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India Angola

- India Has Announced A **Defence Credit Line Of 200 Million Dollars** (In Indian Rupees) To Support The Modernisation Of **Angola's Armed Forces**. The Announcement Came Following Delegation-level Talks Between Prime Minister Narendra Modi And The President Of Angola, João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, In New Delhi.



- Mr Ravi Added That **India And Angola Also Exchanged Several Agreements** In Diverse Fields, Including Agriculture, Traditional Medicine, And Culture. Minister Of State For External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh Said That India-angola Bilateral Relations Are Underpinned By A Vibrant Energy Partnership With Bilateral Trade Reaching **4.2 Billion Dollars In 2023-24**.
- The Mos Said Angola Has Strengthened Its Presence On The Global Stage With The Diversification Of Its Economy, Modernisation Of Infrastructure, And **Improving Ease Of Doing Business**.



INDIA-ANGOLA List of Outcomes



State Visit of President H.H. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço to India

MoUs/ Agreements

MoU on cooperation in the field of Ayurveda and other
Traditional Systems of Medicine

MoU on cooperation in the field of Agriculture

Cooperation programme between the Government of the
Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of
Angola in the domain of Culture

Angola also signed the International Solar Alliance (ISA)
Framework Agreement and became the
123rd member of the ISA.

The Government of India has approved the Angolan
request of LOC of US\$ 200 million for
defence procurement

- He Highlighted That Angola Is Now The **123rd Member Of The International Solar Alliance** And India Has Approved A Line Of Credit Of 200 Million Dollars For Further Strengthening Defence And Security Cooperation.

International Solar Alliance: Journey

- Launched at the COP-21 in Paris on 30 November 2015 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi & French President Francois Hollande
- ISA Framework Agreement opened for signature at the COP-22 in Marrakech, Morocco in November 2016
- ISA became a legal entity on 6 November, 2017 after 15 countries ratified the treaty
- As of 8th March 2018, 60 countries have signed the framework agreement & 30 have ratified it



First WAVES 2025 Summit Concludes

- India's first **World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025** concluded today at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai. WAVES Bazaar saw business deals worth over **one thousand three hundred crore rupees** with creators and filmmakers from across the country.



- During the summit, the WAVES declaration was adopted by **representatives of 77 countries at the Global Media Dialogue. Seven Global firms, including Google, Meta and Microsoft** today signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Creative Technology during WAVES Summit in Mumbai.
- The **IICT will be set up in Mumbai with a funding of 400 crore rupees**. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Vaishnaw said, in the coming days the IICT will set the same template as IIT and IIM.
- Earlier, the Minister had said that the Indian Institute of Creative Technology is set to **become a national hub for the Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics**. Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr L Murugan and Information and Broadcasting secretary Sanjay Jaju were also present on the occasion.

ADB's 58th Annual Meeting

- **58th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) began in Milan, Italy. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** is leading the Indian delegation at the four-day event. The finance ministry in a statement said that the meeting will be attended by official delegations of the Board of Governors of ADB, official delegations of ADB members and international financial institutions.
- The finance minister will participate in **the annual meeting's focal events like the Governors' Business Session**, Governor's Plenary Session and as a panellist in the ADB Governors' Seminar on **'Cross-Border Collaboration for Future Resilience'**.



- On the sidelines of the ADB's 58th Annual Meeting, she will also hold bilateral meetings with the **finance ministers of Italy, Japan, and Bhutan**, in addition to meetings with the President of ADB, the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and the Governor of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation.
- The minister will also interact with the Indian diaspora in Milan, besides meeting global think-tanks, business leaders and CEOs, and participating in a plenary session of the NEXT Milan Forum at the Bocconi University on **'Balancing Economic and Climate Resilience'**.

‘Khelo India Youth Games 2025’

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said his government is committed to making India a sporting superpower ahead of the Olympics 2036. In a video address to launch the ‘**Khelo India Youth Games 2025**’, Mr Modi said his government has increased the **sports budget by three times** over the past decade and allocated **4,000 crore rupees** this year.



