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## **First all-women commando unit of CISF launched**

- The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), it has launched its first all women commando team and its personnel will be posted across airports and other sensitive units.
- “The training of women commandos has already begun at the Regional Training Centre (RTC) in Barwaha, Madhya Pradesh.
- This 8-week advanced commando course will prepare women personnel for Quick Reaction Teams (QRT) and Special Task Force (STF) duties at high-security establishments and plants
- The Director General (DG) of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is Shri Rajwinder Singh Bhatti

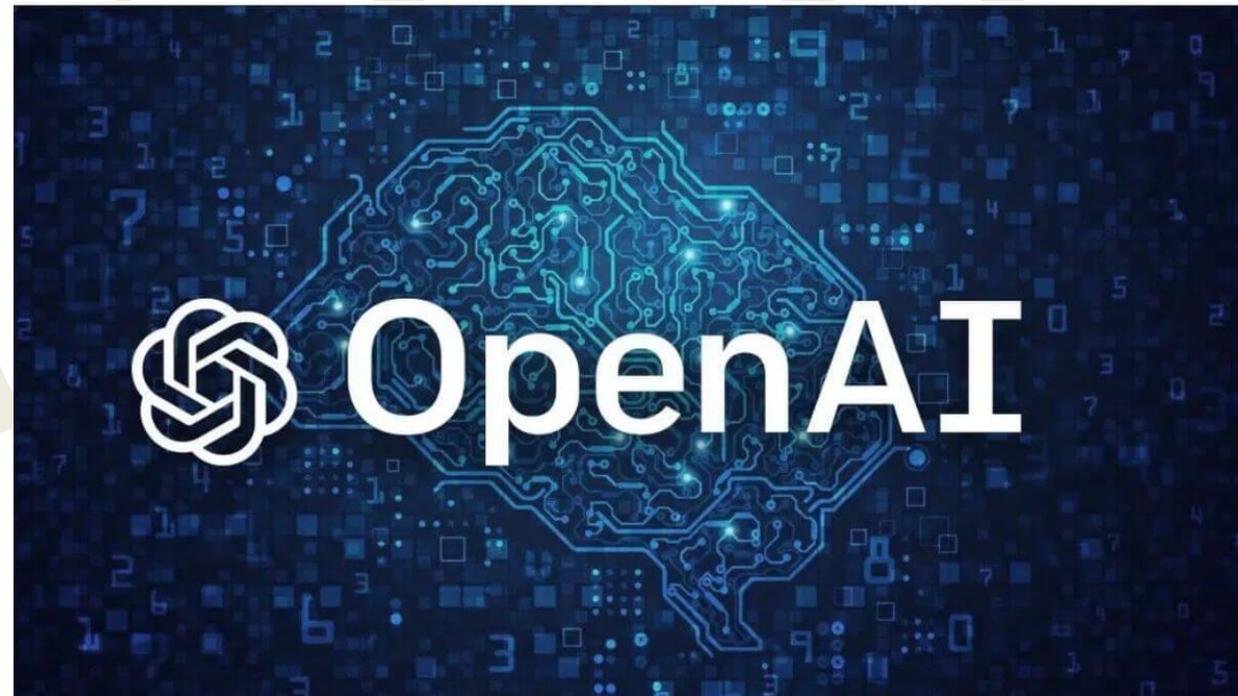


## **OpenAI Announced to Open First India Office in 2025**

- OpenAI to launch its first India office in New Delhi, supporting the IndiaAI mission and expanding AI accessibility for students, developers, and enterprises.
- India is currently ChatGPT's second-largest market, after the United States, and one of its fastest-growing.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- OpenAI Education Summit in India (August 2025)
- First OpenAI Developer Day in India (late 2025)



## **Aishwary Tomar Wins Gold at Asian Shooting 2025**

- Indian Shooter Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar has won gold medal in the 50-meter rifle three-position event at the 16th Asian Shooting Championship in Shymkent, Kazakhstan.
- China's Wenyu Zhao won silver medal
- Earlier, Indian men's team of Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Chain Singh and Akhil Sheoran bagged silver medal in the 50 metre rifle three positions team event.

### **India's Overall Performance:**

- India delivered an outstanding performance, topping the medal tally with 26 gold, 9 silver, and 11 bronze medals.



## Setubandha Scholar Scheme



# SETUBANDHA SCHOLAR SCHEME

- Students, who have studied in traditional gurukuls, will now have the opportunity to earn recognised qualifications and receive generous scholarships for research at premier IITs under the Setubandha Scholar Scheme.
- It is the first national-level programme to formally integrate traditional scholars into the research ecosystem of IITs, without insisting on conventional degrees.
- It aims to bridge India's age old gurukul tradition with modern scientific and academic inquiry.
- It is backed by the Ministry of Education and implemented by the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) division of the Central Sanskrit University (CSU)
- The scheme offers fellowships of up to Rs 65,000 per month across 18 interdisciplinary fields – from ayurveda to cognitive science, and architecture to political theory, grammar to strategic studies, performing arts to mathematics, physics, and health sciences.
- **Eligibility:** It is based on a minimum of five years of rigorous study in a recognised gurukul and demonstrable excellence in Shastras or traditional knowledge.

