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INTERNATIONAL:

Angola gears up for historic vote as President Jose prepares to step down after 38 years

Angola is gearing up for a historic vote tomorrow, as longtime President Jose Eduardo dos Santos prepares to step down after 38 years in power.

For more than two-thirds of the population, he is the only leader they have ever known. And the vast majority of eligible voters have never seen a ballot without his name on it.

US will deepen its strategic partnership with India: Trump

President Donald Trump, in a prime-time televised address to the nation, laid out his South Asia policy saying a “critical part” of it was to further develop US’ strategic partnership with India. He ruled out a hasty withdrawal of its troops from Afghanistan and sought an enhanced role for India to bring peace in the war-torn country.

Pro Tip:

Country: United States of America

Currency: US Dollar

Capital: Washington,

President: Donald Trump

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY NEWS:

Google launches Android 8.0 named ‘Oreo’

Google today announced ‘Oreo’ as the name for the latest version of the Android operating system, continuing the dessert-themed names. It brings features including notification dots on app icons, picture-in-picture mode, and an autofill tool to help quickly and securely enter passwords. Android Oreo 8.0 will start rolling out to Pixel and Pixel XL smartphones followed by Nexus devices.

Pro Tip:

Organization: Google

Headquarters: Mountain View, California,

CEO: Sundar Pichai

Essar Oil completes \$13 billion deal with Rosneft, Trafigura

Russia’s largest oil producer Rosneft on Monday said it has successfully closed the nearly \$13 billion Essar Oil acquisition deal. Rosneft will get a 49.13% stake in Essar Oil and Trafigura-UCP consortium will get another 49.13% stake. The Essar Oil-Rosneft deal is the largest foreign direct investment into the country till date and also the largest outbound investment from Russia.

Pro Tip:

Organization: Essar Oil
Headquarters: Mumbai
CEO: Lalit Kumar Gupta

Infosys drops out of India's top 10 most valued companies

Three days after Vishal Sikka's resignation as Infosys CEO and MD, the company has slipped out of the list of top 10 companies by market capitalisation on BSE. Notably, in just two days of trading, Infosys has lost about ₹30,722 crore. State-owned oil producer ONGC has replaced Infosys to become the 10th most valuable company.

Pro Tip:

Organization: Infosys
Headquarters: Bengaluru

FIFA U-17 World Cup trophy displayed at India Gate

The FIFA Under-17 World Cup official winner's trophy was recently displayed at the India Gate. The event will be India's first official FIFA tournament. The trophy will be held for display at all six host cities of the World Cup, namely Kolkata, Kochi, Mumbai, New Delhi, Guwahati, and Goa. The tournament's winner will lift the trophy on October 28.

FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017

No of Teams: 24
Hosting Country: India

FDI jumps 37% to 10.4 billion USD during April-June 2017

Foreign direct investment, FDI, into the country grew by 37 per cent to 10.4 billion US Dollar during the first quarter of the current fiscal. According to the figures of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, DIPP, India had received around eight billion FDI US Dollar during the same period last year.

The main sectors which attracted the highest foreign inflows include services, telecom, trading, computer hardware and software and automobile.

Bulk of the FDI came in from Singapore, Mauritius, the Netherlands and Japan.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:

NASA plans to extract oxygen from atmosphere on Mars

NASA is planning to send microbial life on its Mars 2020 rover mission, which would use Mars' atmospheric carbon dioxide to produce oxygen. The mission, if successful, would make way for more affordable human missions to Mars where oxygen is needed for life

support and rocket propulsion, said NASA. Notably, Mars' atmosphere contains around 95.32% CO₂ and only 0.13% oxygen.

Pro Tip:

Organization: NASA

Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States

APPOINTMENTS:

Uber India appoints Vishpala Reddy as Chief People's Officer

Uber India has appointed former American Express executive Vishpala Reddy as the Chief People's Officer (CPO) for its India and South Asia operations. The company said Reddy will be responsible for strengthening leadership, and overseeing aspects of gender diversity and inclusion. Last month, Uber appointed Sanjay Gupta, former CMO of Urban Ladder, as Head of Marketing in India.

SPORTS NEWS:

Shapath Bharadwaj wins bronze at Junior Shotgun World Cup

Teenager Shapath Bharadwaj today won a bronze medal in the double trap event while Lakshay Sheoran and Manisha Keer combined to win a bronze in the mixed team trap competition at the ISSF Junior Shotgun World Cup in Porpetto, Italy. This was India's first medal in the competition apart from the bronze won by Sheoran and Keer in the mixed team trap competition yesterday, which had the status of a test event.