

## 50 years in Journalism... Rastiya Times Editor Vijay Shankar Chaturvedi was Honoured

**New Delhi (KCN)** :Shri Vijay Shankar Chaturvedi, editor of Rashtra Times, was honored for completing 50 years of journalism at the Press Club of India. At the same time, the 43rd Foundation Day of Rashtra Times was also celebrated. During this program, former MP, in-charge of Madhya Pradesh, Mr. Jaiprakash Agarwal and special guest, former minister of Delhi Government, Mr. Ramakant Goswami, Chairman Communication, Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee, Mr. Anil Bhardwaj, former MP, Rajya Sabha, Mr. J.K. Jain, Press Club of India President Umakant Lakheda and former MLA Surendra Kumar were present.

The ceremony started by lighting the lamp. On this occasion, former MP Jai Prakash Agarwal also released a special souvenir published by Rashtra Times. On this occasion, former MP Jai Prakash Aggarwal said, "The work of Vijay Shankar Chaturvedi ji is not enough to be appreciated. I would like to encourage him to achieve more heights in his life." Honoring Chaturvedi ji, President of Press Club of India, Umakant Lakheda said, "Vijay Shankar ji has done journalism of social concern, this journalism is not in everyone's capability. I congratulate him on completing 50 years in the field of journalism." I wish you the best." While Anil Bhardwaj said, "The



journalist gives the thought that gives a direction to the society and this is what Vijay ji has worked for all these years." Former Delhi government minister Ramakant Goswami said, "Vijay ji has not

only completed 50 years in journalism but also directed a newspaper for 43 years. It was a very difficult task." Former MP Rajya Sabha J.K. Jain said, "Vijay ji could spend so many years in this journalism because

of his sweet nature, it is because of his nature that people stand by him. I congratulate him for completing 50 years and celebrating the 43rd foundation day of Rashtra Times." Am. Chaturvedi ji thanked

everyone for supporting him for so many years and shared the ups and downs of his journalism career of 50 years. Please tell that 70-year-old Mr. Vijay Shankar Chaturvedi is the editor of the fiercely nationalist

Hindi weekly Rashtra Times and has been engaged in the service of Hindi journalism for five decades. His father himself. Hiralal Chaturvedi was a well-known Sangeetcharya of the country, whom most people used to call him as Guruji. Pandit ji's disciples are still working on important positions in various fields of music arts like films, television, radio etc. He has done BA in commerce, in addition to this, he also received Sangeet Prabhakar degree in music from Prayag Sangeet Samiti, Allahabad. He himself is the editor-in-chief of the weekly Rashtra Times, Rashtriya Janodaya Patra and has also been the editor of Jain Dut, the main magazine of Jain society. And since 1971,

he is actively engaged in the service of the common people in Laxmi Nagar Shakarpur area of Yamunapar. You are always ready from the heart to solve all kinds of problems of the people. You are so popular because of your specialty of being an equal participant in everyone's happiness and pain. He has also been honored by many social religious organizations for the services done by Mr. Chaturvedi in the field of social service and journalism. In which the first President of the country, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Award, Late. Apart from the Radharaman Memorial Award, the honor given by the Lions Club and many organizations is included.

### Heavy Rain Likely In These Odisha Districts Today

**Bhubaneswar (KCN):** The IMD has predicted heavy rainfall in several districts of Odisha on June 27 (Tuesday). Heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at one or two places over the districts of Nabarangapur, Kalahandi, Koraput, Kandhamal, Dhenkanal, Cuttack, Jajpur, Bhadrak, Balasore, Mayurbhanj, Nuapada, Bolangir, Bargarh, Sonepur, Sambalpur, Jharsuguda, Sundargarh, Keonjhar and Deogarh on June 27 due to the influence of a low pressure area created over North Odisha and neighbourhood, said the IMD in its weather bulletin today. As per the IMD prediction, light to moderate rain or thundershower is very likely to occur at most places over the districts of North Odisha and at many places over the districts of South Odisha on the day. The IMD had earlier predicted heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places over the districts of Jharsuguda, Bargarh, Sundargarh and Sambalpur and at one or two places over the districts of Nuapada, Bolangir, Boudh, Angul, Sonepur, Deogarh and Keonjhar till 8.30 am Tuesday (June 27). It has issued an orange warning in this regard.

### Odisha: Last Date Of Submission Of Applications For Plus 2 Admissions Extended Again

**Bhubaneswar (KCN):** The last date of submission of applications for Plus 2 admissions in Higher Secondary Schools across Odisha has been extended to June 30. The School and Mass Education (S&ME) department has extended the last date of submission of online applications for Plus 2 admissions for the second time as per the requests of the parents, said a senior official today. The S&ME department had earlier extended the last date of submission of online applications to June 26. As per the original scheduled, the last date was June 20, added the official. Now, the students can submit their applications online through Student Academic Management System (SAMS) Portal (www.samsodisha.gov.in) till June 30, said the official. The first merit list for Plus 2 admissions will be published on July 6. The first phase admissions will be done in between July 7 and 13, sources said. The second merit list will be published on July 19 and the admissions will be completed by July 22. The spot admission process will begin on July 21 and continue till July 27. The classes for the fresh batch of Plus 2 students will start on August 1, said the official.

## 12 Dead In Bus Mishap

**Berhampur (KCN):** At least 12 persons including seven of a family killed and several injured in a head-on collision between two buses near Digapahandi in Ganjam district late last night. The tragic road mishap took place near Digapahandi at around 1 AM in the night when a private bus returning from Berhampur collided with a State-run Odisha State Road Transport Corporation (OSRTC) that was coming from the opposite direction from Gudari of Rayagada

district. Soon after the incident, local police officials, Ganjam Collector and Berhampur SP rushed to the spot and conducted a rescue operation. The injured persons have been admitted in a local hospital and MKCG Medical College, Berhampur, while two seriously injured persons have been referred to SCB Medical College and Hospital at Cuttack for further treatment, sources said. The private bus was returning to Khandadeuli near Digapahandi after attending the party at



Berhampur. Just a few km before they reach their destination, such a massive bus mishap took place. According to police, the deceased include six

men, four women and two minors. Among them, seven were members of one family and their relatives. The road has now been cleared and police has

launched an investigation to find out the reason behind the tragic accident. Expressing deep grief over the deaths of people in the bus accident, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced ex-gratia of Rs 3 lakh each to next of kin of the deceased and free medical treatment for the injured. Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) Satyabrata Sahu has informed that Rs 30,000 provided to each injured person for treatment under supervision of Ganjam District Administration.

## Odisha: Aahaar Centres In Hospitals To Remain Open On Sundays



**Bhubaneswar (KCN):** The Aahaar centres located on premises of or near hospitals across Odisha will remain open on all Sundays. In this regard, the Housing & Urban Development Department of Odisha Government directed the commissioner-cum-president of All City Aahaar Societies and collector-cum-president of All District Aahaar Societies to take

necessary steps for opening of Aahaar centres operational in or near hospitals on Sundays. "Need to appreciate that requests are coming from many quarters to open the Aahaar Kendras in or near hospitals on Sundays in order to facilitate the patients and attendants to get food in affordable price in the vicinity of hospitals," an official letter dated today read. "Considering the

difficulties of the patients and attendants coming to the hospitals, it is decided to keep open the Aahaar Kendras operating in or near hospitals on Sundays also," the letter stated adding that maintenance of the Aahaar Kendras can be carried out after closing of service. The Department asked the concerned authorities to instruct Aahaar implementing partners and other stakeholders

accordingly. Notably, there are 167 Aahaar centres operational across Odisha, of which 82 are located on campus of hospitals where people avail quality meal at a cost of only Rs 5. Out of these 82, 58 Aahaar centres serve meals at night hours. Approximately, 48,000 people get benefits from 82 Aahaar centres daily. As the Aahaar centres remain closed on Sundays, patients or attendants used to face difficulties. Taking the matter into consideration, the Health and Family Welfare Department had drawn the attention of Housing & Urban Development Department requesting the latter to keep Aahaar centres in hospital open on Sundays. After analysing the suggestion, the concerned department has decided to open Aahaar centres on all Sundays.

## Odisha Govt Employees To Be Schooled In Disaster Management

**Bhubaneswar (KCN):** The government officials in Odisha will be imparted training on disaster management. The state Cabinet has approved a proposal in this regard on May 29. As per the decision, all government officials in Odisha from the rank of Chief Secretary to Group D posts will be imparted training on disaster management. A tripartite agreement has been signed between the Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA), Odisha State Open University (OSOU) and the Higher Education department to develop a training module for the programme. As per the terms and conditions of the agreement, the OSOU will provide technical assistance for designing a suitable training module. The primary motive behind the training programme is to upgrade the capacity of Group-A,



Group-B, Group-C and Group-D government officials for effective management of disasters in Odisha, said a senior official of the Revenue and Disaster Management department today. "The module is being devised in such a way that the training can be imparted through online and distance learning mode," added the official. The state government is developing an online application to create a database of the trainees, monitor their improvement and provide certificates after completion of the training programme, sources said. "The training will be imparted through

multimedia mode. Improvement of the government officials will be monitored continuously during the programme. Institutes and faculties having expertise in disaster management will be engaged to impart the training among the government officials," said the official. Revenue Minister Pramila Mallick, Higher Education Minister Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak, Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue and Disaster Management department) Satyabrata Sahu and Higher Education Department Secretary Aravind Agrawal among others were present during the signing of the agreement.