- The maximum age to apply is 32 years.
- Scholars selected under Category 1 (equivalent to postgraduate level) will receive a monthly fellowship of Rs 40,000 and an annual research grant of Rs 1 lakh.
- Those under Category 2 (equivalent to PhD level) will be awarded Rs 65,000 monthly and an annual grant of Rs 2 lakh.

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## **Centre to launch pilot project to revive diversified fish farming in Kuttanad, Kerala**

- In a major move to uplift the fishing community in the Kuttanad region in Kerala, Union Minister of State, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, and Minority Affairs, Shri George Kurian, has announced a new pilot project aimed at boosting livelihood opportunities for fish farmers.
- This was decided at a consultative meeting held at ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) in Kochi.
- Under the new initiative, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India, will take proactive steps to implement a range of modern and traditional aquaculture practices to revive economy based in Kuttanad.
- These include integrated fish farming, cage fish farming, the sustainable "one fish one paddy" initiative, and biofloc fish farming.
- Under the pilot project, extensive training programmes will be conducted to equip farmers with the necessary skills in aquaculture and other related practices.
- The project will also encourage startups to enter the sector, focusing on essential post-harvest activities such as processing, cleaning, packing, and fish trade.



## **Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, inaugurates the two-day All India Speakers' Conference**

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the two-day All India Speakers' Conference organized at the Delhi Legislative Assembly to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of freedom fighter Vitthalbhai Patel becoming the first elected Indian President of the Central Legislative Assembly.
- The Montagu–Chelmsford Reforms introduced under the Government of India Act, 1919 established the bicameral legislature in India at the central level.

### **The Indian Legislature consisted of:**

- Council of State (Upper House, similar to Rajya Sabha now)
- Central Legislative Assembly (Lower House, similar to Lok Sabha now)
- The CLA functioned till 1947.
- After independence, the Constituent Assembly (1946) took over the legislative role.
- The Provisional Parliament (1947–1952) worked until the first Lok Sabha elections in 1952.



## **India ranked 41st in the World Competitiveness Ranking 2025**

- In the latest World Competitiveness Ranking (WCR) of the International Institute for Management Development, IMD, Switzerland scored 100 points, thereby retaining its position as the most competitive economy in the world.
- India ranks 41st among 69 countries, two places lower than its 39th position in 2024.
- In economic performance, India is ranked 27th, down from 20th the previous year.
- In government and business efficiency, India remains unchanged at 45th and 25th respectively
- In Infrastructure, India remains at 51st.
- **Parameters:**
  1. Economic performance
  2. Government efficiency
  3. Business efficiency
  4. Infrastructure

### **Ranking of Top 5 Countries:**

- Switzerland ranks 1<sup>st</sup> with a score of 100 Points, followed by Singapore(99.4), Hong kong(99.2), Denmark(97.5) & UAE(96.1). last position is venezuele with a score of 25.5.
- In 2025, three new economies were added: Kenya, Namibia and Oman.

## Venues for 2027 ODI World Cup announced; South Africa to host 44 games

- Cricket South Africa (CSA) has confirmed the venues for the 2027 ODI World Cup, which will be played in South Africa, Namibia, and Zimbabwe.
- South Africa is all set to host 44 matches, while the remaining 10 will be played across Namibia and Zimbabwe.
- It must be mentioned that the 2027 ODI World Cup will be the 14th edition of the tournament. It will be played in October and November 2027
- This will be the second time that South Africa and Zimbabwe will co-host a tournament after the 2003 edition. Namibia is hosting the competition for the first time.

### Format of the 2027 World Cup:

- The 2027 World Cup will have two groups of seven teams, with the top three from each group progressing to the Super Six stage.
- This format was also used in the 2003 edition.

