

Prohibited:

- radar detectors for suppression, jamming and outgoing signals;
- equipment that interferes with the functioning of traffic control devices.

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WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES

Content related to weapons and explosives should not be intended for the use of violence.

ALLOWED:

- books, self-defense videos;
- self-defense goods such as: military lights, personal alarms and safety devices, lighting and signaling devices, compasses, tactical pen, credit card knife;
- Collector knives, daggers, swords, cutting tools, kitchen knives or sports equipment;
- Antiquarian weapons, non-working models of weapons, rocket launchers, paintball markers, sights and holsters;

PROHIBITED:

- explosive substances;
- firearms (pistols, rifles, shotguns, hunting rifles, old rifles in the active state, weapons for paintball, pneumatic weapons.);
- violence propaganda;
- knives and other weapons intended for the use of violence;
- instructions for the manufacture of bombs and other explosive devices, as well as their use for murder or harm.

REPLICAS

The landing page should state the product is the reproduction (copy/replica) of the original product. The statement can be in a form of disclaimer, word or sentence, sticker, label or tagline. Minor references to replicas make sense and may be considered as statements.

False claims like "branded," "original," "official," "authentic," "genuine," "from official dealer," etc. in both landing pages and ad units are prohibited.

FREE PRODUCTS

It's allowed to launch products for free trials as long as there are transparent conditions of purchasing in regards to a certain amount of money that should be paid (discounts, delivery, etc.)

PROHIBITED:

- misleading users with false promises to get something for free;
- promoting products for free without full description of service.

PROHIBITED

Landing pages

GRAMMAR & PROFANITY

Using obscene or profane language in texts and in the URL bar is prohibited. Articles must not contain bad grammar and punctuation.

ADULT CONTENT

MGID does not allow landing pages that contain erotic or pornographic materials. This includes nudity, depictions of people in explicit or suggestive positions and activities that are sexually suggestive or provocative.

ANOREXIA-RELATED MATERIALS

Landing pages containing anorexia-related materials (texts and/or images) are non-compliant.

SUICIDE CONTENT

Landing pages containing suicide-related materials (visuals and/or texts) are non-compliant.

SHOCKING/DISTURBING IMAGERY

MGID does not allow landing pages that facilitate disturbing, gruesome or disgusting imagery. MGID moderation reserves the right to determine whether an image is too shocking and violates our rules at its sole discretion and will reject any LPs with images deemed close to the line. Avoid the following:

- Bloody sores, open wounds, necrosis;
- Surgeries in process;
- Dead people, animals or corpses;
- Crime scenes or accident photos;
- Mutilation;
- Execution videos;
- Torture devices in use;
- Innards;
- Violence or abuse.

SPOILERS TO HIDE PROHIBITED IMAGES

Please do not use spoilers to hide any prohibited images (shocking or disturbing imagery).

MISLEADING OR FALSE CONTENT

Landing pages must not contain misleading, false or over-exaggerated materials, including deceptive claims, offers or methods. Plus, MGID does not allow any malicious statements that might be injurious for a person's/brand's/service's reputation.

DISCRIMINATORY MATERIALS

Landing pages must not contain any discriminative materials against people based on personal attributes such as race, ethnicity, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, family status, disability or medical condition.

MISLEADING ANTIVIRUS ALERTS

Landing page elements that resemble misleading antivirus alerts. This refers to any statements, alert icons, alert colours that attempt to trick the user into believing that they have an issue that needs fixing.

MISLEADING BROWSER/SYSTEM ALERTS

Landing page elements that resemble browser or system alerts. This refers to system dialogs, imitations of Windows, IOS, Android system alert notifications and other related elements.

THIRD-PARTY INFRINGEMENT

The use of the Intellectual Property of a Third Party without permission, intentionally or unintentionally. This includes trademarks, logos, patents, etc.

FAKE WEB PAGES

The use of any elements (including the logo, layout, font, navigation tools, title, etc.) that are visually identical or partially imitate genuine resources is unacceptable.

Any attempt to promote products and services through fake web pages will be declined by MGID moderation.

FAKE COMMENTS

You must not include fake user comments, thirdparty reviews, or testimonials. This includes fake social media comments that speak highly of the product/service, or fake social media reviews of the product/service. Otherwise, the teasers will be excluded from premium publishers.

