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OLYMPIC LEGACY OF INDIA AND RISING STARS OF ATHLETICS

The Olympics are always considered the zenith of the sports world, where all nations come to prove their mettle and exhibit strength, tenacity, and sheer will to win. For India, every Olympic Games was an event to forever sanction a space within world sports, a platform to victory and the realization of one's dreams. The more India excels in athletics, the more the country salutes sport. Record-breaking performances and numerous medals draw a strange legacy of athletics in India: matched by unmatched support and rewards for athletes. This commitment boosted national pride and started an athletic revolution in India, weaving inspiring stories and milestones with the tapestry of the Olympics. India's Olympic Successes: The Legacy of Excellence

It has been over a hundred years since India first began its Olympic journey, way back in the year 1900. The early days were awkwardly sparse with regard to medals, but the last few decades have witnessed an unbelievable transformation. Total medals won by Indian sportsmen at the Olympics since 1900 stand at 35, which include 10 gold, 9 silver, and 16 bronze medals. Each one of them symbolizes resilience and excellence. Since the Olympics, Indian athletes envision this one arena that can allow them a possible realm of their harnessed skills, honed in discipline and hard work, and test and hence present the perfect reward.

India's success stories have included pioneers in various disciplines, and each of the medalists has brought glory not only to him or her but also to the nation. Here's a look at India's Olympic medalists, grouped by sport:

ATHLETICS

Neeraj Chopra (Gold) – Javelin Throw, Tokyo 2020: His historic gold brought home India's first Olympic medal in athletics and inspired countless aspiring athletes.

BADMINTON

P.V. Sindhu (Silver, Bronze) – Women's Singles, Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020: With two Olympic medals, Sindhu is one of India's most iconic sports figures.

Saina Nehwal (Bronze) – Women's Singles, London 2012: Saina's 2012 success thus paved the way for Indian supremacy in badminton.

BOXING

Vijender Singh (Bronze) – Middleweight, Beijing 2008: Vijender's victory marked a significant turning point in the popularity of boxing in India.

Mary Kom (Bronze) – Flyweight, London 2012: The "Magnificent Mary" became an inspiration, especially for women in sports.

Lovlina Borgohain (Bronze) – Welterweight, Tokyo 2020: Her bronze added to India's boxing legacy.

FIELD HOCKEY

India's men's hockey team is one of the most successful teams in Olympic history, having won:

8 Gold Medals (1928–1980), 1 Silver (1960), and 3 Bronze (1968, 1972, 2020).

SHOOTING

Abhinav Bindra (Gold) – 10m Air Rifle, Beijing 2008: India's first individual gold medalist, Bindra's victory changed the face of Indian shooting.

Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore (Silver) – Double Trap, Athens 2004

Vijay Kumar (Silver) – 25m Rapid Fire Pistol, London 2012

Gagan Narang (Bronze) – 10m Air Rifle, London 2012

WRESTLING

Sushil Kumar (Silver, Bronze) – Freestyle 66 kg, London 2012 and Beijing 2008

Yogeshwar Dutt (Bronze) – Freestyle 60 kg, London 2012

Sakshi Malik (Bronze) – Freestyle 58 kg, Rio 2016

Bajrang Punia (Bronze) – Freestyle 65 kg, Tokyo 2020

Ravi Kumar Dahiya (Silver) – Freestyle 57 kg, Tokyo 2020

WEIGHTLIFTING

Karnam Malleswari (Bronze) – Women's 69 kg, Sydney 2000: First Indian woman to win an Olympic medal.

Mirabai Chanu (Silver) – Women's 49 kg, Tokyo 2020

BENEFITS FOR INDIAN OLYMPIC MEDALISTS: FUELING FUTURE CHAMPIONS

India's Olympic medal winners do not just go back home to accolades but come back home with lifetime support and accolades. Decades of working together with private organizations, the government has designed a structured system to honor the years of toil of these medallists. The support extended to the medallists has changed the sporting culture in India- sports and career choices for students. Here is a look at the supports available for Olympic Medal winners:

1. CASH PRIZES: REWARD SUCCESS WITH CASH BONUSES

Cash prizes to Indian Olympic medal winners are given by the Centre and states through cash awards as are:

Cash awards by Centre

Gold: Rs 75 lakh

Silver: Rs 40 lakh

Bronze: Rs 25 lakh.

State Governments top these prizes; for example, Haryana offers INR 6 crore to a Gold medal winner, INR 4 crore to a Silver medal winner, and INR 2.5 crore to a Bronze medal winner. Similarly, the treasury prizes received in the states of Punjab, Maharashtra, and Odisha go as tall figures.

2. JOBS IN GOVERNMENT: GUARANTEED CAREERS FOR THE MEDAL WINNERS

Many states offer well-known government positions to medalists. Such a location gives the athletes stable post-sports careers. Positions in the police department, administrative services, and other respected departments are provided to the medalists. The mentioned position will provide the medalist with security he or she needs and enable him or her to impact sports policy within the government.

3. RESIDENTIAL PLOTS AND HOUSING: HOME

Residential plots or apartments in prime locations are usually given to medal winners to reward their performances. This gesture of the state governments rewards the athletes while at the same time providing them and their families with priceless assets in the future.

4. MONTHLY PENSION AND STIPENDS: SUPPORT THE CHAMPIONS

The central government and the state governments offer monthly pensions or stipends to retired Olympic athletes. Pensions ensure financial stability for an athlete after retirement, giving time to turn energies to mentoring or other productive ventures.

5. AVAILABILITY OF WORLD-CLASS TRAINING FACILITIES

For those athletes who would want to go on and continue competing, medals open up to them special training facilities they otherwise may not be allowed to use. They also earn the privilege of enrolling in the Target Olympic Podium Scheme, or TOPS, a program that covers all cost areas associated with their preparation, travel, and competition expenses, thus guaranteeing them access to all avenues available to them to maintain their winning edge in future international competitions.

6. SPONSORSHIPS AND ENDORSEMENTS: NEW STREAMS OF INCOME

Major brands generally find Olympic medalists influential and popular. Such athletes can claim the platform as their podium to demand endorsements and sponsorship deals. From appearing in commercials to brand ambassadors, these relationships help them gain financial mileage and are widely publicized. Sponsorship has led athletes to flourish as national icons, in the process inspiring future athletes—the likes of P.V. Sindhu and Neeraj Chopra.