# Sudipta Mishra's Book Beyond The Pandemic Unveiled During Car Festival

**Bhubaneswar, (KCN):** On the eve of " State Level Sahitya Sammilani -2023, of Sampark Sahitya forum, Sudipta Mishra has got the privilege to release her exceptionally unique Book " Beyond The Pandemic " is published by the prestigious Inkdeew Publication House founded by Dr. Manoj Kishore Nayak. It has been released on the auspicious occasion of the Car Festival at Puri in a grand way. The Former Minister Prasad Harichandan was the keynote speaker who graced the occasion along with Pratibha Maharathi, and Jayanta Sarangi by releasing

the notable creation of Sudipta Mishra edited by Manas Ranjan Mohapatra, Former Director of NBT. This book 'Beyond the Pandemic' contains thirty-three remarkable essays by the writer who deftly blends the horror and memories of the fatal pandemic that will captivate the readers of the entire globe. This poignant collection of tales will take its readers to a different world of enlightenment from the gloomy realm of depression and frustration. Infused with wisdom, this treasure will bring the readers the idea of celebrating the spirit of positivity and



resilience during tough times. The first one of its kind by a Covid survivor, this book contains lucid pieces on the experience of the pandemic and messages for the future. The author has described various

aspects of the disease and has described how it has influenced human civilization. About the Author Born in the coastal town of Puri in Odisha, its author Dr. Sudipta Mishra is a multi-faceted artist and

dancer who has excelled in the various fields of art and culture. At a young age, She has already weaved more than 100 books as a co-author. She has been ceaselessly musing on different social

platforms like Youth Ki Awaaz, Momespresso, The Pink Comrade, Story Scraper, etc. The prestigious Notion Press has so far published three books to her credit. Her book, 'The Essence of Life'

is credited with being an Amazon best seller. Her other book 'The Songs of My Heart' is equally well crafted, and is all set to scale newer heights and the pinnacle of glory in the days to come. She has garnered numerous accolades from various international organizations for her outstanding contribution to the literary world. She points out the sufferings endured by the underdogs of society, the surge of crimes against women, and the mental illnesses that were triggered by isolation, frustration, confinement due to the lockdown, poverty, loss of employment,

etc. One of her fans Dr Soumya Mishra feels that, 'As every darkness is followed by enlightenment, she has in this book described the lessons learned from the pandemic, the new normal enforced by Covid -19 and the mindset we need to learn to embrace a new post-covid world. She concludes with her valuable opinion on the pursuit of happiness and some golden rules to thrive in life. Overall, this book of hers is a must-read for all of us as it provokes much-needed introspection and awareness for times to come.'

## Odisha State conference concluded on 25.06.2023 at Bhubaneswar demanding cancellation of NPS Scheme and restoration of Old Pension Scheme w.e.f. 01.04.2004



**Bhubaneswar, (KCN):** The Odisha State level conference of the Central Govt. employees confederation concluded today on 25.06.2023 at Hotel Raj Inn meeting Hall, Bhubaneswar from 10.00 am to 3.30 pm. Dr. R.C. Khuntia, Ex-MP, National Vice President & State President INTUC, Odisha inaugurated the conference. Dr. Khuntia in his speech strongly demanded to scrap the New Pension Scheme (NPS) and restoration of Old Pension Scheme for All Central Govt. Employees. S. N.S. Pillai, the National General Secretary Central Govt. Employees Confederation (CGEC) and Sr. Secretary Central INTUC presided over the

conference. N.S. Pallai with consent of all participant declared the coordination committee for Odisha State as under (1) President- Dr. R.C. Khuntia, Ex-MP, Working President : Ramesh Chandra Sahoo, Senior Vice President : S.S. Mohapatra & Ramesh Funugupati, General Secretary - Sushanta Kumar Panda, Ramesh Chandra Sahoo, General Secretary EcoRSC and AWS-NFIR gave introductory speech highlighting various problems of central Govt. employees in general and Railway men in particular. Dr. Manjeet Singh Patel, Chairman CGEC, New Delhi strongly demanded abolition of National Pension system (NPS) and argued upon he

Central Govt. to immediately declare the restoration of Old Pension System (OPS) in all the Central Govt. Departments. Advocate S.S. Mohapatra, Vice President, INTUC & Org. Secretary, Odisha Branch in his speech deplored the anti working class policies of the Central Govt. Sushanta Kumar Panda, National Organizing Secretary, CGEC and National President of Indian Railway movement for Old Pension Scheme, Convener of the conference gave a detailed report about the anti working class pension system, which is not beneficial to the employees and appeal to the Govt. to immediately declare the restoration of old pension system.

Sandhya Mohapatra, President of CGEC Women's wing & Vice President of INTUC, Odisha Branch announced for support for restoration of Old Pension System in all central Govt. employees. Ramesh Funugupati, President of AIMS Nursing association, Sudhir Rupji, Convener, Delhi Nursing federation and Rajendra Kumar Sahoo, President, Kendriya Bidalaya Sangathan also raised the voice for restoration of Old Pension System. Central Govt. Employees Federation General Secretary - N.S. Pillai declared Odisha working committee Office bearers name as under : President - Dr. R.C. Khuntia, Ex-MP, Working President - Ramesh Chandra Sahoo, Senior Vice President - S.S. Mohapatra, Vice President - Chandra Sekhar Sarangi, General Secretary- Sushanta Kumar Panda, Secretary- Rajendra Sahoo, Ramesh Fulugupati, A.R. Rana, Dillip Kumar Behera, Susanta Kumar Behera and Banabihari Bisoi. Vote of the thanks of the conference is given by Chandra Sekhar Sarangi

## Justice Patnaik Lauds OMBADC

**Baripada (KCN):** Justice A K Patnaik, Former Judge, Supreme Court and Oversight Authority (OA) for OMBADC has expressed his happiness over implementation projects in the Tribal Zones of the State, where mineral blocks are being operated. Justice Shri Patnaik was on a 3 days field visit to Mayurbhanj district from 23-25 June 2023 to review the progress of OMBADC funded projects sanctioned for the district from 2018 onwards. Chief Executive Officer, OMBADC, G Rajesh accompanied Justice Shri Patnaik, who extensively visited the far flung areas, where developmental projects are taken up in a big way. These projects are approved under 07 sectors like Drinking

water, Education, Health, Livelihood, Rural connectivity, Environment protection and Water conservation. The total value of 36 approved projects is Rs. 5709.92 Crore in which priority sectors like Drinking water has been allocated 61% followed by Education with 17% and Health with 16%. Allocation for other sectors like Livelihood is 4%, Rural connectivity is 0.76% and Water conservation is 3%. The projects are being implemented by several line department PIAs at the district level. On 23 June 2023, the Oversight Authority visited TTI Takatpur where OMBADC has provided funding support to develop it as a Center of Excellence. The OA was taken on a round to the different

facilities that have been developed with OMBADC funding like the Mini Tool Room, Advanced Laser Welding and Tool room. He also interacted with the enrolled youth and understood the advanced skilling efforts of the SD&TE department. The OA also visited the 24 x 7 DFT project at ward no. 25 under Baripada Municipality. In the evening, the Collector Mayurbhanj Vineet Bhardwaj had called a meeting where the OA got an opportunity to interact with all the line department district level PIAs and understand their performance regarding project implementation. A PPT was presented by the Collector to update the Oversight Authority on the existing status of the

projects under various sectors. After completion of the PPT, the CEO OMBADC G Rajesh highlighted certain issues related to slow progress in some of the projects like non availability of statutory clearances for the drinking water projects approved in the 21st BOD meeting, low achievement in installation of smart classes (only 23%), slow progress in infra projects in the Establishment of CoEs project, slow progress in land identification for construction of Model AWCs etc. While concluding the meeting, the Collector took a commitment from the respective line department PIAs to complete the projects in the next 2-3 months.

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**Monsoon Playlist 2023: 'Rimjhim Gire Sawan' To 'Tip Tip Barsa Paani,' Top Bollywood Tracks To Enjoy This Rainy Season**



On Sunday morning, monsoon covered both Mumbai and Delhi together giving the people a big relief from the scorching heat. Monsoon always brings happiness and during this season, there's nothing better than sitting on a balcony and enjoy the constant rain showers while relishing hot pakodas and listening to soulful songs. Thankfully, several Indian singers have created a string of songs over the years, capturing the essence of the monsoon season beautifully. Check out some hit tracks to enjoy this rainy season.

**1. Baarish**  
This romantic track from the film 'Half Girlfriend' is best for the rainy days. It was sung by Ash King and Shashaa Tirupati and featured Arjun Kapoor and Shraddha Kapoor in the lead roles and heart-warming lyrics were penned by Arafat Mehmood and Tanishk Bagchi.

**2. Barso Re Megha Megha**  
Talking about Monsoon songs, you just can't miss "Barso Re," a song from the 2007 film Guru. Shreya Ghoshal's calming vocals talk about enjoying the rain to the utmost. Aishwarya Rai Bachchan's dance performance was the highlight of the song, aside from the lyrics. It's almost 15 years since the song was released, yet many still listen to it on repeat.