CONTENT PROTECTED BY COPYRIGHT

Websites and software for recording, copying or distributing copyrighted material without the necessary permissions are not permitted. This refers also to any works of art, including animated and literary characters (characters of movies, cartoons, comic books, etc.).

Examples: websites, software and browser toolbars that allow for the improper downloading, copying, or playing (streaming) of audio guides, e-books, anime, games, movies, MP3 ringtones, music, software, TV shows, works by independent artists and performers, recording studios and other content creators. Also, sites that distribute unlicensed CDs and DVDs with software or other content are noncompliant.

Products

ILLEGAL SUBJECT MATTER OR PROMOTION OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITY

- High-risk investments, fraudulent get-rich-quick schemes and financial pyramids;
- Illicit or digital drugs;
- Tobacco or nicotine-containing products;
- Weapons and explosives.

PORNOGRAPHY, EROTICA OR ANY ADULT CONTENT

- Online dating sites facilitating intimate meetings and sexual contacts;
- The exploitation and sexualization of minors;
- Web-modeling;
- Escort and related services;

CBD

It's forbidden to advertise cannabidiol containing products no matter its type or percentage.

MGID doesn't accept content on the subject of marijuana, legal or otherwise, or any illegal drug use. The supplements that allegedly mimic illicit drugs or drug use, such as herbal ecstasy are also prohibited.

COUNTERFEIT GOODS

It is forbidden to advertise the sale of counterfeit products. Counterfeit goods contain a trademark or logo that is identical or, in its essence, indistinguishable from the trademark of another company, in an attempt to transfer the product as a product of the brand owner.

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PROHIBITED PRACTICES

BLIND NAVIGATION

Blind navigation provides a negative user experience. Your website should have proper and visible navigation. Please avoid placements that can encourage accidental clicks.

LANDING PAGE AND OFFER PAGE PRODUCTS MISMATCH

The name of the product promoted on the landing page should match the actual product on the offer page.

LANDING PAGE AND OFFER PAGE LANGUAGES MISMATCH

The language of the texts on the landing page must match the text language on the offer page. The only exception is English, as an international language.

LANDING PAGE/OFFER PAGE SUBSTITUTION

Any LP substitutions without prior notification is prohibited. Each link is carefully checked during moderation. We usually make scheduled manual landing page re-checks. When a substitution is detected, the moderator blocks the teasers and sends email notification to the account manager.

UNACCEPTABLE WEB-PAGE FORMAT

Landing pages must not have an unreasonable amount of popups or overlays. A user should be able to easily close any popup advertisements or overlays that appear in connection with the landing page. Content must not be overloaded with ads or disrupted by ads.

SECURITY VIOLATIONS

NON-FUNCTIONAL WEBSITES

Ads must not direct people to non-functional web-pages:

- Error pages
- Sites that are under construction
- Landing pages that are PDF or JPEG
- Landing pages that don't match the product, service or content promoted in the ad

LANDING SITES INFECTED WITH MALWARE

You must not use websites or content that contains or causes the download of any spyware, malware, or software, resulting in an unexpected experience, such as the automatic download of applications without users' consent. This also includes websites that contain any code or script that interferes with a user's control of the site, such as a script that takes over a web page or user's browser.

CLOAKING

Cloaking refers to the practice of presenting different content or URLs to users than to MGID moderation. It is used to hide the true destination that users are directed to. When it is detected by the system, the moderator blocks ads and notifies the account manager by email.

PHISHING

You must not use websites that are designed to collect a user's personal information or harvest personal information with the intention of distributing that information without a user's consent. Personal information includes: credit card numbers, email addresses, dates of birth, telephone numbers, sexual orientation and gender.

BROWSER LOCKING

Refers to the practice when the system identifies a popup is preventing the user from exiting the browser.

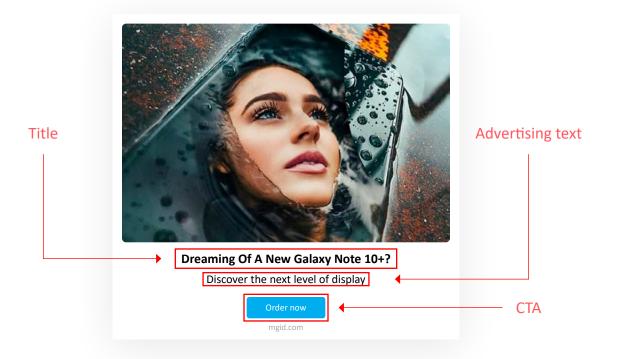
You must not interfere in any manner with a user's ability to return to the original referring website by clicking back on their browser.