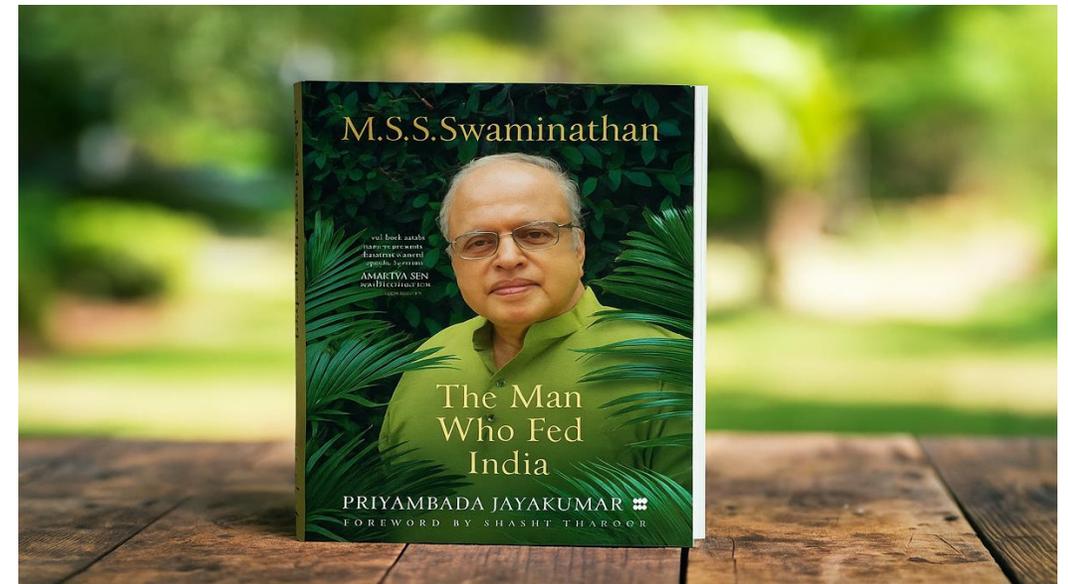


## **Book: 'M.S. Swaminathan: The Man Who Fed India' by Priyambada Jayakumar**

- Biography of Father of Indian Green Revolution
- This is the centenary year of his birth
- Born on 7th August, 1925, in Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu
- He served as the Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
- Swaminathan worked with Nobel laureate Norman Borlaug to introduce high-yielding varieties (HYVs) of wheat and rice to India.

### **Awards & Recognition:**

- Bharat Ratna (2024, posthumously)
- Padma Shri (1967), Padma Bhushan (1972), Padma Vibhushan (1989).
- World Food Prize (1987) – he was its first recipient.
- Ramon Magsaysay Award (1971).
- The first M. S. Swaminathan Award for Food and Peace was conferred to Nigerian scientist Prof. Ademola A. Adenle for combating hunger in Nigeria.



## 27 August - World Lake Day

- Theme: Lakes: the lifeblood of our planet
- 2025 is the first observance of World Lake Day.
- World Lake Day aims to raise awareness of the importance of lakes and the sustainable management of lake and related ecosystems.
- The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) will facilitate the observance of the Day.



## **Rajiv Ranjan Appointed VP, Chief Risk Officer at NDB**

- New Development Bank, established by the BRICS nations, has appointed former Monetary Policy Committee(MPC) member Rajiv Ranjan as VicePresident and Chief Risk Officer (CRO) for a five-year term.
- NDB - A multilateral development bank established by BRICS nations to mobilise funds for infrastructure and sustainable development.
- Functions as an alternative to Western-dominated institutions like the World Bank and IMF.
- Established: July 21, 2015 (Agreement signed on July 15, 2014 at BRICS Fortaleza Summit).
- NDB Headquarters: Shanghai, China

### **Membership:**

- Founding Members: Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa (BRICS).
- New Members (expanding base): Bangladesh, UAE, Egypt, Uruguay, and Algeria (2025).
- Membership is open to all UN member states, provided BRICS retain 55% minimum shareholding.



# Indian Navy commissioned the advanced stealth frigates Udaygiri and Himgiri at Visakhapatnam



- Two multi-mission stealth frigates of Project 17A – INS Udaygiri and INS Himgiri - were commissioned into the Indian Navy in the presence of Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh at the Naval Base, Visakhapatnam on August 26, 2025
- These are the 100th and 101st warships designed in-house by the Warship Design Bureau of the Indian Navy, and built in India
- Both frigates will join the Eastern Fleet under the Eastern Naval Command

## **INS Udaygiri:**

- Built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai.
- A modern, stealth-capable multi-mission warship designed for anti-surface, anti-air, and anti-submarine warfare.

## **Features:**

- Displacement ~6,670 tonnes, length 149 m, speed 28 knots.

- Weapons: Long-Range Surface-to-Air Missiles (LRSAM), 8 BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles, Barak-8, lightweight torpedoes, rocket launchers, 127 mm main gun, AK-630 rapid fire guns.
- Equipped with modern radars, sonar (Humsa-NG), and Shakti Electronic Warfare suite.
- Propulsion: Combined Diesel or Gas (CODOG).

### **INS Himgiri:**

- Built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- Stealth guided-missile frigate with advanced weaponry and sensors.

### **Features:**

- Similar displacement and size to INS Udaygiri (~6,670 tonnes, 149 m).
- Equipped with LRSAM, BrahMos missiles, Barak-8 system, torpedoes, rocket launchers, 127 mm gun, AK-630 guns.
- Integrated stealth design with reduced radar cross-section.
- Propulsion: CODOG, endurance 5,500 NM at economical speed.