Medal winners also attract free lifetime travel, VIP access to sports facilities, and honorary memberships at the most elite clubs. Some of the medal-winning athletes are approached to become a sports ambassador or member of the state and national council of sports and participate in policy-making and giving young sporting talent that's hot right now a dose of inspiration.

Road Ahead for India: Creating a Sports Culture

Support and recognition for Olympic medalists from India put athletics on the map as a respectable and viable career to pursue. And this is just the start; much work needs to be done. India's Olympic journey remains still young, and though celebrating a good medal, there's much to be addressed back in the country before the legacy becomes something that can be sustained and further expanded.

Grass Root Development and Training: The Olympic journey starts from grass roots. India needs to continue investment in sports education, better access to training facilities, and youth opportunities ought to be synonymous and should be on par in both rural and urban belts.

Psychological and Mental Health Support: Great degree of competition does require immense psychological hardiness. The government and the sporting bodies must take mental health support as important, care for the stresses involved with competition and even the aftercare transition phases.

Role of Schools and Colleges: The interest in athletic activities has to be strengthened in the Indian sporting culture by placing sports within school and college curricula, as well as building a solid career prospect through sports at school and college levels. Therefore, India would be able to develop a sound talent base that would be adequate enough to prove to be a value asset in international competition.

ICONIC SPORTS AWARDS 2024

Iconic Transformation Pvt Ltd is a dynamic organization dedicated to empowering athletes, promoting sports culture, and recognizing remarkable achievements in the sports community. Founded with a vision to honor and encourage talent, Iconic Transformation operates with the mission of elevating the standards of sports and fostering an environment where athletes, coaches, and emerging talent can thrive. The organization is behind the esteemed Iconic Sports Icon Awards, a landmark event that celebrates excellence in various sports, offering a platform for recognition and inspiration across the athletic spectrum.

Founders and Visionaries

The founding team of Iconic Transformation Pvt Ltd comprises leaders passionate about the growth and recognition of sports. Led by DR. Sanjaya Chaudhury, DR. Chidatmika Khatua, and Mr. Sekh Abdul Samim, the founders bring a shared dedication to the organization's mission. Their goal is to honor contributions from a wide range of sports and amplify the value of sportsmanship, hard work, and achievement within the sports community.

The Iconic Sports Icon Awards

The flagship event of Iconic Transformation Pvt Ltd is the Iconic Sports Icon Awards, which annually gathers sports icons, emerging stars, and enthusiasts under one roof to celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship. The 2024 edition, taking place on August 19 at Swosti Premium in Bhubaneswar, promises to be an inspiring gathering that acknowledges the dedication, skill, and perseverance of athletes. This event has grown to become a symbol of excellence in the sports world, setting benchmarks for recognition in diverse sports disciplines.

Esteemed Jury and Selection Process

The Iconic Sports Icon Awards owes its credibility and prestige to its distinguished jury, comprised of leaders from sports, media, and administration. Esteemed personalities like Prabodh Mohanty, Padmashri Dilip Tirkey, and Mr. Lalit Mohanty, along with other experts, meticulously review and select awardees who exemplify sportsmanship, skill, and dedication.

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IMPACT AND BENEFITS

Iconic Transformation Pvt Ltd recognizes that sports achievements resonate beyond individual success. Through the Iconic Sports Icon Awards, they bring to light athletes' stories of perseverance, promoting values of fair play, integrity, and determination. The organization actively supports differently-abled athletes, coaches, mentors, and emerging talents, encouraging a culture of inclusivity and opportunity. By spotlighting these achievements, Iconic Transformation opens doors for sponsorships, media visibility, and professional opportunities, empowering athletes to reach new heights.

BUILDING A STRONG SPORTS COMMUNITY

Beyond recognition, the organization fosters connections within the sports community. By gathering athletes, administrators, and enthusiasts, the awards serve as a networking platform, encouraging collaboration and knowledge-sharing. The event emphasizes the importance of mentorship and celebrates the invaluable role of coaches, whose dedication shapes future champions. This emphasis on community-building strengthens sports networks, paving the way for further advancements and growth within the industry.

DRIVING INSPIRATION AND AWARENESS

Iconic Transformation Pvt Ltd is not only about honoring accomplishments but also about inspiring future generations. The stories of award winners serve as beacons of resilience and dedication, motivating young athletes to pursue their dreams. Additionally, the organization advocates for lesser-known sports, raising awareness and encouraging a culture of active living and fitness. Through these efforts, Iconic Transformation plays an essential role in promoting a sports-centric society, encouraging engagement, and uplifting sports as a cornerstone of individual and societal well-being.

AWARD CATEGORIES

The awards are divided into four main categories:

1. Sports Icon Awards: Lifetime Achievement Awards honouring individuals who have made significant contributions to their respective sports.
2. Iconic Sports Awards: Recognizing promising talents among current and upcoming athletes who represent the future of sports.
3. Sports Excellence Awards for Divyangjan: Celebrating the outstanding achievements of differently-abled athletes.
4. Iconic Sports Guru (Coach): Honoring coaches who have played a pivotal role in shaping successful athletes.



1. Minati Mohapatra Lifetime Achievement Award 2024

Achievements: First woman cyclist from Odisha to receive the Arjuna Award (1980) and several other prestigious recognitions.



2. Grandmaster Er. S. S. Harichandan Lifetime Achievement Award 2024

Achievements: First international Wushu judge of India and a pioneer in martial arts with numerous accolades.



3. Anil Parida (Cricket) Iconic Sports Award

Achievements: Played U23 C.K Naidu Trophy 202324 @ Haryana, U25 C.K Naidu Trophy 202223 @ Bangalore, and several other national-level tournaments, showcasing his dedication to the sport.

4. SIBUN NANDA (CRICKET) SPORTS EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR DIVYANGJAN

Achievements: Best Bowler award in the All India DEAF Tournament, second highest wicket taker in the 5th One Day National Zonal Cricket Championship for Deaf with 10 wickets in 4 matches.