DRIVE BY DOWNLOAD

Refers to a practice when a file download starts automatically when the ad is displayed without any user action. Websites or content must not contain or cause the download of any spyware, malware or software, resulting in an unexpected experience, such as the automatic download of applications without users' consent.

2.4 **CREATIVE**

HEADLINE



REQUIREMENTS

LENGTH

Title can contain up to 65 characters.

GRAMMAR

- Make sure proper verb tenses are used;
- Abide by parts of speech agreement;
- Apply the correct spacing no omitted or exceeding spacing between words and/or punctuation is allowed.

CAPITALIZATION

- In titles for ads in English, each word should be
- In headlines for ads in other languages, only the first word has to be capitalized. The other words should be capitalized according to specific language's grammar rules.

*ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BRAND CAMPAIGNS

 Widgets for Brand campaigns also include advertising text and CTA (Call-to-action)

ADVERTISING TEXT:

- The length can contain up to 75 symbols;
- Only the first word has to be capitalized;
- Don't use macros or emojis

CTA (CALL-TO-ACTION):

The length can contain up to 30 symbols;

- Only the first word has to be capitalized;
- Provide users with strong reasons for clicking on/ purchasing/signing up immediately;
- CTA shouldn't duplicate Title & advertising text yet it shouldn't sound complicated;
- Make sure the CTA language corresponds to the teaser language;
- Macros are unavailable for CTA;
- Don't phrase the CTA like a question;
- Can use an exclamation mark if needed;
- Don't use emojis

PROHIBITED PRACTICES

- Poor grammar and redundant wording;
- Misspelling;
- Misleading, false and over-exaggerated statements;
- Titles promising to cure/treat any disease, condition, or illness;
- Obscene, defamatory, offensive words in any language;
- Mention contact information (such as addresses, e-mail, phone numbers, etc.) in titles;
- Usage of website URLs as the headline;
- Uppercase for exaggeration;
- Period at the end (.);
- Cut-off sentences with ellipsis (...),
 excessive punctuation (e.g. !!!, "") and other
 unnecessary symbols (@, -->, <>,**);
- Use of emojis

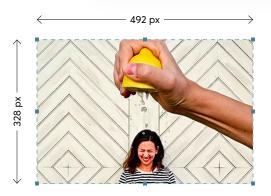
BEST PRACTICES

- Cover the unique benefits of your offer (e.g. "Free Gift Included" "More than 10K Sold");
- Don't hesitate to use bright adjectives, epithets, metaphors, power words, figures of speech, homonyms and idioms;
- Write in the appropriate language for the territory that is targeted in the campaign;
- Try to use questions in the title. Readers respond well to How? Why? What? When?;
- Write concisely with clarity of thought; less is more (65 characters or under)
- Use social trends as inspiration;
- Use {City}/{Region}/{Country} macros;
- Use figures (digits) for all numerals;
- Write lively, relevant material;
- Accurately reflect what the product/ business represents in your headline;
- Write with a sense of urgency (e.g. "Only 2 Left" "App Shows Who Your BF Is Cheating On You With")

THUMBNAIL

Thumbnail







REQUIREMENTS

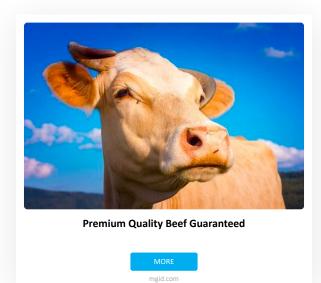
Image size:	rectangle crop – a minimum of 492 x 328 pixels
	square crop – a minimum of 328 x 328 pixels
Image format:	png, jpg, or static gif (no animated gifs)
Max. image size:	5 MB
DPI:	at least 72 (300 is preferable)
Image crop:	rectangle & square