- Even the **National Education Policy** has recognised sports by making it a part of **mainstream studies**. The mega sporting event for under-18 age group players, ‘**Khelo India Youth Games 2025**’, began with colourful and grand celebrations at Patna in Bihar yesterday.
- **Over 8,500 young sporting talents of girls’ and boys’** categories will fight for medals in different events. **More than 2,400 medals** in different sports are at stake. The competitions will be held at six different cities, including Patna, Rajgir, Gaya, Bhagalpur and Begusarai.
- Three kinds of events of cycling, shooting and athletics will be held in New Delhi. KIYG year 2023 was organized in Tamil Nadu in January this year. Khelo India Youth Games:



- These were started by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** in the year 2018. Initially, these were known as Khelo India School Games. In the year 2019, their name was changed to Khelo India Youth Games. These games are organized every year in January or February.
- These games are part of the Khelo India initiative of the Government of India.
- Their **aim is to promote sports culture** and; To recognize sports talent at the grassroots level.



- Winners of this game till now
- Haryana in the year 2018
- Maharashtra in the year 2019
- Maharashtra in the year 2020
- Haryana in the year 2021
- Maharashtra in the year 2022

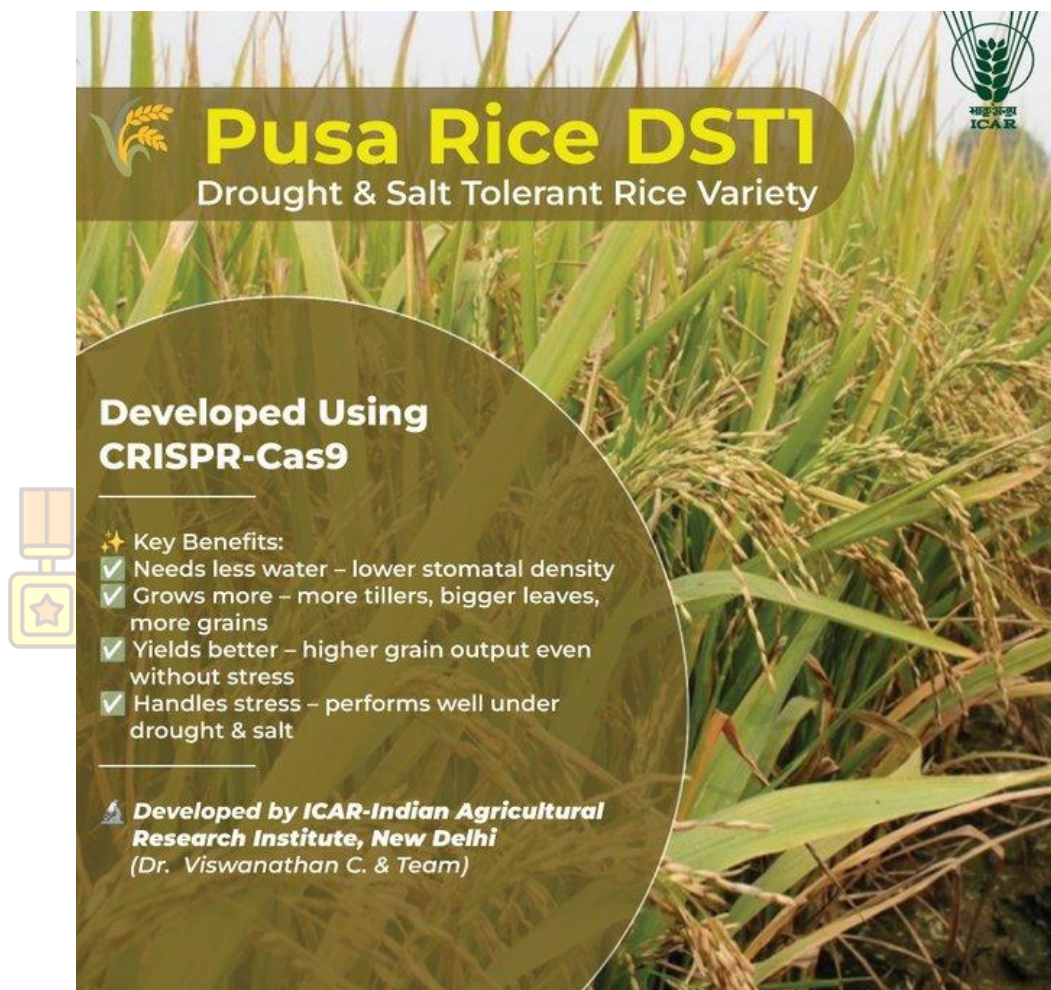
1st Country To Develop Genome-edited Rice Varieties

- India has become the **first country in the world** to develop genome-edited rice varieties. **Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan** launched the first two **genome-edited rice varieties** developed by ICAR institutions.
- Addressing the event in New Delhi, the Minister congratulated agriculture scientists who were involved in this project and said that the country has faith in the capability of the country's agricultural scientists.