5. KISHORE MANIA (CRICKET) ICONIC SPORTS GURU AWARD

Achievements: A renowned coach who trained several national and international cricket players, including Shiv Sundar Das (India) and Rajeeb Biswal (Junior Indian Captain).



6. SANKAR SAN JENA (FOOTBALL) SPORTS ICON AWARD

Achievements: Won various club level and state level tournaments, including the Governor's Gold Cup (1993) and reached the Santosh Trophy Semifinal in 1994 at Cuttack.



7. RUPASHREE MUNDA (FOOTBALL) ICONIC SPORTS AWARD

Achievements: Represented India in the SAFF U16 Championship 2024, won silver, and won the OWL Women's Football League 2023.





8. Rajkamal Mandal (Football) Iconic Sports Guru Award

Achievements: Awarded the Best Football Coach by Orissa Football Association in 2003 and Unit VI Athletic Association in 2008, with a longstanding career in coaching.



9. Sudeep Chirmako (Hockey) Iconic Sports Award

Achievements: Won medals in international tournaments like the Youth Olympic Games (2018) and Sultan of Johor Cup (2022).



10. Lucela Ekka (Hockey) Iconic Sports Guru Award

Achievements: Managed the Odisha team to a gold medal in the 12th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship and coached many national and international players.

11. SANJAY KUMAR DAS (VOLLEYBALL) SPORTS ICON AWARD

Achievements: Led his team to victories in multiple state championships and participated in the National Games Volleyball Men (2022).



12. SHIBANI PRIYADARSHINI (VOLLEYBALL) ICONIC SPORTS AWARD

Achievements: Achieved top ranks in multiple national and university level volleyball championships, showcasing her skills at both indoor and beach volleyball.



13. JAYASHREE SWAIN (KABADDI) SPORTS ICON AWARD

Achievements: Competed in national and international Kabaddi tournaments, including the International Women Kabaddi Championship 1997 in Bangkok.



14. AJAYA KUMAR BEHERA (KABADDI) ICONIC SPORTS GURU AWARD

Achievements: Coached at various prestigious events, leading his teams to national and international success, and significantly contributed to Kabaddi in Odisha.





15. Anil Kumar Mallick (Cycling) Sports Icon Award

Achievements: Multiple medalist at state and national cycling championships, including the National Road Cycling Championship 2022.



16. Minati Singh (Cycling) Iconic Sports Award

Achievements: Gold medalist in state road and MTB cycling championships and participant in Khelo India Road Cycling Championship 2024.



17. Jayprakash Singh (Badminton) Sports Icon Award

Achievements: Dominated Odisha state badminton rankings consistently from 2019 to 2023 and is a certified state umpire.

18. PRAGATI PARIDA (BADMINTON) ICONIC SPORTS AWARD

Achievements: Achieved medals in various state and international badminton tournaments, including the Sri Lanka International Series 2024.



19. MANOJ KUMAR SABAT (BADMINTON) ICONIC SPORTS GURU AWARD

Achievements: National and international coach, guiding numerous players to success from 1996 to 2023.



20. RAJESH HASDAK (ARCHERY) SPORTS ICON AWARD

Achievements: Represented India in world championships and produced numerous national and international players.



21. DIBYA RANJAN MUNDA (ARCHERY) ICONIC SPORTS AWARD

Achievements: Multiple medalist in state and national archery championships, contributing significantly to Odisha's archery scene.





22. Priteesmita Bhoi (Weightlifting) Iconic Sports Award

Achievements: Medals at the National Weightlifting Championship 2023 and world records in Clean and Jerk at the Youth World Championship 2024.



23. Sangeeta Singh (Weightlifting) Special Divyangjan



24. Gopal Krishna Das (Weightlifting) Iconic Sports Guru Award

Achievements: Coached athletes to success in national and international weightlifting championships, producing medal winning students.

25. ANUPAMA SWAIN (JUJITSU) SPORTS ICON AWARD

Achievements: Gold medalist in national and international championships, including the Asian Powerlifting Championship 2017.



26. SIDDHARTHA SHANKAR MOHANTA (JUJITSU)ICONIC SPORTS AWARD

Achievements: Secured multiple medals in state and national JuJitsu championships.



27. ARYAN BRAHMIN (HANDBALL) ICONIC SPORTS AWARD

Achievements: Recognized by various organizations for his contributions to handball and consistent performance in international championships.



28. SWETAPADMA DALEI (TABLE TENNIS) ICONIC SPORTS AWARD

Achievements: Top ranked player in Odisha and national level champion, holding multiple state titles.





29. Pratyasha Ray (Swimming) Sports Icon Award

Achievements: Best female athlete at the Khelo India University Games 2024 and a consistent top performer in national swimming events.



30. Sonia Patel (Swimming) Iconic Sports Award

Achievements: Consistent winner in state and national swimming championships, including the All India University Aquatic Championship.



31. Bibhuti Bhusan Jena (Roller Skating)Sports Icon Award

Achievements: Guinness World Record holder for skating and multiple national records.

32. MYRA DAS HATI (ROLLER SKATING) SPECIAL DIVYANGJAN

Achievements: Emerging speciallyabled player with top positions in state championships.



33. JAYANTI BEHERA (PARA SPORTS) ICONIC SPORTS AWARD

Achievements: Para national record holder and a multiple medalist at international paraathletics championships.



34. BISHNU PRASAD MISHRA (PARA SPORTS)ICONIC SPORTS GURU AWARD

Achievements: National coach with numerous accolades, including mentoring top paraathletes like Jayanti Behera.



35. LOMA SWAIN (KARATE) SPECIAL DIVYANGJAN

Achievements: Gold medalist in multiple national karate championships, representing Odisha internationally.





36. Devi Singh (Powerlifting) Iconic Sports Award

Achievements: Champion in various national powerlifting competitions, including the Senior Strong Women of India.



37. Babulu Munda (Wushu) Sports Icon Award

Achievements: Consistent gold medalist in state and national Wushu championships, representing Odisha at top levels.



38. Sweta Rani Mahanta (Wushu) Iconic Sports Award

Achievements: International gold medalist at the Moscow Wushu Stars International Wushu Tournament.