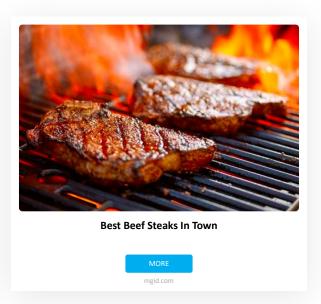
- Low resolution thumbnails
- Amateurish photo editing
- Controversial or law-bending humor
- Excessive sexualization
- No images with watermarks, logos or trademarks if they are not associated with the product/ campaign
- Poor framing
- Stretched thumbnails
- Excessive and annoying elements (arrows, circles, etc.)
- Fake elements
- Crosses on images that mimic a "close" option
- Copying Instagram's questionnaire feature to invite clicks

SOME PROHIBITED CULTURAL FEATURES

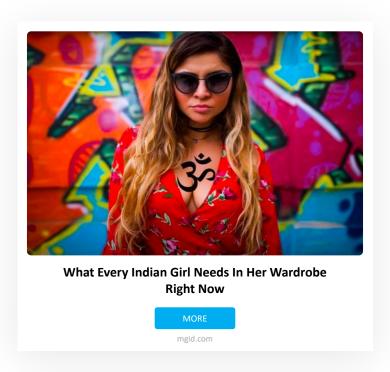
Be mindful of cultural sentiments & avoid sensitive subjects:

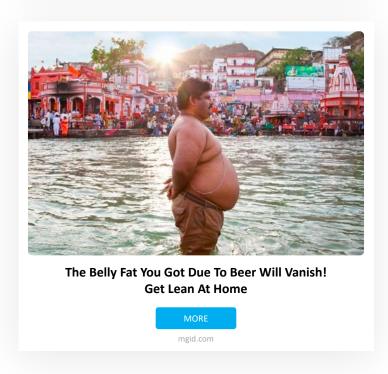
1. Depicting beef





2. Inappropriate & disrespectful portrayal of religious symbols, practices

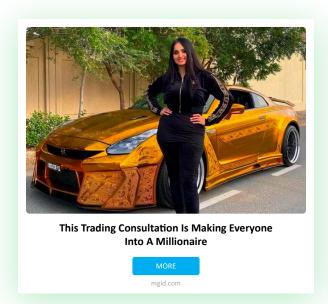


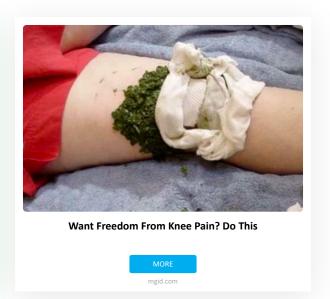


BEST PRACTICES

BASIC

- Make sure the image is relevant to the title
- Clean, uncluttered imagery. Avoid images with multiple subjects or busy backgrounds to ensure a good crop
- Brighter images usually get more attention
- In the case of image text the language should correspond to the campaign language







LOCALIZED REAL LIFE IMAGES



CHEESY IMAGES



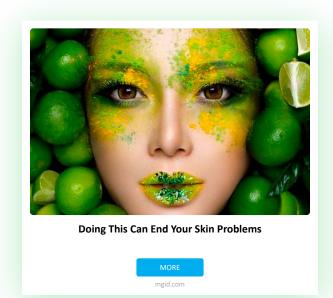


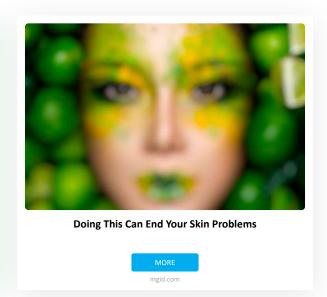


ELEMENTS RELEVANT
TO GEO REGION



ELEMENTS IRRELEVANT
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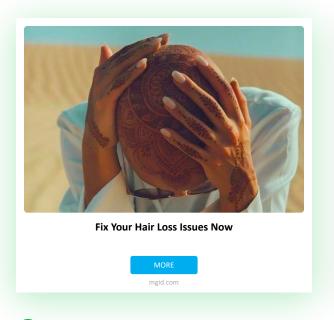