**3. Tip Tip Barsa Paani**  
One of the most memorable songs from Raveena Tandon and Akshay Kumar's 1994 film Mohra. The song captures the essence of rain in India. Anand Bakshi wrote the lyrics, which were sung by Udit Narayan and Alka Yagnik. Raveena and Akshay's chemistry is depicted in the song. The song was recreated in Rohit Shetty's action film 'Sooryavanshi'.

**4. Koi Ladki Hai**  
Let's bring the inner child out and enjoy the monsoon bliss, love & romance with their superhit track. 'Koi Ladki Hai' song is one of the hits of Madhuri Dixit and Shah Rukh Khan and is voiced by legendary singer late Lata Mangeshkar. The song from the film 'Dil to Pagal Hai' has been viewed over 123 million times on YouTube.

**5. Rimjhim Gire Sawan**  
The evergreen rain song from the film 'Manzil' was sung by none other than Kishore Kumar and featured actors Amitabh Bachchan and Moushumi Chatterjee. The song even after almost 44 years of its release is still in everyone's playlist and played on loop when it rains.



**Sara Ali Khan Performs Puja Rituals, Loses Herself In Bhajan At Mahakaleshwar Temple**

ravel enthusiast Sara Ali Khan recently took time out of her busy schedule and jetted off to Madhya Pradesh where she offered her prayers at the Kal Bhairav Temple, Mahakaleshwar Temple in Ujjain, and Khajrana Ganesh Temple in Indore to seek blessings. The actor has been basking in the success of her latest release 'Zara Hatke Zara Bachke'. Sara took to Instagram and shared a bunch of photos from her visit to the temples in Madhya Pradesh on Instagram story. She opted for a pink printed saree for her visit to the Mahakaleshwar temple. A video shows her sitting on the floor and lost in the prayers at the temple. Sara was seen offering prayers with her hands folded. She also performed a few rituals and interacted with fans. She captioned the post writing, "Peaceful in the day" and "Mesmerising at night... a day well spent."



Sara also took to her Instagram Stories and shared pictures of offering prayers at the Khajrana Ganesh temple. On Saturday, she posted a photo of herself along with several other people and wrote, "Somya ki ghar vapsi (Somya returns) in Indore." For the visit, Sara opted for a white suit. The actor's sacred visit comes at a time when their film 'Zara Hatke Zara Bachke' is performing well at the box office. The film also starred Vicky Kaushal alongside Sara. She had also visited Mumbai's famous Siddhivinayak Temple, earlier. Sara is a frequent visitor to the Mahakal temple in Ujjain. During her last visit to Ujjain's Mahakaleshwar Temple, Sara was brutally trolled by a section of people online. A while ago, during a promotional event for her film 'Zara Hatke Zara Bachke', Sara gave a hard-hitting reply on her being trolled for visiting the temple. She said, "I take my work very seriously. I work for people, for you. I will go to Ajmer Sharif with the same devotion with which I will go to Bangla Sahib or Mahakal. I will continue visiting. People can say whatever they want, I have no problem. You should like the energy of a place. I believe in energy." On the work front, Sara has Anurag Basu's 'Metro In Dino'. Billed as an anthology, the film also features Aditya Roy Kapur, Konkona Sen Sharma, Pankaj Tripathi, Fatima Sana Shaikh, Anupam Kher, Ali Fazal and Neena Gupta in the lead roles. She also has Ae Watan Mere Watan in the pipeline. Directed by Kannan Iyer and written jointly by Darab Farooqui and Kannan, the film will be available on Prime Videos.

**'Jhoothi' Shraddha Kapoor Interacts With Fans on Instagram as They Catch her Lying**

Shraddha Kapoor aka Jhoothi is currently busy with the promotions of her upcoming film with Ranbir Kapoor, 'Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar'. The star has served some incredible moments for her fans; ever since the promotional events kickstarted from recreating hilarious video of 'Tere Pyaar Mein' eating pani puri to having grabbed all the attention with her hot looks in the 'Tere Pyaar Mein' song from 'Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar', Shraddha Kapoor seems to be fully drenched in her character of Jhoothi from the film. While everyone just can't resist their excitement to watch her playing a Jhoothi in the film, this Sunday morning Shraddha treated her fans with a pretty picture and was seen interacting with the fans while she made them engage with her character of Jhoothi in a fun manner in the comment. Taking to her social media, on Sunday, Shraddha Kapoor posted pictures from her latest photoshoot on Instagram with a caption that confused many of her followers, she wrote jokingly, "It's Monday! Let's slay today." After Shraddha dropped the post, The fun and witty conversation between Shraddha being a Jhoothi and her fans was seen in the comment section. While Shraddha can be seen fully in her character with her comments, it led to a fun conversation with her fans, many of her followers flooded the comments with compliments. One user wrote, "Uff ye Adaa." Another commented, "Cuteness overload." Some even dropped heart and fire emoticons. Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar is directed by Luv Ranjan, produced by Luv Films' Luv Ranjan and Ankur Garg, and presented by T-Series



Gulshan Kumar and Bhushan Kumar. It is all set to have a festive release worldwide in cinemas on Holi, 8th March 2023.

**Pepsi Announces 'KGF' Star Yash as Their Brand Ambassador, Rocky Bhai adds Another Feather to his cap!**

The way Yash has redefined the statement of stardom with the super success of 'KGF 2' in the post-pandemic era is truly exemplary. The success of the film not only introduced the audience to a new cinema but it has also given them a new superstar to look up to that resulting in filling up the theaters with a huge crowd of audience. But of course, as it's a long time now since the film has been released, the audience surely has very less of him on the big screen which has resulted in rising curiosity to watch him in the films. However, the Rocking star also couldn't stay apart from his fans for a long while he certainly made an appearance in a television commercial as a brand ambassador. Superstar Yash has recently come on board with Pepsi for a commercial as he has been announced as their Pan India brand ambassador. The superstar has himself taken this to his social media, to bring this news to his fans. Yash has certainly shot a commercial for Pepsi



and must say there couldn't be any big reason for his fans to celebrate. It is indeed a treat for Yash's fans who are eagerly looking forward to watching him on the screen after 'KGF 2'. Be it creating a trend in the market with his style in the film to taking the Kannada industry on the world map, Yash holds all the credit to create examples of success that no one has done

before. The superstar today enjoys a fan base all across the nation and on the global front as well who adore him also for the trends, he started for having the perfect beard and being dressed as a perfect gentleman always well suited. No doubt, his sheer belief in making films for the fans that appeal to the larger audience, is a base that has made him what he is today. Moreover, the success of 'KGF 2' broke several records at the national and international box office, yes, the man behind all this is Yash.



## Dr. Subhomoy Das: A Silent Warrior Fighting to Save Local Biodiversity with Passion and Dedication



Dr. Subhomoy Das, is the senior most faculty, currently an Associate Professor & Head of the Department of Zoology, Mohishadal College, East Midnapore, West Bengal India. His major research areas and interest include Toxicology, Malacology, Ornithology, Aquatic Mammals (like dolphins), Pollination Biology, Animal Behaviour (Ethology of bat, mudskiper, elephant, earthworm, mollusca, bird, dolphin etc), Ecology, Biodiversity, and Biological Conservation. Born in 1970 at East Midnapore, he obtained his BSc (Honours) Gold Medal in Zoology from Medinipur College by standing First Class First. He next completed his MSc in Zoology with specialization in Ecology from Ballygunge Science College (Calcutta University) again as First Class First. He joined as UGC JRF and SRF under Calcutta University (1992-96) and worked on different aspects of safe use of pesticide mainly in aquatic ecosystem under the guidance of eminent scholar and scientist Prof Srimanta Kumar

Raut. His PhD was in the field of aquatic micromollusca - Segmentina trochiidea, first time in world. He obtained his B Ed degree from the same university in 1993. Dr. Das successfully completed Post Graduate Diploma in Science Journalism from the Jadavpur University (1999) and Post Graduate Diploma in Disaster Management from IGNOU (2014). In 1996, he joined Baisnabchak Mahesh Chandra High School as Assistant Teacher of biology. In 2001 he joined Mahishadal Raj College as an Assistant Professor and HOD at the Department of Zoology. Dr. Das served as fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences (IAS); and worked at Indian Institute of Science (IISc) at Bangaluru on elephant behaviour under the supervision of internationally reputed expert on elephant and renowned ethologist, Professor Raman Sukumar. He also worked on bat behaviour at Madurai Kamraj University under Prof. G. Marimuthu. He has published nearly 100 research and review papers in journals of both national and international repute. Dr. Das has completed publishing 21 books and 15 edited volumes and is currently working on

new book projects with international publishers. Furthermore, he serves as editors of four popular science magazines. He is extremely passionate about dissemination of science in vernacular languages; and has been working for the past four decades on various aspects of science communication and media practices in both conventional and social media platforms. He is connected with all India radio as sciences writer from last 24 years to popularized science among common people. Using poetry and photography as his tools, Dr. Das has been instrumental in communicating successfully about nature, ecology, ecosystem, forest conservation, illegal wildlife trade and trafficking, poaching, challenges of conventional agriculture, need for organic agriculture, Climate Change, Global Warming, plastic pollution, dangers of micro plastics to our existing food chains and food webs to the students and public effectively. Moreover he is a good mentor of different scientific model preparation which is innovative, unique and pathbreaking in the science. He achieved 19 State and national levels championship award as a project mentor. He is also famous as model man "

of West Bengal. Out of many prizes, awards and accolades bestowed on Dr Das, the most important ones are Bharat Shiksha Ratna award, Best Ecologist of the Year Award, Eminent Ecologist of India, Shrestha Kobi Sonman to mention only a handful. Working sincerely for the past 23 years, Dr. Das has established an outstanding research and education facility at the Zoology Department, Mahishadal Raj College. He has established an outstanding biodiversity museum at his department, through his extensive collection of specimens from around the country for the past three decades. This collection are all in version which can be accessed from any part of the world. Near about 15,000 natural specimen with proper

identification were stored and displayed properly in his laboratory. From protozoa to dolphin, from egg to embryo, from bones to fossil, language he first decode the behaviour and then prepare a device which can perfectly act under water. By using the device fisherman can easily spot the