39. PRADYUMNA BEHERA (WUSHU) ICONIC SPORTS GURU AWARD

Achievements: International coach and judge, mentoring athletes to success in global Wushu competitions.



40. ANURADHA BISWAL (ATHLETICS) ICONIC SPORTS AWARDS

Achievements: First woman from Odisha to represent in the Sydney Olympic 2000 and winner of multiple international medals.



41. SABITA TOPPO (ATHLETICS) ICONIC SPORTS AWARDS

Achievements: Gold medalist in multiple state and national athletics championships, excelling in youth competitions.



42. ARIDITA CHAKRABORTY (ATHLETICS) SPECIAL DIVYANGJAN

Achievements: Special Olympics medalist with consistent performances in athletics at both national and international levels.



43. RITIKA DAS (GYMNASTICS) ICONIC SPORTS AWARD

Achievements: State and national champion in artistic gymnastics with numerous top finishes.



44. DIVYANG AWARD



STATE

IN THE "RAREST OF RARE" CRIMES IN BHUBANESWAR, A MAN IS EXECUTED FOR STABBING HIS WIFE 33 TIMES.



A man who viciously killed his wife on June 9, 2022, in Ghatikia, inside the boundaries of the Khandagiri Police in Bhubaneswar, was sentenced to death by the Additional District Judge (ADJ) on Thursday.

The convicted criminal who carried out the horrible act was Sanjit Das.

In order to set an example for society, the court described the savage murder case as the "rarest of rare" crimes as it handed down its ruling.

It was a horrible offense. Sanjit Das, who was convicted, stabbed his wife 33 times with a knife over a pointless spat. He even cut his daughter Pari's throat at age six in order to eliminate evidence. A spouse is typically viewed as his wife's and daughter's savior. Nevertheless, the prisoner brutally killed his wife. The crime was taken into consideration by the court.

"A life sentence is imposed when the court determines that the heinousness of the offense in all its parts is too great to persuade the convicted person to change his ways. Therefore, the court sentenced the defendant to death, deeming the case a "rarest of rare" crime. Up to fifteen witnesses' statements, including those of the convict's daughter and family members, were taken into account while determining the sentencing. In addition, forensic evidence and specialists were taken into account when determining the penalty," he continued.

ODISHA, INDIA'S BEST KEPT SECRET: 8 REASONS TO VISIT



Explore Odisha, commonly referred to as India's bestkept secret, with its fascinating templescapes, tranquil coastlines, rich history, lively tribal culture, and varied fauna. Discover its exquisite gastronomic delights, stunning waterfalls, and distinctive arts and crafts as well.

Known as "India's Best Kept Secret," the east coast state of Odisha is home to a wealth of undiscovered gems.

Most people are not aware of the state's new charms, despite the fact that it is wellknown for hosting the majestic Konark temple and Lord Jagannath's sacred festival, the "Ratha Yatra."

Let's embark on an adventure to discover Odisha's wealth of natural beauty, including its alluring templescapes, tranquil coastal lines, intriguing historic sites, wildlife, mouthwatering cuisine, and more.

With a long history, the state is home to numerous historical sites that preserve its former splendor, including Ratnagiri, Udayagiri, Konark Temple, and Lingaraj Temple.

Rich Culinary: You won't be let down by the taste of any state dish, whether it's mouthwatering, fragrant temple cuisine, pithas, traditional desserts, or unusual seafood.

Festivals and Culture: In addition to the huge Ratha Yatra, which is enthusiastically observed throughout the state, there are other festivals like Rajo, Nuakhai, Pana Sankranti, Chhau Festival, Dhanu Yatra, Baliyatra, and others that not only highlight the state's rich cultural heritage but also serve as a bridge to bind people to it.

Tribal Life: With one of the largest populations of tribal people, the state has a unique identity among Indian states due to the thriving tribal culture of its tribal community.

Calm Beaches: There is much to discover on the remote beaches of Odisha, including Ramachandi Beach, Astaranga Beach, and Gopalpur Beach, in addition to the fame of Puri and Konark's Chandrabhaga Beach.

Wildlife: The state offers an unparalleled wild adventure, from Bhitarkanika National Park, India's secondbiggest mangrove ecosystem, to Chilika Lake, Asia's largest brackish water lagoon with unparalleled visual splendor.

Ancient Arts and Crafts: The ageless beauty of the state's arts and crafts will astound you, whether it's in the form of silver filigree, Sambalpuei sarees, appliquéd work, puppetry art, Pattachitra, or sand sculpture.

Magnificent Lakes & Waterfalls: The state's waterfalls, which are spread throughout its 30 districts, are a sight to behold. Among the most famous waterfalls are Khandadhar Falls in Sundargarh, Barehipani Falls in Mayurbhanj, and Duduma Falls in Koraput.



ODISHA IS STILL EXPERIENCING A POTATO CRISIS, WITH PRICES RISING BY MUCH THAN RS 50 PER KG.



Prices for potatoes have skyrocketed as a result of them nearly disappearing from certain Odisha marketplaces. Customers' wallets are being squeezed as the necessary kitchen item is now priced between Rs 50 and Rs 60 per kg.

Due to a shortage of potatoes and their excessive pricing throughout the state, consumers in Odisha are still dealing with a problem. Although the West Bengal Police are pursuing and apprehending the trucks carrying potatoes that are on their way to Odisha, the state's needs cannot be met by the procurement from Uttar Pradesh alone. The State's average citizen's budget has been negatively impacted by the rapidly rising costs of basic kitchen necessities.

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"The market does not carry potatoes. We have to pay between Rs 50 and Rs 60 for a kilogram of potatoes," Minaketana Swain, a Niali customer, stated.

The market does not have a sufficient supply of potatoes. As a result, the price has increased dramatically," stated Balasore shopkeeper Dharanidhar Sahoo.

A few days ago, some trucks loaded with potatoes from nearby West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh arrived in Odisha, sparking rumors that the state's issue would be resolved. But within the past three days, the necessary product has all but disappeared from the market.

According to sources, it is taking nearly four days for potatoes from Uttar Pradesh to arrive, and during that time, a significant amount of the necessary commodity is being lost.