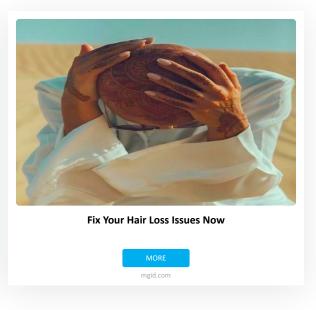


SHARP



BLURRED

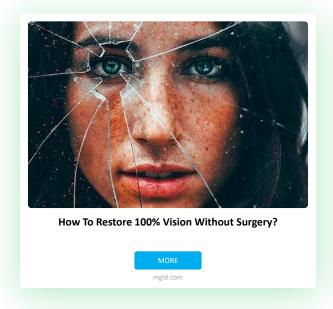


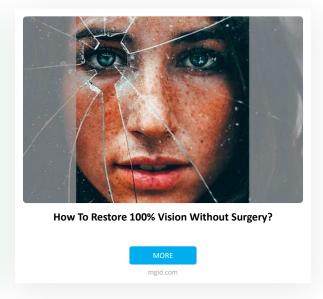


NON DEFORMED



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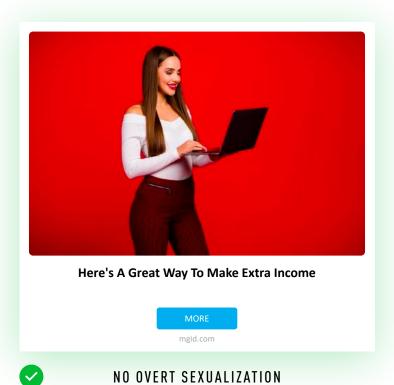


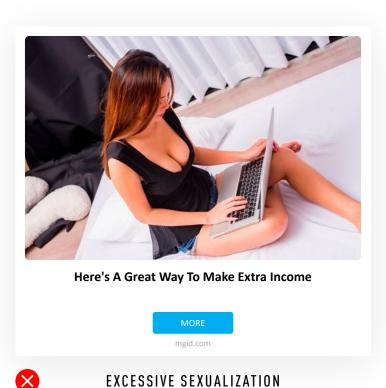


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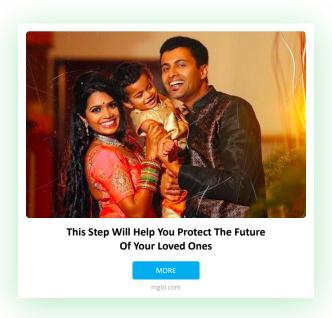
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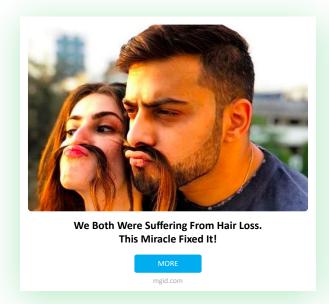


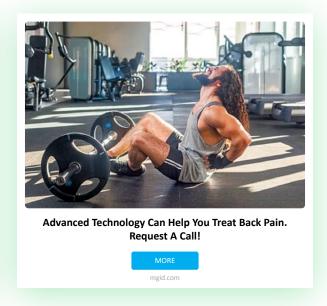
THE FOLLOWING APPROACHES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO WORK WELL:

Family Images



Images That Evoke Emotions (Humour, Pain, Sympathy, Laziness etc.)









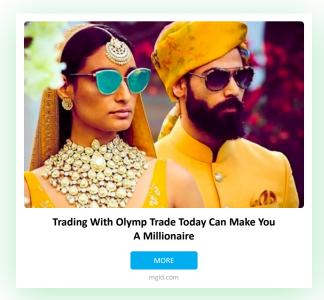
► Images That Creatively Tackle Sensitive Topics

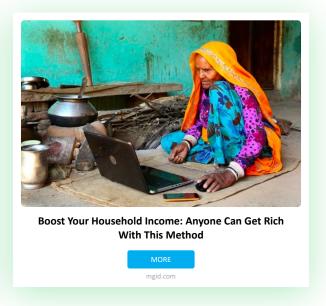


LOCAL

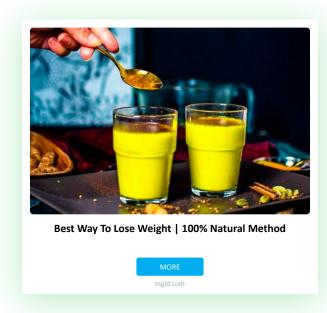
India is a vastly diverse country with a great amount of regional, religious, linguistic, culinary, social and cultural differences. While the examples given below are not exhaustive, they do point to some recognizable aspects seen in the country. In your selection of images, try to incorporate cultural features that resonate with the targeted audience. Anything mirroring everyday/local life of the country/region would be something the audience can immediately relate to.