He established different physico climatic and chemical factor which plays an important role in abundance of dolphin sighting in riverine system. He established 34 dolphin spot on 5 rivers where the abundance of dolphin population is high throughout the year and one can easily spot out river dolphin easily on 153 km of lower Ganga and its tributaries. Dr. Das and his dedicated team has so far detected 171 individual Gangetic dolphins in the local river system. Dr. Das has established a "Dolphin Research and rescue Centre" at the Zoology Department, Mahishadal Raj College in 2007. This is the first known dolphin research centre across the entire state of West Bengal, and even across Eastern, India. Dr. Das has been working very hard in setting up a specialized pollinator research centre at the college too in collaboration with overseas, Canadian institutes and researchers. His study on crow nest and cormorant nest and nesting from last 30 year make him famous as crow man. The exact cause of vanishing crow from the villages of south Bengal was also established by him. He is also engaged in firefly distribution and ecology research for the past three years. Dr. Das has been working extensively on the ecology of bats and on bat

behaviour that could be extremely valuable for pollination research; as bats are responsible for pollinating a wide diversity of plant species. In his bat research he find out all corners of different type the habitat of frugivorous megachiropteran bat in south Bengal. There population status, abundance, fluctuation, threats, management practices for conservation were also studied from last decade. He also worked on bat daily different behaviour specially maternal offspring behaviour and allomothering behaviour of megachiropteran bat intensively. By metagenomic study of the genes of bat; he has been trying to establish the phylogeny of present bat species and establish the different plant species on which the bats forage for food in remote areas of south Bengal. Through his painstaking research work Dr. Das has established how the rivers of the southern West Bengal are getting saline day by day and what will be the possible consequences on the agriculture and future ecology. As a result he has also established the scenarios of changed species composition of southern part of state of West Bengal.

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from fish to fossil, from crab to coral, from taxidermy to bird nest, from feather to teeth - what not! He has established state of the art advanced Zoology research laboratory for both UG & PG courses in Zoology as well as working towards establishing a PhD research Center at the college. He has successfully designed a Dolphin Detection Device (DDD) that helps in tracking and locating dolphins under murky river water. This instrument can perfectly locate the actual position of gangetic dolphin from 300 meters apart. By using different ultrasonic

## India's GDP Growth Slowed Down



The provisional estimates of the national accounts for 2022-23, released by the National Statistical Office, threw up some surprises. The growth of gross domestic product (GDP) slowed down from 9.1% in 2021-22 to 7.2% in 2022-23, a fall of around 2 percentage points. Consequently, the growth of per capita income also fell by more than a percentage point from 7.6% to 6.3% during the period. Slump in the manufacturing sector and slack consumption demand remain major concerns. The optimists take comfort in the fact that the slowdown was lower than anticipated. They also feel reassured by the numbers which show that the GDP growth in the two years after the pandemic averaged higher than that of the

two pre-pandemic years and the medium-term growth rate. The sectoral gains were also reassuring. This is because the pickup was marked in both industry and services. However, the average growth rate in agriculture has slowed down marginally in the post-pandemic years. But it still hovered close to the medium-term trend rates. Despite this array of gains, there are several causes for concern. One important aspect that remains a matter of great concern is the skewed growth of some core sectors. The most worrying of these is in industry. Despite major initiatives of the government to boost industrial output, like "make in India" and the productivity-linked incentive scheme, the growth of this segment slumped by more than half and slowed down from 11.6% in 2021-22 to 4.4% in 2022-23. Thus, the services remained the lead sector with the major contribution to the overall growth of the economy. Its contribution to the overall growth soared

up from half in the previous year to around three-fourths in 2022-23. In contrast, the contribution of the industry to growth declined by half to barely around one-fifth. This dismal performance of industry was mainly on account of the slack in the manufacturing sector. The output in the manufacturing sector, the largest segment of industry, has remained almost stagnant. The growth of this segment fell sharply from 11.1% to 1.3%. This sharp fall was unsurprising. In fact, the trends over the last five years show that the 3.5% growth averaged by manufacturing was lower than that of agriculture where growth was a higher 4%. The manufacturing sectors seems to have clearly gone down in the dumps. The slowdown was also significant in mining and quarrying segment, where the bulk of the value addition is from the oil and gas production. Here, the growth slid

Pradeep Kumar Panda from 7.1% in 2021-22 to 4.6% in 2022-23. The growth of the construction sector also fell by around one-third to 10%. However, the growth of electricity output declined only marginally and it remained buoyant at 9%. In the services sector, only two of its three major segments did reasonably well. The best performance was in trade, hotel, transport, and communications, where growth touched 14%, the highest since the beginning of the current national account series of 2010-11. The growth of finance, real estate and professional services also picked up substantially to 7.1%. However, value added in public administration, defence and other services slowed down from around double-digits to just 7.2%, mainly on account of the fiscal consolidation efforts of the union government. Budget numbers show that while the states have continued to increase expenditure outlays to

fund welfare programmes and stimulate spending, the union government has steadily cut down the relative size of its budget. Apart from the stagnant structure of industry, the other more important reason for worry is the continued slump in consumption. The national income estimates show that while the levels of both government and private consumption expenditure fell in 2022-23, the level of investments picked up. The government's final consumption expenditure at current prices fell by almost a percentage point to 10.3%, the lowest in six years. This fall can also be traced to the sustained fiscal consolidation efforts of the union government. However, the aspect that is of grave concern is the shrinkage in the size of private consumption, which accounts for the bulk of the demand in the economy. The gross private consumption expenditure fell to 60.6% in 2022-23, the lowest in four years.

The shrinkage in private consumption will severely affect the living conditions of the population, especially those at the lower end of the scale. One reason for the shrinkage in private consumption demand is the high increase in prices or inflation. The national income deflators, which are the broadest measures of inflation that cover the prices of all the goods and services in the economy, remained at a high 8.8% in 2022-23. The impact of such surging price levels can be severe, especially since the prices of agriculture and forestry products have also now soared up close to double-digit levels for two consecutive years. Such a sharp increase in food prices is sure to have a negative impact on consumption, especially since most of the available indicators show that the post-pandemic recovery has been K shaped. This skewed recovery has pushed up demand for the high-end products much more sharply than that

at the lower end where demand remains largely muted. However, the skewed nature of the recovery that has squeezed the real earnings of the low-income groups while boosting the high-income classes, seems to have helped increase the gross fixed capital formation. It rose to 29.6% of the GDP in 2022-23, the

highest in the last four years. However, sustaining these gains is rather difficult given the slump in consumption demand. Certainly, there seems to be nothing much to cheer about, despite the oft-repeated claims that India is one of the brightest spots in the global economy. Economist, Bhubaneswar

### Letter to Editor

Sir It's really delightful to see popular American singer Mary Millben singing India's national anthem Jana Gana Mana and after singing touching the feet of Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking his blessings at the concluding event for the prime minister's US state visit. Millben said that she was deeply honoured to get this opportunity of performing the Indian national anthem for Prime Minister Modi and in honour of the country and people she has come to call her family. The beautiful gesture makes every Indian's heart swell with love and pride as it showcases the real essence of our Indian culture that possesses a remarkable beauty and its rich values that transcend boundaries. It also goes to show how the whole globe recognises and respects our culture and values wholeheartedly. It is a matter of pride that our great Indian concept of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' is spreading around the globe beautifully, giving the message of one Earth, one Family, one Future. M PRADYU KANNUR Geeth Thalikavu kannur 670001.



# G20 Presidency of India facilitated to present India's narratives on Global Agenda : Harsh Vardhan Shringla

**Kolkata (Partha Roy):** G20 Presidency of India facilitated to present India's narratives on Global Agenda said by Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla G20 Chief Coordinator in an exclusive interactive session organised by Indian Chamber of Commerce in Kolkata on 25th June 2023. Shri Shringla said already 155 meeting G20 meetings took place in all states and in 50 cities, and another 100 meetings will be happening in upcoming time during current G20 Presidency of India. G20 Presidency facilitated to showcase India's Cultural heritage to the world and played important role in promotion of Tourism. G20 meetings lead to

urban transformation and beautification of the cities where ever G20 meetings were organised. G20 Janabhadari initiatives lead to wider peoples participation under G20 Presidency of India making it more inclusive. The session was attended by eminent personalities such as Dr. Rajeev Singh, Director General, Indian Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Vikash Agarwal, Past President, Indian Chamber of Commerce & President, Rupa Company Ltd, Dipankar Chatterjee, Chairman, Luxmi Group, Ms. Melinda Pavek Consul General of USA, Aleksey M. Idamkin Consul General of Russia, Nick Low British Deputy High

Commissioner, large no. of diplomats, industrialists, representatives of various corporate houses and others.