Additionally, vehicles carrying potatoes are being pursued and seized by West Bengal Police as they travel to Odisha. West Bengal police were pursuing a truck carrying potatoes when it apparently lost its balance at the Odisha border near Lailanpur. All of the potatoes were then returned to West Bengal.

"The market does not carry potatoes. It costs between Rs 70 and Rs 80 per kg at some stores. "There are serious issues facing the middle class and the poor," a Lailanpur customer stated.

Up to three lorries from Uttar Pradesh and one from West Bengal made their way to Bhubaneswar today. On the other hand, Odisha needs over 5,000 tons of potatoes every day. The potatoes that are kept in cold storage will barely last three days, according to reports.

Odisha Byabasai Mahasangha, however, was optimistic that the State's potato problem will be settled in a few days. To assess the situation, supply inspectors have been to a number of markets in Bhograi, which is close to the West Bengal border.

Attempts are underway to acquire potatoes. The problem should be resolved in a few days, according to Odisha Byabasai Mahasangha Secretary Sudhakara Panda, who also stated that the government is attempting to purchase potatoes through NAFED.

The government was criticized by the opposition BJD for the state's ongoing potato crisis.

BJD leader Arun Sahoo stated that rather than making remarks, the administration had to attempt to resolve the state's potato problem.

Krushna Chandra Patra, the minister of food supplies and consumer welfare for Odisha, responded by stating that the state's potato crisis would be rectified shortly.

"The State has received a shipment of potatoes today. Tomorrow, more potatoes will arrive. We are optimistic that a solution to the situation will be found quickly. For the welfare of the public, we would import potatoes from West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh," Minister Patra stated.



THREE ODISHA INSTITUTIONS ARE AMONG THE TOP 100 IN THE NATION ACCORDING TO THE NIRF RANKING 2024.



The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) "India Rankings2024" have been released by the Ministry of Education. Three Odishabased universities—National Institute of Technology Rourkela, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, and Siksha 'O' Anusandhan—have been ranked in the top 100 in the nation.

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The National Institutional Ranking Framework's (NIRF) "India Rankings2024" were revealed by the Ministry of Education on Monday. Three Odishabased universities rank among the top 100 in the nation for higher education in the Overall Category.

With a score of 60.73 percent, Siksha "O" Anusandhan came in at number 24. Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology and National Institute of Technology, Rourkela came in at number 28 and 34, respectively, with scores of 59.94 and 57.04 percent. Likewise, Siksha 'O' Anusandhan and Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology have achieved 14th and 15th place, respectively, in the University Category. Siksha "O" Anusandhan and National Institute of Technology, Rourkela came in 19th and 26th place, respectively, in the Engineering Category.

We are pleased to report that we placed 14th in the University Category and 24th in the Overall Category this year. In the Engineering Category, we are ranked 26th as well. Additionally, we came in ninth in the Dental Science and Law Categories and twentyfirst in the Medical Science Category. We have placed 62nd and 50th in the Management Science and Research Categories, respectively," Siksha 'O' Anusandhan Vice Chancellor Prof. Pradipta Kumar Nanda stated. Notably, for the sixth consecutive year, IIT Madras has won the top spot in the Engineering Category.

BABUS BEGIN TO RESIGN AS THE ODISHA CMO REQUESTS DATA ON OFFICER REENGAGEMENT.



Bureaucrats are resigning in fear as the new BJP government in Odisha plans to reform the "officer raj" system and requests a list of former officials who have been reengaged.

The "officer raj" system, which was a topic of contention during the previous BJD government in the state, is expected to undergo a significant overhaul under the incoming BJP government in Odisha.

After retiring, a number of babus were awarded reengagements during the previous administration.

A list of people who have been reengaged in various departments has now been requested by the Chief Minister's Office (CMO). The departments are furious about the new rule since it requires them to provide data within three days.

Officers who received rehabilitation under the previous BJD administration are concerned about the change.

According to the Congress, officers who have been granted a reextension must be removed. BJD explained that since everything was carried out in an open manner, no one was receiving rehabilitation.

Because there existed officer raj and it was solely for political management, the BJD brought retired babus during its tenure, disregarding young people without jobs and acting in accordance with their wishes. Congress MLA Sagar Das stated that gathering information is insufficient and that action must be taken.

"There are officers whose expertise is required in departments," stated Sarada Jena, a BJD MLA. Only officers who could perform their responsibilities effectively were reengaged throughout BJD's tenure.

According to BJP MLA Amar Nayak, "such officers were given new salaries, pensions, quarters, and vehicles after they retired." As a result, a study and analysis are being conducted in order to expedite the process of hiring new officers.

The entire Odisha power corridor is buzzing right now. Additionally, a few of the babus have begun to submit their papers independently.

The Housing and Urban Development Department has already seen the resignation of two senior executives. IAS (promotion) Sangramjit Nayak, who had been the department's director for the preceding eleven years, got his term extended by the previous BJD government by one year, until June. The director of the Urban Development department, Sarada Panda, was another executive who hoped for a reextension.

After retiring from the state, a number of IAS and OAS personnel reportedly received rehabilitation as well. OTV obtained the list of officials whose terms were extended by the previous BJD by six months to a year.

The Odisha government can revoke such an extension in a single cabinet meeting, according to veteran bureaucrats.

"It is necessary to remove such officers," stated former chief secretary Sahadev Sahoo. It is a positive step if the government has made such a decision.

Following the establishment of the new Odisha government, a number of officials resigned, including IT Secretary Manoj Mishra, previous Chief Minister's advisor R Balakrishnan, and Secretary Suresh Mohapatra. Some others, though, are still holding their positions and are hoping to be reengaged.

A DISTINGUISHED 'SHANTI SWARUP BHATNAGAR AWARD' IS GIVEN TO TWO ODIA SCIENTISTS BY THE PRESIDENT

During the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2024 ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan, President Droupadi Murmu presented the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award to two Odia scientists, Dr. Swarup Kumar Parida and Dr. Digendranath Swain. Dr. Swain received recognition for his efforts in space science and technology, while Dr. Parida was recognized for his contributions to agricultural science.