Images That Showcase Luxury Or Represent An Economically **Challenging Lifestyle**

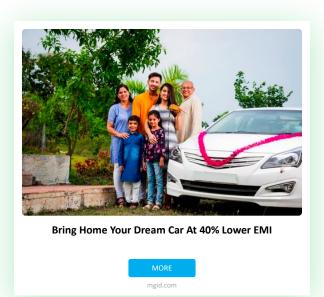




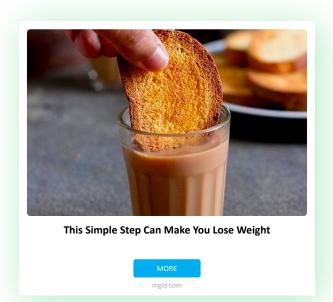
Images Reflecting Cultural Attributes/Practices/National Habits/ Recognizable Symbols



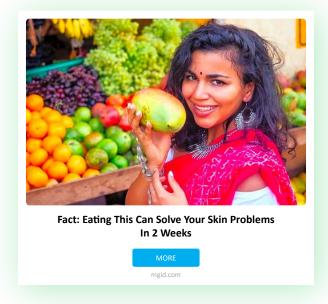
Haldi doodh/Turmeric milk/Golden milk is a hot Indian drink that has its roots in Ayurvedic science. It's valued in local households for its medicinal properties and is now trending worldwide.



It's a common practice among Hindu Indians to pray over the new car. The garland over the vehicle is recognizable as part of the **puja** (worship) that has been done to consecrate and welcome the new vehicle.



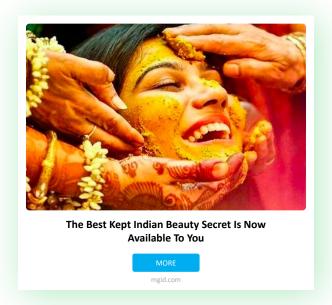
Indians love having their evening **chai**/tea paired along with rusks/biscuits (often dipped in the beverage). The image strikes a note of immediate familiarity.



Indian mangoes are among the finest in the world and a much-loved symbol of national pride. Summers are synonymous with enjoying mangoes in most households.



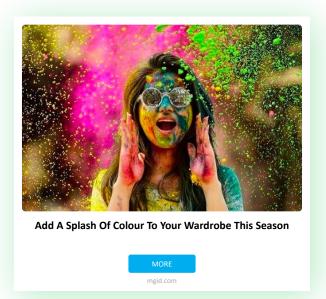
Pressing hands to greet **Namaste** is a common cultural practice in India. It's also among the most widely recognized Indian gestures.



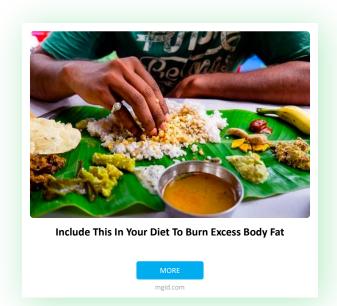
The Haldi ceremony marks the beginning of the wedding rituals among Hindus. A paste prepared with turmeric (haldi), curd, sandalwood, gram flour primarily is rubbed onto the bride's and groom's skin before a ceremonial bath. Apart from being considered auspicious, turmeric is extremely good for the skin. (Often, Muslim and Christian weddings too have a Haldi ceremony).



Kalash (pot-shaped vessel) plays a significant role in Hindu customary practices. One such custom is observed when a newlywed bride steps into her husband's house for the first time. As she enters, she gently kicks a Kalash full of rice grains so as to symbolically push wealth and prosperity into the house.



Holi is a popular festival, also known as the Indian "festival of colours." Celebrating Holi involves a vibrant practice of smearing each other with colours.



In India, eating with hands is part of the culture and is quite common.



Auto rickshaws are commonly spotted on the streets in Indian cities and towns. They provide cheap and efficient transportation.