ICC organised an interactive session with Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Former Foreign Secretary and Ambassador to USA, G20 Chief Coordinator, Government of India on his newly released biography "Not an Accidental Rise" written by Dr. Dipmala Roka, chronicling the two intertwined facets of Shringla's personal and professional life starting from his childhood to his contributions in India's foreign policy. It also gives a vivid description of his educational journey followed by his



remarkable career. Delivering the welcome address Vikas Agarwal, Past President, ICC & President, Rupa Company Ltd., said, "Mr. Harsh Vardhan Shringla has a distinguished career as a

member of the Indian Foreign Service...." Highlighting the Indo-US relationship during his career as an ambassador, Shringla said, "During my stay, times were challenging as the US was

undergoing a transition from a democratic to republican government. It was important to understand how the new system would work. Nonetheless, presently there have been some far-reaching

developments, especially in the defence sector. And it is time to take the relationship to the next level." The interaction also witnessed excerpts from the book. One such was about how the erstwhile foreign secretary met his wife. Speaking on the issue, he quipped, "My first posting was in Paris. And the city has its own aura for singles. Fortunately, I met my wife there." Delivering the vote of appreciation, Dr. Rajeev Singh, Director General, Indian Chamber of Commerce, described Shringla as "a man of honour born in the foothills of Darjeeling." He continued, "Shringla is a real son of the earth, with a heart full of love for his people and an

unbreakable spirit. As a proud son of Indian ancestry, he rose to the pinnacle of diplomacy, becoming a master of international affairs and serving his country with distinction. His voice could be heard from Delhi to Washington, DC. A diplomat's leader, a sincere champion of his country. With his origins in Darjeeling and his passion for his people, he now stands at the helm of the G20, carrying the weight of his nation and leading with courage and pride. So let us all lift our voices and chant his wonderful man's praises. A true representative of India's charm. May his legacy live on in perpetuity and his name never be forgotten."

## Vizag Railway Station Upgradation Gathers Pace with Kolkata-led Consortium



**Kolkata (ABHIJIT SETH):** Vizag Railway Station, located in Visakhapatnam, is set to undergo a major upgradation as part of a redevelopment project. The project, which has been awarded to a consortium led by Kolkata-based Railway PSU M/s Braithwaite & Co. Ltd., aims to enhance the passenger handling capacity of the station from the current 81,000 per day to an impressive 150,000 per day. With a budget of INR 390 crore, the project not only focuses on capacity expansion but also aims to provide passengers with futuristic levels of safety, comfort, and convenience. One of the key features of the redevelopment project is the separation of the arrival and departure sections, similar to airports. This design aims to facilitate a unidirectional passenger flow, improving efficiency and reducing congestion. To enable smooth movement within the station, the project includes 36 lifts, 24 escalators, and several ramps for the physically disabled. Additionally, a 108-meter-long air concourse will connect the main station building with all platforms, as well as the

west side station building at Gnanapuram, which is approximately half a kilometre away. To cater to the needs of commuters, the project also encompasses the construction of multilevel parking facilities near each station building, a commercial plaza, and green areas. These amenities are designed to enhance the overall experience of passengers and provide them with a comfortable and convenient environment. The project timeline indicates that the entire redevelopment is expected to be completed by September 2025. In order to ensure that the routine operations of the station are not disrupted and passengers are not inconvenienced, the execution plan has been meticulously crafted. A joint review of the project progress was recently conducted by railway authorities and the consortium. Following the review, the CMD of Braithwaite & Co. Limited, Shri Salim G Purushothaman, and the Chief Project Manager, BCL, Shri S.K. Senapati, met with the DRM Visakhapatnam, Shri Anup Kumar Satpathy, to discuss the

progress and provide assurance that the project is on track and progressing well. Significant progress has already been made at the site. The batching plant, testing laboratory, temporary power system, and the project office are now fully operational. Construction materials have started arriving at the site, and excavation works are in full swing for the west side station building and multilevel parking house. Site levelling for the east side multilevel parking has been completed. The erection works for the air concourse are scheduled to commence from September 2023. The project execution team is working tirelessly to ensure the project is completed on time. According to a spokesperson from the team, all efforts are being made to meet the deadline and deliver a revamped railway station that meets the needs and expectations of passengers. With the upgradation work picking up steam and various fronts making significant progress, the Vizag Railway Station redevelopment project is well on its way to transforming the station into a modern, efficient, and passenger-friendly transportation hub.

## USA and Canadian business Leaders to Invest in India

**New Delhi (KCN):** USA and Canadian multinational companies will invest in various sectors like Energy, Agriculture, Infrastructure development, Horticulture and natural resources Sector in India, potentially worth thousands of crores to generate economic activities and create new job opportunities. The move came amid Indian Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi interaction with Indian Origin USA Multibillionaire Sh Darshan Singh Dhaliwal during state dinner hosted in the honour of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the White House.

Ambani and Anand Mahindra, Zerodha co-founder Nikhil Kamath, top Indian-origin entrepreneurs, and business leaders such as Alphabet Inc CEO Sundar Pichai, Microsoft CEO and Chairman Satya Nadella, and former PepsiCo CEO Indra Nooyi. Apple boss Tim Cook was also among the attendees. American billionaire Darshan Singh Dhaliwal, who was awarded the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman by President Draupadi Murmu in Indore this year told that Prime Minister Narendra Modi to play an active role in attracting investment in India and in response to the Prime Minister's request Multibillionaire Sh Darshan Singh Dhaliwal spoke with Business Leaders in USA and Canada who decided to respond positively by



investing worth thousands of crores in India thus creating job opportunities for unemployed youths. He said that a delegation of Top Business Leaders will visit New Delhi during July 2023 to discuss investment proposals

with Govt of India and respective state govts to expedite the process in time bound manner to transform Indian villages into the most prosperous Darshan Singh Dhaliwal who runs about 1000 gas stations in 11 states of America told that NRI Punjabi industrialists

will also talk to the Prime Minister on various issues of Sikhs as they feel that Prime Minister has always been positive to demands of Sikhs and a positive solution to the long pending issues of the Sikhs can be found during the present regime. He told that the Punjab Govt move to amend SGPC act for free telecast of Gurbani will not make any impact for NRIs living in different parts of Globe. He termed it as interference in the religious Affairs of the Sikhs and advised Punjab Chief Minister from refraining from such misadventures. He said that Sikh Community across the globe has high hopes on Prime Minister since he has always walked the extra mile to accommodate the sikh masses demands

## Medicine Team from Singapore Conducts Philanthropic Health Check-Up at Kolkata's Tollygunge-Women-in-Need

**Kolkata (ABHIJIT SETH):** Lee Kong Chain School of Medicine, Nanyang Technology University, Singapore, known for its commitment to promoting healthcare and well-being, recently extended its philanthropic efforts beyond its borders. A fourteen-member team of students from the esteemed institution visited Tollygunge Women in Need (TWIN), a renowned NGO located in Kolkata. Their objective was to conduct a comprehensive medical health check-up for the adopted students of TWIN in Kolkata, aged between 10 and 18 years. The health check-up organized by the Lee Kong Chain School of Medicine team covered a wide range of examinations to assess the well-being of the adopted children. The examinations included measuring body temperature, calculating body mass index (BMI), checking blood pressure (BP), analysing capillary



blood glucose levels, conducting scoliosis screenings, assessing gait, and performing dental examinations. These assessments were crucial in determining the overall health and identifying any potential medical issues among the children. In a remarkable display of efficiency and dedication, the team successfully completed the check-up of 42 girls and 22 boys within a single day, starting from 12:00 pm noon and concluding at 4:00 pm. The adopted children, who hailed from the slum areas of Kolkata Municipal Corporation, received this much-

needed medical attention. Upon completing the examinations, Netanya Seah Pei Rou, the coordinator of the team, submitted the comprehensive reports to Mr. A. K. Basu, the Head of TWIN. Additionally, the team also took the opportunity to educate the students of TWIN on nutrition and hygiene through an engaging presentation. This knowledge-sharing session aimed to empower the children with essential information to lead healthy lives. TWIN, established in 1995 by the Belgian couple Dr. Marie Paile

Baudot, formerly a professor of Leuven University, and the late Josef (Tor) Mutton, a reputed IT professional, has been making significant contributions to society. Situated in the Tollygunge area of South Kolkata, TWIN has been actively engaged in rendering benevolent services, particularly in the fields of education, healthcare, and social upliftment. The organization aims to enhance the educational opportunities for underprivileged groups and promote the health and well-being of children and disadvantaged women. TWIN's noble efforts

also focus on protecting children from child labour and trafficking, ensuring their safety and development. Over the past 27 years, TWIN has continued its charitable services with financial support from Belgium. The organization's commitment to philanthropy and its enduring dedication to the betterment of society have made it a beacon of hope for many marginalized individuals in Kolkata. The visit by the fourteen-member team from Lee Kong Chain School of Medicine, Nanyang Technology University, Singapore, exemplifies the power of collaboration and international cooperation in addressing societal challenges. Their successful health check-up camp at TWIN signifies the positive impact that can be made through collective efforts, spreading awareness, and taking concrete actions to improve the lives of those in need.