- He said that this research will prove to be a milestone in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolution of Viksit Bharat. Mr Chouhan said that to fulfil the **nutritional demands of the increasing population**, the country needs to increase its production. He added that these two varieties are not only beneficial to farmers but also to the public.

- **These varieties have been developed** for Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh.
- **The first rice variety named DRR Dhan 100 Kamala** has been **derived from Samba Mahsuri**, which matures 15 to 20 days earlier and yields 25 per cent more production.




- **The second variety, named Pusa DST Rice 1**, is salinity and alkalinity tolerant and yields 30 per cent higher production under saline conditions. Cultivation of these varieties in about 5 million hectares of the recommended area will produce 4.5 million tons of additional paddy.
- Agriculture Minister termed the **launch of these varieties** as historic and said that these two varieties will reduce the cost of production and increase the yield. He said that these will be more effective in fulfilling the nutritional demands of the increasing population of the country.

- **ICAR said that these varieties mark a major step** in climate-resilient and high-yield agriculture. It added that these varieties will play a leading role in heralding the second green revolution in the country.




DRR Dhan 100 (Kamala)


A Breakthrough from ICAR

 Developed using SDN1 genome editing in **popular Samba Mahsuri**, this high-yielding variety is a game changer for rice cultivation

Key Features:

- 19% increase in grain yield.
- 15-20 days earlier maturity.
- Moderate drought tolerance.
- Retained grain quality.

 **Developed By:** Dr. Satendra K. Mangrauthia, Dr. R.M. Sundaram & Team, **ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research, Hyderabad**



Lakkundi Group Of Monuments

- **Ancient group of temples and monuments in Lakkundi** and surrounding areas in Karnataka, built during the **Kalyana Chalukya period** (10th–12th century CE), are being finalised for inclusion in UNESCO's tentative list of World Heritage Sites. The State government has partnered with **INTACH to prepare and refine** the proposal, aiming to secure international recognition for these architectural marvels.



- The **Karnataka government**, with assistance from **the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)**, is in the final stages of submitting a proposal to list the **Lakkundi group of monuments** and associated temples from the **Western Chalukyan period** on **UNESCO's tentative list** of World Heritage Sites. The monuments fulfil key UNESCO criteria for architectural and cultural significance.



- Located in **Gadag district, Karnataka**. Temples built between 10th–12th centuries CE during the Kalyana Chalukya (Western Chalukya) reign.
- UNESCO Tentative Listing Criteria Met
- **Cultural Exchange:** Illustrates architectural interchange between Nagara, Dravida, and Bhumija styles forming the Vesara style.
- **Historical Significance:** Represents a significant stage in temple architecture and technological advancement through features like stepwells.
- **Lakkundi Monuments:** Kasi Visvesvara, Manikesvara, Nanneswara, Brahma Jinalaya (1007 CE), Musukina Bavi.



- **Surrounding Temples**
- Doddabasappa temple, Japada Bavi (Dambal)
- Trikuteshwara temple (Gadag)
- Mahadeva temple (Itagi)
- Sri Mallikarjuna temple (Kuruvatti)
- Someshwara temple (Lakshmeshwara)
- Tarakeshwara temple (Hangal)
- **Architectural Importance :** Showcases Vesara hybrid style.
- Stepwells integral to temple complexes, some larger than the temples themselves.
- Process & Future Steps
- Proposal being reviewed by experts from INTACH and Department of Archaeology.

- Upon acceptance to tentative list, a full nomination dossier will be submitted after 1 year.
- Other Karnataka sites on tentative list: Badami, Aihole, Srirangapatana, Hire Benkal, and Deccan Sultanate Monuments.