At the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2024 award event, which took place at the Gantantra Mandap, Rashtrapati Bhavan, on Thursday, President Droupadi Murmu presented two Odia scientists with the esteemed Vigyan Yuva – Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award.

The President congratulated Dr. Digendranath Swain for his contributions to space science and technology, while Dr. Swarup Kumar Parida received the coveted medal for his work in agricultural science.

Dr. Swain is the EXMD/STR at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, ISRO, Thiruvananthapuram, whereas Dr. Swarup is currently employed as a scientist at the National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR), located in New Delhi. He has contributed significantly to the use of DIC and other experimental methods to support structural qualifying examinations.

At least 33 prizes were given to outstanding scientists in four categories—Vigyan Ratna, Vigyan Shri, Vigyan Yuva, and Vigyan Team—at the first Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar.



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Bijay Kumar Mangaraj, a Financial Advisor and Chief Accounts Officer (FA & CAO), was taken into custody by the Odisha Vigilance on Saturday in relation to a disproportionate assets (DA) case that had been filed against him. Additionally, Mangaraj's ownership of a twostory bungalow in Ernakulam, Kerala, was confirmed by the anticorruption bureau today.

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Additionally, according to a release from Vigilance, the OSRTC official had deposits totaling more than Rs. 1.47 crores, 500 grams of gold, and two fourwheelers for which he was unable to provide a suitable response.



ODISHA BASED PAKODA VENDOR ACHIEVES JEE AND NEET RANKINGS



Bikas Das, a pakoda vendor from Ranipada village in the Ganjam district of Odisha's Beguniapada block, has received remarkable scores in both JEE Main and NEET. Bikas never lost sight of his goal to become a doctor, even after losing his father and taking on household duties with his younger brother by selling snacks.

Bikas Das, a resident of Ranipada village in Ganjam district's Beguniapada block, has achieved high JEE Main and NEET scores. He now aspires to become a doctor.

His path hasn't been easy thus far.

The loss of his father, which abruptly placed the weight of his family on his unskilled shoulders, was the first blow he suffered. He and his younger brother began selling snacks from a push cart in order to keep the stew boiling. He never let his goal of becoming a doctor slip from view during this time.

He took the Matric exam and received an 89% score. His confidence was restored, and he began studying for JEE and NEET. He did well on these tests as well, earning high grades.

He is currently enrolled in NIT, Rourkela's Civil Engineering program, but following NEET counseling, he hopes to pursue a career in medicine.

Because of his commitment and perseverance, "Bipadara Bandhu" and the "Aryabhatta Foundation" have offered to support him along the way.

THE FIRST SUPERMOON OF 2024 WILL APPEAR IN INDIAN SKIES ON MONDAY NIGHT.



According to NASA, a full, blue supermoon will be visible in the sky on Monday, providing Indian stargazers with a celestial show. For travelers traveling east from Nepal across Asia, including India and Australia, the event's peak will take place on Tuesday morning. According to NASA, a full, blue supermoon will appear in the sky on Monday, providing Indian stargazers with a celestial treat.

The Moon will be full from Sunday morning until early Wednesday morning, according to NASA, with its zenith for travelers traveling east from Nepal to Asia, including India and Australia, on Tuesday morning.

During the evening of August 19 and into the early hours of August 20, India will be able to observe the celestial spectacle, which is one of four successive supermoons this year.

Astrologer Richard Nolle first used the word "supermoon" in 1979 to describe a new or full Moon that happens when the Moon is within 90% of its closest approach to Earth. The largest and brightest full moons of the year are known as full supermoons. Being the third full moon in a season with four full moons, this one is also known as a Blue Moon.

The term "Blue Moon" was coined in 1528, but it won't appear blue. There are a number of theories as to its origins, such as an old English phrase that means "betrayer Moon" or a reference to infrequent atmospheric conditions that give the Moon a blue appearance.

Because large fish are easy to catch during this time of year, the Algonquin tribes have historically referred to the August full moon as the Sturgeon Moon. The Red Moon, Corn Moon, Barley Moon, and Herb Moon are some other names for this moon.

Fans of science fiction will recognize this Sturgeon Moon as a tribute to Theodore Sturgeon, who wrote Star Trek. The Harvest Moon, another name for the next supermoon, will fall on September 17, 2024.

As part of it moves into Earth's shadow at night, it will likewise be partially overshadowed by Earth.

On October 17, there will be the year's third full moon. It will also be the year's closest full moon, also known as Hunter's Moon. On November 15, the year's final supermoon will take place.

THE CENTER ORDERS THE INSURANCE COMPANY TO COMPENSATE 2 LAKH FARMERS FOR CROP LOSS IN THE AMOUNT OF RS 225 CR.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, the Center's Technical Advisory Committee has ordered an insurance company to reimburse about 2 lakh farmers in Maharashtra for soybean crop losses of Rs 225 crore.

An insurance company was ordered by the Center's Technical Advisory Committee on Saturday to pay Rs 225 crore in claims that farmers in Maharashtra had filed under the PM's crop insurance program for damage to their soybean crops within a week.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare said in a statement that the move is anticipated to help about 2 lakh farmers. The farmers had been left in the dark by the insurance company's procrastination.

When Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan met with farmers in Nanded, Maharashtra, on August 21, the matter gained attention. The issue of unresolved insurance claims for their soy crop was brought up by the Parbhani district farmers to the Union Minister during the meeting.

The Agriculture and Farmers Welfare officials were then instructed by Chouhan to address the matter right away.

In this context, the National Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on August 22 at the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. During the meeting, the TAC ordered the insurance company to pay the outstanding claims after rejecting the company's opposition to crop cutting experiments.

This ruling requires the payment of outstanding claims totaling between Rs 200 and Rs 225 crore.

A government-sponsored crop insurance program called the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) seeks to assist the agricultural industry by offering farmers reasonably priced insurance. The program, which was introduced in 2016, provides complete risk coverage for crops against unavoidable natural hazards from the presowing to the postharvest stages.

The program's goal is to give farmers financial assistance when unanticipated circumstances result in crop loss or damage.

Farmers, banks, CSCs, insurance firms, and the federal and state governments are among the many stakeholders that the program unifies on a single platform.