# Brain Dead Saves 4 Lives

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** In a first in Odisha's medical history, multiple organs retrieved from a brain dead patient at the SUM Ultimate Medicare (SUMUM) here on Saturday was rushed to three different cities for transplantation providing a new lease of life to four critical patients. In an exceptional achievement, multiple organs including two kidneys, two lungs and the liver were retrieved from Prasenjit Mohanty, the brain dead patient, with the support and approval of his family while excellent coordination through government agencies enabled the organs to be flown to two private hospitals in New Delhi and Kolkata for transplantation. Dr. Swetapadma Dash, Chief Executive Officer of SUMUM, told newsmen here on Sunday. The police created a green corridor in Bhubaneswar for transporting the organs

in two ambulances from the hospital to the Biju Patnaik International Airport from where the same were flown to the two cities accompanied by outstation medical teams. Of the two kidneys, one was transplanted on a waiting patient at SUMUM last night while another was taken to the S.C.B. Medical College Hospital at Cuttack for transplantation on another patient. The two lungs were flown to a private hospital at Kolkata to address the critical condition of a 16-year-old boy suffering from paraquat poisoning who endured a challenging 45-day wait for the organs while being supported by ECMO. The liver was transported to another private healthcare facility in New Delhi providing life saving opportunity to another critical patient. Forty three-year-old Mohanty, who had suffered severe head injury after a fall, had been admitted to SUMUM on June 22 and

underwent emergency brain surgery, Dr. Somnath Prasad Jena, Consultant Neurosurgeon at SUMUM said. "Though his condition somewhat improved following the surgery, it deteriorated subsequently and an Apnea test conducted on June 23 yielded a positive report signifying that the patient was brain dead. A second test was done after six hours which confirmed the earlier report," Dr. Jena said. Dr. Dash said when the family members were informed about the patient's medical status, they offered to donate his organs as it could help to save the lives of others. "It was a momentous decision and we salute Ms. Mrudumanjari Mohapatra, wife of the patient, for her bold decision to donate the organs though there is cultural resistance to such practice in the society," she said.

The hospital alerted the State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTTO) and subsequently information reached the Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (ROTO) and National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) about the development. Medical teams from Kolkata and New Delhi reached SUMUM on Saturday and a 20-member team comprising surgeons from SUMUM and outstation doctors retrieved the required organs in a procedure that took four and half hours. Shrimati Mohapatra, wife of the deceased, who was present at the press conference, said her husband had earlier wished that his organs should be donated. "We also thought if his organs could help save the lives of four other persons, why not go for it," she

said. Dr. Dash said the hospital had decided to provide employment to Ms. Mohapatra for her bold and selfless decision. "Her decision is a trendsetter and we have to try for mindset shift in the society as regards organ donation," she said. Brig (Dr.) Biraj Mohan Mishra, SUMUM's Chief of Medical Services, also hailed Ms. Mohapatra's gesture while thanking her family members for their support in donating the organs. SUMUM's team of neurosurgeons and critical care experts, comprising Dr. Jena, Dr. Alok Panigrahy, and Dr. Vithal Rajnala and Dr. Critical Care Consultants, played a crucial role in ensuring that the brain dead patient remained in stable condition making him eligible for organ donation, Dr. Prasanta Kumar Panda, Medical Superintendent of the hospital, said.

# Odisha Govt Sanctions Rs 37 Crore For A New Academic Block At Rajdhani College



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The Odisha government has introduced several measures for the development of infrastructure at Rajdhani College in the capital city here. The government has sanctioned Rs 37 crore for the construction of a new academic block at the college. The new academic block will solve the issue of shortage of

classrooms at the institute, said Principal (in-charge) Arun Kumar Samal. "The R&B division will start the construction work for the new academic block within a few days. The new building will have three floors," added the Principal. According to Samal, Rajdhani College is providing education to around 3,000 students

in various undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) courses. The state government has also sanctioned Rs 7.83 lakh for installation of LED lights at the college campus and a few other projects. "The college will have a new signboard soon. The new signboard will be written in both Odia and English," Samal said.

# Animal Census: This Wildlife Sanctuary In Odisha Is Home To 82 Leopards, One Royal Bengal Tiger



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The Forest department has conducted the annual animal census at Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary in Sambalpur district of Odisha recently. The sanctuary now has a Royal Bengal Tiger (RBT) and at least 82 leopards, said a senior official of the Forest department. "The sighting of a Royal Bengal Tiger at

Debrigarh is the most important development for this year's animal census conducted from May 29 to June 3. The leopard population at the sanctuary has gone up to 82 in comparison to last year's figure of 70," added the official. According to the official, the overall herbivore density at Debrigarh has gone up to 46 animals per square km from 29 animals per sq km in

2022. Among the herbivores, the sanctuary has the highest number chitals followed by gaur, sambar, wild boar and chowsingha, said sources in the Forest department. The survey has recorded 1,099 signs of carnivores at the sanctuary, they added. Sources, meanwhile, claimed that the Forest department has

constituted a 12-member team and set up three control rooms to monitor the movement of the lone Royal Bengal Tiger sighted at Debrigarh. The officials are conducting regular patrolling at the sanctuary. This apart, awareness drive has been launched in 48 villages located close to Debrigarh. It is worth mentioning here that the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has recently given its approval to a proposal of the state government to declare Debrigarh a tiger reserve. The state government had proposed to declare Debrigarh, spread of 804.51 sq km area, as a tiger reserve in 2018. Debrigarh would be the third tiger reserve of Odisha after Similipal and Satkosia.

# On Eve Of Bahuda Jatra, Nabami Sandhya Darshan Timing To Be Curtailed

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Devotees will not be allowed to enter Srigundicha temple in Odisha's Puri city to pay obeisance to Lord Jagannath and his siblings at Adapa Mandap after 5 pm on June 27.

"The Nabami Sandhya Darshan at Srigundicha temple will be stopped at 5 pm on June 27 to facilitate preparation for deities' Bahuda Jatra (Return Car Festival), scheduled to be held at June 28," said Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) chief Ranjan Kumar Das today. The devotees will be allowed to have darshan of the deities at Adapa Mandap from 7 am to



5pm of June 27, he added. Notably, the deities had embarked upon their annual journey to Srigundicha temple from Srimandir by riding their majestic chariots on the Grand Road on the occasion of Ratha Jatra on

June 20. Taladhwaaja chariot of Lord Balabhadra reached Srigundicha temple on the same day. However, Darpadalan chariot of Devi Subhadra and Nandighosa chariot of Lord Jagannath were

halted midway. The two chariots were pulled to Srigundicha temple on June 21. The deities were taken to the Adapa Mandap of Srigundicha temple from their respective chariots at Saradhabali in Puri on June 22.



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## Capri Global Appoints Coaching Beyond as Consultant for UAE ILT20 League

**Mumbai:** Capri Global has announced an association with Coaching Beyond, a premier cricket coaching institute, as a consultant for the franchise team of the UAE ILT20 League. The institution will assist Capri Global in appointment of coaching staff and matters related to cricket operations. R Sridhar, former fielding coach of the Indian Cricket Team and one of the founding members of Coaching Beyond, will be the Director of Cricket for Capri Global during the UAE ILT20 League. Capri Global intends to strengthen the cricket ecosystem on the global platform by engaging the right sporting talent and nurturing them. The company aims to play a vital role as an enabler by empowering deserving talent to showcase their sporting strength to the globe. Speaking on the association, Mr. Rajesh Sharma, Director, Capri Global, said, "Capri Global aims to reinforce the visibility and

popularity of sports nationally and globally and popularize homegrown sports to create opportunities for aspiring talent. We are pleased to associate with Coaching Beyond, a brainchild of sports stalwarts who will assist us in evaluating the deserving talent and offer state-of-the-art sports training infrastructure, world-class technology, and training to sportspeople. Mr. Sridhar's experience as a player and coach is almost unrivaled and his strategic insights, coaching approach, and collaborative style will be invaluable for our franchise team. We see great synergy coming through this alliance, including a host of exciting moments that are set to elevate the cricketing experience for the Indian audience on the global platform."

Coaching Beyond is a premier cricket coaching institute in India that provides performance-driven

cricket coaching, training, and education to individuals, teams, and coaches from the grassroots to various experience levels. It has recently launched its first high-performance cricket academy in Hyderabad and is on track to launch its second project in Chennai by August.

R Sridhar, Co-Founder of Coaching Beyond, said, "We are delighted to announce our partnership with Capri Global for the upcoming UAE ILT20 League. It is an exciting opportunity to work and do justice to the enormous cricketing talent and add value to the international platform. With a focused team effort, inclusive vision, and holistic approach, we can achieve consistent success during the tournament. We are confident that the League will be a grand success and are looking forward to a successful season".