Anarghya Panchawatkar

- **Anarghya Abhishek Panchawatkar of Gurugram** has clinched the gold medal at the **11th Budokan International Karate Championship held in Dubai**. Representing India under the banner of the Sports Shitokai Karate Federation, Anarghya delivered a stellar performance in the **kumite category**, securing the top podium position.



- The tournament saw participation from over **900 athletes representing 17 countries**, competing across various age groups. Anarghya's success did not stop at kumite, as he also earned a bronze medal in kata, underscoring his well-rounded expertise and command over both forms of karate.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the main goal of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

- A. Promoting wind energy globally
- B. Mobilizing over USD 1000 billion for solar energy by 2030
- C. Reducing fossil fuel usage in developed countries
- D. Building nuclear plants across Africa

ANSWER: B

2. When was the International Solar Alliance (ISA) established

- A. 30 January 2016
- B. 30 November 2015
- C. 5 May 2019
- D. 15 August 2015

ANSWER: B

3. When is "World Portuguese Language Day" celebrated

- A. March 10
- B. May 5
- C. June 15
- D. October 12

ANSWER: B

4. What achievement did FC Goa recently secure

- A. First place in ISL 2025
- B. Entry to FIFA Club World Cup
- C. Their second Super Cup title
- D. Qualification for Europa League

ANSWER: C

5. Which country recently became 123rd member of the International Solar Alliance

- A. Nigeria
- B. Angola
- C. Kenya
- D. Ethiopia

ANSWER: B

6. What innovation was achieved by ICAR in the agricultural sector

- A. New irrigation techniques
- B. Disease-resistant wheat
- C. India's first genome-edited rice
- D. Organic pesticide development

ANSWER: C

7. Which Village In Jharkhand Become First To Be Completely Relocated From The Core Area Of The Palamu Tiger Reserve

- A. Burha
- B. Jaigir
- C. Latehar
- D. Betla

ANSWER: B

8. NAMASTE Scheme Was Jointly Launched By Which Two Ministries

- A. Ministry of Health and Ministry of Rural Development
- B. Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Labour
- C. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment & Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
- D. Ministry of Urban Development and Ministry of Skill Development

ANSWER: C

9. Vizhinjam International Seaport, Is Located In Which State

- A. Kerala
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Karnataka

ANSWER: A

10. Which Organization Has Launched The Victims Of Terrorism Advocacy Network (VoTAN) initiative

- A. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- B. United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)
- C. United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)
- D. United Nations Security Council (UNSC)

ANSWER: C

11. Which Badminton Players Received The Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award In May 2025

- A. P.V. Sindhu and Saina Nehwal
- B. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty
- C. Kidambi Srikanth and Lakshya Sen
- D. Sameer Verma and Parupalli Kashyap

ANSWER: B

12. What Is India's Rank In The 2025 World Press Freedom Index

- A. 151st
- B. 145th
- C. 159th
- D. 148th

ANSWER: A

13. Which Country Signed A Renewed MoU With India To Strengthen Cooperation In Clean And Sustainable Energy

- A. Norway
- B. Sweden
- C. Denmark
- D. Finland

ANSWER: C

14. Who Assumed Charge As A Member Of The Union Public Service Commission

- A. Raj Shukla
- B. Alka Sirohi
- C. Arvind Saxena
- D. Anuradha Prasad

ANSWER: D

15. Which Central Armed Police Force Achieved The First-ever CAPF Ascent Of Mt. Makalu

- A. Border Security Force
- B. Indo-Tibetan Border Police
- C. Central Reserve Police Force
- D. Sashastra Seema Bal

ANSWER: B

16. In Which State Khelo India Multipurpose Hall Inaugurated

- A. Sikkim
- B. Assam
- C. Manipur
- D. Arunachal Pradesh

ANSWER: D

17. Which Company Has Partnered With Kuwait's Jazeera Airways For An Ai-led Digital Transformation Initiative

- A. TCS
- B. Infosys
- C. Wipro
- D. HCLTech

ANSWER: A

18. In which city 400 DEVI electric buses flagged off to enhance last-mile connectivity

- A. Mumbai
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Hyderabad
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: D

19. Cabinet Declared Which Day As 'National Space Day' In India

- A. August 20
- B. August 23
- C. August 25
- D. August 27

ANSWER: B

20. Which State Is The Host Of 28th National Conference On E-governance

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Tamil Nadu

ANSWER: A