UN ON ATTACKS ON HINDUS IN BANGLADESH: "WE OPPOSE 'RACIALLY MOTIVATED ATTACKS, INCITEMENT TO VIOLENCE'

SecretaryGeneral Antonio Guterres opposes attacks or incitement to violence based on race, according to UN spokesperson Farhan Haq, in response to violence against the Hindu population in Bangladesh. Since former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina fled to India, the violence has intensified.

A representative for UN SecretaryGeneral Antonio Guterres stated that he opposes any attacks or incitement to violence based on race in the context of violence against Bangladesh's minority Hindu community.

We have stated unequivocally that we wish to ensure that the violence that has been taking place in Bangladesh in recent weeks is contained. Farhan Haq, the SecretaryGeneral's deputy spokesperson, stated here on Thursday that "we certainly oppose any racially motivated attacks or incitement to violence."

He was answering a query about the SecretaryGeneral's response to assaults on Bangladesh's minorities, including Hindus.

Since Monday, when former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina resigned and fled to India, the violence has resulted in the destruction of numerous Hindu temples, homes, and businesses, as well as the deaths of at least two Hindu figures connected to Hasina's Awami League party.

Numerous incidents of violence against minorities have been reported in Bangladeshi media since Hasina left the country. One such instance was the widespread vandalism and destruction at the home of Rahul Ananda, the frontman of the wellknown folk band Joler Gaan, on Monday, which forced the singer and his family to flee.

But the targets are not limited to Hindus. Following the overthrow of the Hasina government on Monday, violence broke out throughout Bangladesh, killing at least 232 people. Since the antiquota protests began in midJuly, 560 people have died.

Haq mentioned the UN's aspirations "for an inclusive process of forming a government" in response to Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus taking the oath of office as chairman of the interim administration.



SENDING 'INSIGHTS' FROM HIS RECENT VISIT TO UKRAINE, PM MODI CALLS RUSSIAN PRESIDENT



After his historic visit to Ukraine, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held diplomatic discussions with world leaders such as US President Joe Biden, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Following his historic visit to Ukraine last week, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke Tuesday.

"Today, I spoke with President Putin. discussed ways to make the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership even stronger. shared opinions on the war between Russia and Ukraine as well as my observations from my most recent trip to Ukraine. Following the phone conversation, PM Modi wrote on X, "Reiterated India's firm commitment to support an early, lasting, and peaceful resolution of the conflict."

Prime Minister Modi spoke with US President Joe Biden on the phone Monday night on the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine and emphasized India's steadfast support for diplomatic efforts to end the conflict.

"PM Modi gave President Biden an update on his recent trip to Ukraine while talking about the situation there. In a late-night statement released after the two leaders' phone conversation, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said, "He reaffirmed India's consistent stance in favor of dialogue and diplomacy and expressed full support for the early return of peace and stability."

GIRLS WILL BE GIRLS: AARADHYA BACHCHAN'S OBSESSION WITH MAKEUP! AISHWARYA RAI



Aaradhyा Bachchan, the daughter of Abhishek and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, was the life of the party at Anant Ambani and Radhika Merchant's prewedding celebration in Jamnagar. Her 'all grown up' new appearance captivated everyone. Aaradhyा's new hairstyle, which eschewed her signature bangs, won over admirers' hearts. But were you aware of Aaradhyा's infatuation with makeup? Aishwarya, her mother, had already disclosed the same thing.

Aaradhyा's bangs became the subject of online ridicule for many years. But her recent appearances left everyone in disbelief. At such a young age, she dazzled everyone with her beauty and charisma. Fans lavished the famous child with affection, attributing her mother's attractiveness. Even though Aaradhyा hasn't been seen in a while, an old video of Aishwarya has gone viral online, and people are asking her if she ever played with makeup as a kid. Aish was questioned how frequently Aaradhyा applied lipstick to her makeup at an event.

The Dhoom 2 actress said that she had already talked about this subject. According to her, Aaradhyा isn't very focused on these things because she is still fairly young. She also mentioned that Aaradhyा frequently observes her getting ready because she doesn't go to a different room during that time.

The actress from Taal disclosed that she informs Aaradhyा that she is going to the office once she has finished applying cosmetics. This practice enables Aaradhyा to comprehend that applying cosmetics is a component of her mother's work preparation.

Aish further mentioned that Aaradhyा even connects her beauty kits to her work bag.

In the same chat, Aish revealed that Aaradhyा, who was three years old at the time, asked her what she was doing after she was taking off her makeup after winning Miss World. As she was washing her face, the actress spoke to her daughter, "I'm amazed that Aaradhyा already knows what 'makeup' is." Notably, Aishwarya Rai married Abhishek Bachchan in 2007, and the two celebrities had their daughter Aaradhyा four years later. However, their admirers are worried about the current rumors that they might be divorcing. However, neither Aishwarya nor Abhishek have addressed the reports.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. Which country hosted the 15th BRICS Summit in August 2024?
- a) India
 - b) Brazil
 - c) South Africa
 - d) China
2. Who was appointed as the new chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in August 2024?
- a) Madhabi Puri Buch
 - b) Ajay Tyagi
 - c) Prakash Tiwari
 - d) Ashwini Kumar
3. Which Indian state was declared the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified state in August 2024?
- a) Goa
 - b) Himachal Pradesh
 - c) Gujarat
 - d) Kerala
4. In August 2024, which country became the latest member of the BRICS group?
- a) Argentina
 - b) Saudi Arabia
 - c) Egypt
 - d) All of the above
5. The "Chandrayaan3" successfully landed on which region of the moon in August 2024?
- a) North Pole
 - b) South Pole
 - c) Equatorial Region
 - d) Far Side
6. Who won the World Badminton Championships 2024 men's singles title in August 2024?
- a) Viktor Axelsen
 - b) Kento Momota
 - c) Lakshya Sen
 - d) Kunlavut Vitidsarn
7. In August 2024, which Indian cricketer was inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame?
- a) MS Dhoni
 - b) Sachin Tendulkar
 - c) Anil Kumble
 - d) Yuvraj Singh

8. Which country won the 2024 FIFA U20 Women's World Cup in August 2024?

- a) Japan
- b) USA
- c) Spain
- d) Brazil

9. Which Indian space agency achieved the firstever sun observation mission "AdityaL1" launch in August 2024?

- a) DRDO
- b) HAL
- c) ISRO
- d) Antrix Corporation

10. Who won the 2024 Ramon Magsaysay Award in the field of Public Service in August 2024?

- a) Ravindra Bapat
- b) Nelson Maquilan
- c) Huy Hanh Nguyen
- d) Maria Ressa

11. Which country launched the "Polar Bear Initiative" to combat climate change in the Arctic in August 2024?

- a) Canada
- b) Russia
- c) Norway
- d) United States

12. In August 2024, India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for defense cooperation with which country?

