



## India has become a World Leader in Rice Production:

FY25 output at **150.18 MT**, surpassing China's **145.28 MT**; rice forms **42%** of India's total food grains.



## Agriculture's Vital Role:

Employs **55%** of the population, keeps India food-surplus, lifts rural incomes, and helps stabilize inflation.



## Growth Drivers of Agricultural Production:

Higher MSPs, improved irrigation under PMKSY, modern farming practices, and quality seeds have boosted output by using seeds of better quality and modern farming methods.



## Exports & Buffer Stocks:

Rice exports have rebounded **21%** in FY25 to **19.87 MT** after curbs eased; Buffer stocks greater than FY10-19 average are ensuring domestic supply stability.



## India's Global Standing in Food Security:

Share of global food-insecure population at **~13%** (2024), projected to fall below **1%** by 2034, making India the biggest contributor to Asia's reduction in food insecurity.



## Inflation Advantage:

CPI at **1.7%** and Food Inflation at **-0.8%** for December 2025 support affordability, ensure food security and help RBI to further ensure that food inflation remains stable.

**Key Takeaway:** Amidst geopolitical uncertainty, lower inflation and strong food grain output help India keep prices stable, ensure food security, and boost farmer incomes through rising exports – while robust buffers safeguard domestic supply.

Sources: Sources: CMIE, DGCIS, RBI, IFSA (USDA, 2024-34), Press Information Bureau and other publicly available information  
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