India celebrates 72nd Independence Day on 15 August 2018

Relations between India and Angola, one of the major oil producers in Africa, are underpinned by a vibrant energy partnership and date back to pre-independence era of Angola. In an act of solidarity, India supported Angolan freedom struggle against the Portuguese colonial rule till the country attained independence in 1975. Since then, the Indian leadership has retained robust ties with Angola. India established diplomatic relations with Angola in 1985.

The first high level visit from India took place in May 1986 with the visit of Late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to Angola which was reciprocated by President of Angola José Eduardo dos Santos in April 1987. Recently during the BRICS Summit in Johannesburg, President of Angola Mr. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço met Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi and discussed ways to enhance trade and investment between the two countries and also to deepen cooperation in sectors like Energy, Agriculture and Food processing and Pharmaceuticals.

Energy forms the heart of India-Angola partnership, with Angola emerging as second largest African oil supplier to India, after Nigeria in sub-Saharan Africa. In the non-oil sector, a number of projects are being undertaken by Indian companies in retail, hospitality, agriculture plastics, scrap metal, steel, trading, and other services.

On January 30, 2017, India and Angola signed an Agreement for the establishment of the Bilateral Commission.

The Angola-India Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCIA) was inaugurated on October 9, 2017

India has become 3rd largest trading partner sharing about 10% of Angola’s external trade mainly on account of bulk crude oil purchase.

Government of India has extended 3 Lines of Credit (LOC) of value aggregating US$ 85 million - US$ 40 million for financing Railway Rehabilitation in Angola; US$ 30 million for setting up an Industrial Park in Angola; US$ 15 million for setting up a Textile Project in Angola.

India provides training to Angolan professionals in various sectors.

Strength of Indian community in Angola is about 5000 - mainly businessmen engaged in catering, retail, trading and other services; in industries dealing in plastics, metal, steel, garments, etc and professionals working in offshore oil fields. Angola LNG project in Soyo Province also employs several Indians.

About 2500 People of Indian-origin in Angola hold passports of different nationalities mostly engaged in trading & construction.