## Ashok Leyland launches industry first 8-wheel truck – AVTR 2620

**Chennai:** Ashok Leyland, flagship of the Hinduja Group and India's leading commercial vehicle manufacturer, today, launched the industry first 8-wheeler truck – AVTR 2620. With this launch of AVTR 2620, Ashok Leyland becomes the first and only player in the country to have a full range of trucks based on lift axle technology from GVW of 25.5 to 47.5T. This new product can be operated as 25.5 T (6x2) truck with the lift axle down (offering

payload closer to regular 6x2 MAV truck) and a 4x2 truck (18.5T GVW) with lift axle up (lower fuel and operating cost similar to 4x2) during light load/partial load/return empty. This new product thus offers an excellent operational flexibility to customers to choose the option based on their load, offering best-in-class Total Cost of Operation (TCO) benefits.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Head - M&HCV, Ashok Leyland, said,

"Ashok Leyland has a history of introducing products which have disrupted the CV industry. AVTR 2620 with its unique lift axle configuration offers higher TCO advantage to our customers operating in Ecom, Parcel & tanker. AVTR 2620 is a testament of Ashok Leyland's technological prudence & our commitment towards providing better logistical solutions to our customers, aligning with our philosophy of AppkiJeet, HamariJeet."

## AirAsia India launches Splash Sale with fares starting at Rs1,620

**New Delhi:** AirAsia India announced the launch of a splash sale with fares starting at ₹1,620, while riding on the launch of its loyalty marketing campaign and inviting flyers to sign up on its website or mobile app to "make the most of fast bookings, fab deals and fantastic value" with the NeuPass.

Special sale fares are open for advance booking till 3rd June for travel from 20th June till 14 Dec 2022 and include fares such as Bengaluru-Chennai at Rs1,620. The sale fares are bookable on AirAsia India's website www.airasia.co.in, mobile app and partner booking channels.

As reported by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), AirAsia India topped the charts with 94.8% On Time Performance while also having the lowest cancellation percentage (0.00%) in April 2022.

## Get your daily grocery needs fulfilled during Super Value Days on Amazon Fresh

**Bhubaneswar:** Get ready to shop for daily grocery essentials during Amazon.in 'Super Value Days' till 7th June, 2022. Customers can avail up to 50% off on fresh produce, daily and household essentials, packaged foods, personal care, baby products, pet care essentials and much more. They can enjoy grocery deals starting at ₹1 and free delivery for prime members. Customers can also avail great prices and fresh offers from popular brands including Daawat, Fortune, Tata, Nestle, Godrej, Cadbury, and Himalaya among others at convenient delivery slots options from a single online destination.

Credit card holders can avail of an instant discount of 10% by using SBI Bank Credit Card and Credit EMI with a minimum transaction of INR 2,500, and discounts up to INR 300 till 3rd June 2022. From 4th to 7th June 2022, customers can avail of an instant discount of 10% by using ICICI Bank Credit Card and Credit EMI with a minimum transaction of INR 2,500, and discounts up to INR 500.

## Union Bank of India signs MOU with SIDBI for Co-Financing arrangement of MSMEs

**Mumbai :** Union Bank of India today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for a Co-Financing arrangement for MSMEs. The MoU was signed by Shri Lal Singh, Chief General Manager, Union Bank of India and Shri Vivek Kumar Malhotra, Chief General Manager, SIDBI. SIDBI is country's principal financial institution

engaged in the Promotion, Financing and Development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME). Under the MoU, Union Bank of India would consider Joint financing/Co-Financing with SIDBI to Projects/Units in the MSME. This MoU would help the Banks to increase their customer base, while helping the MSMEs to meet their funding requirements. The key highlights of the

arrangement include joint identification of viable projects and term loan and working capital financing to MSMEs. Initially the arrangement would be at specific centers and once the arrangement stabilizes at these centers, more locations would be covered. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Lal Singh, CGM (MSME), Union Bank of India, said "MSME is one of the key sectors of our Indian Economy

contributing to GDP, Exports, Manufacturing Output, Employment, Women Empowerment etc. MSME is one of the focused areas of the Bank and at Union Bank of India, we aim to become Bank of 1st choice for MSMEs. This tie-up with SIDBI aids in realizing the Bank's vision to have increased credit flow to the MSME sector and extend operational convenience to the MSME clientele. Under partnership, Union Bank

around 10,900 poles and concreting 37800 poles. Ensured customer centricity Keeping customer satisfaction at the core, TPCODL took many steps for addressing customers' pain points and resolve their issues at the earliest. The company has set up 15 customer care centers including the new ones at Dhenkanal, Paradip, Salipur and Jagatsinghpur. TPCODL systematically reached out to both rural and urban customers. The company organised over 660 camps in various villages through its Gaon Chalo initiative and 46 Resident Welfare Meetings in different housing societies to reach rural and urban customers respectively. Taking a step towards innovation, TPCODL introduced a mobile compact substation for maintaining continuity of power supply in emergency conditions. To ensure seamless complaint registration and bill payments, TPCODL adopted digital solutions such as the TPCODL

## Kansai Nerolac Paints Ltd. placed in Leadership position in CRISIL's Sustainability Yearbook, 2022

**Mumbai:** In recognition of its relentless commitment towards sustainability and the environment, Kansai Nerolac Paints Ltd (KNPL) has been placed in the 'Leadership' category in the CRISIL Sustainability Yearbook 2022. The company is one among the only 14 companies that have been placed in this category for their ESG initiatives. Further, Kansai Nerolac Paints Ltd has earned the highest ESG score amongst paint and manufacturing companies. This recognition further reinforces the company's commitment towards nurturing a beautiful and healthy world for future generations. The CRISIL

Sustainability Yearbook is one of the most comprehensive annual publications based on CRISIL's proprietary ESG framework on Indian companies. Analyzing over 575 companies across 53 sectors in India based on data, from the fiscal data from 2021, the Yearbook covers the latest global and domestic developments in the ESG space, incorporation of climate risks by global financial institutions, decarbonization of hard-to-abate sectors in India, implications of transitioning from BRR to BRSR for Indian companies and showcases insights on ESG trends based on the scores and data of the Indian companies.

Commenting on the achievement, Mr. Anuj Jain, Managing Director, Kansai Nerolac Paints Ltd. said, "We are elated to be placed in the 'Leadership' position in the CRISIL Sustainability Yearbook 2022. This report is a testament to our commitment towards sustainability. At Nerolac, sustainability is at the forefront of all our operations to deliver value to our stakeholders. ESG continues to remain a priority and that has helped us create a positive impact on our communities and the environment. We will continue increasing our ESG efforts as we focus on growing our business sustainably.

## Unacademy produces 178 Rankers for UPSC CSE 2021

**Bhubaneswar:** Unacademy, India's largest learning platform\*, today announced that 178 out of 685 rank holders of UPSC CSE 2021 are Unacademy Learners. Among the top rankers from the Unacademy platform are Gamini Singla (AIR - 3), Aishwarya Verma (AIR - 4), Utkarsh Dwivedi (AIR - 5) and Yaksh Chaudhary (AIR - 6). 3 Learners have secured ranks between 1-5, 32 have secured ranks from 6-100 and 143 have secured AIRs from 101-685.

From the 178 Rankers, 45 Learners were Unacademy's Plus/ Iconic subscribers guided by India's Top Educators. The other rankers were guided by Unacademy's Last Mile Programme for UPSC CSE 2021 Interview. Last Mile Programme is an interview guidance program for the last stage of the UPSC CSE exam that helps Learners who have qualified the Mains exam to crack the Personal Interview stage. The questions are asked by retired bureaucrats, former UPSC members and Top Educators in a mock set-up. In last year's Unacademy's Interview Guidance Program 170+ Rankers qualified the Interview stage by securing AIR 2.

## Blue Dart signs the UNFCCC Climate Neutral Now Pledge

**Bhubaneswar:** Blue Dart, South Asia's premier express air and integrated transportation & distribution company and a part of the Deutsche Post DHL (DPDHL) Group has signed the 'Climate Neutral Now' (CNN) pledge by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The pledge highlights the organisation's commitment

to ambitious CO2 reduction targets. Deutsche Post DHL Group has adopted a package of measures worth up to ₹7 billion to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 in line with the Paris Climate Agreement, primarily to expand the use of sustainable technologies and fuels in its fleets and buildings. Its long term goal is to reduce GHG emissions to net zero by

2050. The Climate Neutral Now Initiative encourages and supports interested stakeholders to act now in order to achieve a climate neutral world by 2050 as enshrined in the Paris Agreement. The initiative is a tool to promote voluntary action on climate change. Blue Dart has already invested extensively in remaining a Sustainable Provider of Choice by being the first

from tariffs. These are some major findings of a report titled Power Sector in India: New Emerging Opportunities and Challenges released by Infomerics Valuation and Rating Pvt.Ltd., the well-known SEBI-registered and RBI-accredited financial services credit rating company. The report explores the opportunities and challenges ahead for India as it seeks to ensure reliable, affordable and sustainable energy for a growing population. During FY20 and FY19, the growth of electricity generation was lower than in the previous financial years because

of the impact of COVID-19. The report quotes the International Energy Agency (IEA) stating that during FY21 recovery in electricity demand from the COVID-19 pandemic was faster and stronger in India than in EU countries. India is the third-largest producer and the third-largest consumer of electricity in the world. With the increasing population, electricity demand is rising at a fast clip and India has improved its power generation capacity over the years. India has added more than 500 billion units until FY22 from FY10.

## Statement by State Bank of India

**Mumbai :** Shri Vijay Kumar, Branch Manager, Arreah branch of EllaquaiDehati Bank (EBD), a Srinagar-headquartered Regional Rural Bank sponsored by SBI was shot dead today in the branch premises by a terrorist. Vijay Kumar, who belonged to

Rajasthan, was just 29 years old and had joined EDB in March 2019. Vijay Kumar was one of many such bankers hailing from different parts of the country, who are working in the Kashmir Valley and other difficult places to ensure delivery of

uninterrupted banking services to the public. SBI, as the sponsor of EllaquaiDehati Bank, remains committed to ensure the safety and well-being of all its employees, including those posted in the Valley.



# Mooney doffs her hat at Gardner's spin improvement

London: As the Women's Ashes Test heads into the final day placed on an even keel, Beth Mooney praised the two protagonists that dragged the fixture to this point with exceptional spin bowling on Day 4. Australia began the penultimate day at 82/0 in their second innings after England had nearly cancelled out their first-innings tally of 473 - Australia's third highest innings totals in Tests - with a response of 463. The start was there for the visitors to consolidate and set England a big total but Sophie Ecclestone ruined any such plans. After Kate Cross and 22-year-old fast bowler Lauren Filer made the early dents to reduce Australia from 99/0 to 151/3, Ecclestone put on an off spin masterclass to trigger a collapse. Australia could only add

another 106 runs to their tally as Ecclestone went on to pick the second fiver of her career - and of this match.

England found themselves down to 116 for 5 by the end of the day after being asked to chase 268. This was largely down to Ashleigh Gardner's three-wicket haul that rattled the hosts in chase. Gardner started out by silencing the Trent Bridge crowd when she had the double-centurion from the first innings - Tammy Beaumont - chopping one onto her stumps in just the 11th over. In a space of less than four overs, England fell to 73/4 and lost the likes of Nat Sciver-Brunt and captain Heather Knight. Gardner picked three of those four wickets.

"Ash [Gardner], to her credit has improved her offspin bowling out of sight in the last couple of



years," Mooney said at the end of the day's play. "We know that she can settle into one end in this format and bowl the ball in the right areas exactly where we want it. So it's

a lot of reward for a serious amount of hard work that she's put in on and off the field so I couldn't be more pleased for Ash. I think she's done a great job for us."

Mooney felt Gardner's spin improvement has been a process over the last two years and perhaps last year's Women's Big Bash League came as a

turning point in her career, when she picked 23 wickets in 15 games for finalists Sydney Sixers. Only Megan Schutt (27) and Jess Jonnassen (25) had more from her and she's part of

the furniture of Australian cricket as well," she added. Ecclestone, who has rightly earned the praise of her opposition, did the bulk of the bowling for England across the two innings so far. She fired down 46.2 of the 124.2 overs bowled in the first innings - more than one-third of the total - to pocket five wickets. She added another five to that in the second when she sent down 30.5 of the 78.5 overs bowled in all. "I just made sure I played as much golf as I could to get out and about and take my mind off cricket," Ecclestone said. "I knew I was going to bowl a lot of overs and I didn't think it'd be this many but I'm grateful that I was bowling a lot as I've come out with ten wickets and I'm absolutely made up with that. You can't really prepare for that, you've just got to go with it and you've just got to be tough in the mind."

## SAFF Championship 2023: Bangladesh Beat Maldives 3-1 To Keep Semifinal Qualification Hopes Alive



New Delhi: Hamza Mohammad (17th minute) put Maldives in front but Bangladesh struck back through Rakib Hossain (42nd minute), Tariq Kazi (67th minute) and Shekh Morsalin (90th minute) to collect three important points in a Group B match.

Maldives also have three points, courtesy their 2-0 win over Bhutan in the first match. Now, both Maldives and

Bangladesh are in a must-win situation against Lebanon, who also have 3 points, and Bhutan in their respective last league matches on June 28.

Despite a win was mandatory for them to stay afloat, Bangladesh did not show much urgency in the initial stages of the match. Maldives made full use of that laxity to go ahead through Hamza.

The goal seemed to have

made Bangladesh players realise the need to be more proactive, and it reflected in their moves. They mounted quick counter attacks and closed ranks whenever Maldives tried to add to their goal tally.

The experienced Rakib was the kingpin of Bangladesh fightback and fittingly he secured the equaliser when he headed the ball past Maldives custodian

Hussain Shareef off a free kick.

Bangladesh continued in the same vein the second half too and pressed forward consistently for more goals. Their efforts bore fruits in the 67th minute when Kazi exploited a goal mouth melee following a corner kick. He gently tapped in the ball amid the confusion to take his side 2-1 up, and, surprisingly, Maldives players seemed to have sapped all energy. On the other hand, Bangladesh players appeared even more sprightly and orchestrated several moves to take the match further beyond their opponents. Bangladesh snuffed out any faint hopes that Maldives harboured of levelling the scores when Shekh Morsalin expertly evaded Shareef to thud the ball into the net to make it 3-1 in the 90th minute.

## Neeraj Chopra To Miss Ostrava Golden Spike 2023 Athletics Meet

New Delhi: World No.1 javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra will not participate in the upcoming Ostrava Golden Spike 2023 athletics meet in the Czech Republic starting on June 27, as per Olympics.com.

Neeraj is recovering from a muscle strain he suffered during training last month due to which he withdrew from the FBK Games in the Netherlands on June 4 and the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland on June 13. Additionally, the 25-year-old skipped the just-finished Bhubaneswar National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships. Neeraj was also not named in the 54-member Indian team announced for the Asian Athletics



Championships 2023 on Thursday. Neeraj Chopra, who is currently ranked first in the men's javelin throw by World Athletics, is expected to compete on June 30 in Switzerland in the Lausanne Diamond League 2023. The Ostrava Golden Spike is a World Athletics Continental Tour Gold meet and the

organisers had earlier announced Neeraj Chopra's participation in this year's event. The men's javelin throw event at the Ostrava Golden Spike 2023 will feature prominent javelin throwers such as Grenada's reigning world champion Anderson Peters and Jakub Vadlejch, the silver medallist from

the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

Neeraj will also be seen at the World Athletics Championship. It will be held in August and Neeraj will be leading a star-studded lineup at the Worlds. Indians who have qualified for the World Championships are Neeraj Chopra (Men's javelin throw), Avinash Sable (Men's 3000m steeplechase), Jeswin Aldrin (Men's long jump), M Sreeshankar (Men's long jump), Praveen Chithravel (Men's triple jump), Tajinderpal Singh Toor (Men's shot put), Priyanka Goswami (Women's 20km race walk), Akshdeep Singh (Men's 20km race walk), Vikash Singh (Men's 20km race walk), Paramjeet Bisht (Men's 20km race walk), Ram Baboo (Men's 35km race walk).

## India Vs West Indies T20s: Rinku Singh Set To Earn Maiden Call-Up After IPL 2023 Heroics

New Delhi: Uttar Pradesh and Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) batter Rinku Singh is set to earn his maiden call-up into the Team India side for the five-match T20I series against West Indies in WI and the United State set to get underway on August 3. The Indian selectors only announced the squads for Tests and ODI series last Friday with Rohit Sharma set to lead both the teams. But squad for the T20I series is yet to be declared and it is believed that all-rounder Hardik Pandya might be leading the



side if the selectors decide to give rest to Rohit Sharma. KKR southpaw Rinku Singh could be a major addition to the T20I squad under skipper Hardik Pandya.

IPL 2023 season, scoring 474 runs for KKR in 14 matches at an average of 59.25 at a strike-rate of 149.52.

The report also stated that Rinku Singh's KKR teammate Umesh Yadav had not been dropped but was actually injured. "Umesh is suffering from a hamstring injury and is recovering at the National Cricket Academy in Bangalore," a BCCI source was quoted as saying by TOI newspaper. The BCCI source also added that the door was not closed on Cheteshwar Pujara

after being dropped for the two-match Test series against West Indies next month. "If Ajinkya Rahane can be made vice-captain of the Test side after being out for 15 months before the WTC Final, anyone can make a comeback. The doors aren't closed on any senior player," the report added.

However, pacer Mohammad Shami, who was rested from ODI and Test series against the West Indies is likely to be rested for the T20I series as well.

where she enjoys a massive following of over 40 million fans. The story instantly went viral, garnering thousands of comments and sparking a heated debate among football enthusiasts worldwide. Chhetri, the 38-year-old striker, has been a prominent figure in Indian football for over a decade. His contribution to the sport and the national team has earned him numerous accolades and a devoted fan base. Leone's endorsement of Chhetri brings attention to the growing popularity of football in India, a nation traditionally more inclined towards cricket.

## Sunny Leone Wins Hearts As She Picks Sunil Chhetri As Her Favourite Footballer, Reply Goes Viral

New Delhi: In a recent Instagram story that sent shockwaves across the internet, renowned Bollywood actress Sunny Leone revealed her favourite footballer, and it's not who you might expect. When asked to choose between football legends Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi, the actress took everyone by surprise with her response: Sunil Chhetri, the captain of the Indian national football team. Sunny Leone, who is known for her stunning performances in movies, as well as her philanthropic endeavors, shared her unconventional choice on her Instagram story,

The actress, who has always been vocal about her love for sports, explained her choice by emphasizing the impact Chhetri has had on promoting football in India and his dedication to the sport. She commended Chhetri's skills, leadership, and his efforts to uplift the profile of Indian football on the global stage. Recently, Chhetri became the fourth-highest goal scorer in the history of men's football when he scored a hat-trick against Pakistan in their SAFF Championship opener at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru on Wednesday.