- a) France
- b) Japan
- c) United Kingdom
- d) Australia

13. Which Indian state announced the launch of the "Green Energy Corridor Phase 2" project in August 2024?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Karnataka

14. Who won the Women's 100m race at the World Athletics Championships 2024 in August 2024?

- a) ShellyAnn FraserPryce
- b) Sha'Carri Richardson
- c) Elaine ThompsonHerah
- d) Dina AsherSmith

15. Which tech company became the world's most valuable company in August 2024 by market capitalization?
- a) Amazon
 - b) Microsoft
 - c) Alphabet (Google)
 - d) Apple
16. Which country hosted the 2024 G20 Digital Economy Ministers' meeting in August 2024?
- a) Indonesia
 - b) India
 - c) United States
 - d) Italy
17. The Indian government launched the "Mission Vayu" in August 2024 for what purpose?
- a) Improving air quality
 - b) Renewable energy production
 - c) COVID19 vaccine distribution
 - d) Forest conservation
18. Who won the 2024 US Open Series women's singles title in August 2024?
- a) Iga Świątek
 - b) Coco Gauff
 - c) Aryna Sabalenka
 - d) Ons Jabeur
19. Which African country declared a state of emergency due to severe drought in August 2024?
- a) Kenya
 - b) Somalia
 - c) Sudan
 - d) Ethiopia
20. In August 2024, India celebrated the 125th birth anniversary of which freedom fighter with special events?
- a) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
 - b) Subhas Chandra Bose
 - c) Bhagat Singh
 - d) Jawaharlal Nehru
21. In August 2024, which Indian city was ranked as the top city for sustainable development in the "India Smart City Awards"?
- a) Bengaluru
 - b) Surat
 - c) Pune
 - d) Indore

22. Which European country experienced devastating wildfires in August 2024, leading to mass evacuations?
- a) Greece
 - b) Portugal
 - c) Italy
 - d) Spain
23. In August 2024, which bank announced a partnership with NPCI to enable international UPI payments?
- a) HDFC Bank
 - b) State Bank of India
 - c) ICICI Bank
 - d) Axis Bank
24. Who was reelected as the President of Turkey in the elections held in August 2024?
- a) Recep Tayyip Erdoğan
 - b) Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu
 - c) Selahattin Demirtaş
 - d) Ekrem İmamoğlu
25. In August 2024, which city hosted the International Chess Federation (FIDE) World Chess Championship?
- a) New York
 - b) Dubai
 - c) Moscow
 - d) Madrid
26. Which country launched the world's first fully autonomous commercial cargo ship in August 2024?
- a) Japan
 - b) South Korea
 - c) Germany
 - d) United States
27. The 2024 International Day for Indigenous Peoples, observed in August, had which theme?
- a) "Indigenous Youth as Agents of Change"
 - b) "Protecting Indigenous Languages"
 - c) "Climate Action and Indigenous Rights"
 - d) "Decolonization and Indigenous Rights"
28. Which country won the gold medal in men's hockey at the 2024 Asian Games held in August?
- a) India
 - b) Japan
 - c) South Korea
 - d) Malaysia

29. Which global financial institution raised India's GDP growth forecast for 2024 to 6.5% in August 2024?
- a) World Bank
 - b) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
 - c) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
 - d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
30. Which African country joined the BRICS group of nations as a new member during the 2024 BRICS Summit?
- a) Algeria
 - b) Nigeria
 - c) Egypt
 - d) Ethiopia
31. In August 2024, which city became the first in India to implement a "Zero Carbon Emissions" public transportation system?
- a) Mumbai
 - b) Delhi
 - c) Ahmedabad
 - d) Chennai
32. Which country won the 2024 Men's Volleyball Nations League in August 2024?
- a) France
 - b) Brazil
 - c) Italy
 - d) Poland
33. The Indian government launched which initiative in August 2024 to increase AI and digital skills among school students?
- a) Digital Bharat
 - b) AI for Schools
 - c) National Digital Learning Mission
 - d) PM eVidya 2.0
34. In August 2024, who was appointed as the new CEO of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)?
- a) Rajesh Gopinathan
 - b) N. Ganapathy Subramaniam
 - c) K. Krishivasan
 - d) Natarajan Chandrasekaran
35. Which country hosted the 2024 World Para Athletics Championships in August 2024?
- a) Germany
 - b) France
 - c) United Kingdom
 - d) China

36. In August 2024, India launched the first phase of the Digital India Land Records Modernization Program. Which ministry is responsible for this program?
- a) Ministry of Rural Development
 - b) Ministry of Agriculture
 - c) Ministry of Electronics and IT
 - d) Ministry of Urban Development
37. Which Indian wrestler won the gold medal in the 57kg freestyle category at the 2024 Asian Wrestling Championships held in August?
- a) Bajrang Punia
 - b) Ravi Kumar Dahiya
 - c) Deepak Punia
 - d) Yogeshwar Dutt
38. Who became the first African woman to be appointed as the President of the World Bank in August 2024?
- a) Ngozi OkonjoIweala
 - b) Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
 - c) Antoinette Sayeh
 - d) SahleWork Zewde
39. In August 2024, which Indian origin scientist won the prestigious Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences?
- a) Venkatraman Ramakrishnan
 - b) Dr. Vamsi Mootha
 - c) Dr. Swati Mohan
 - d) Dr. Samir Mitragotri
40. In August 2024, which country signed an agreement with the United Nations to develop the "Blue Economy" through sustainable ocean use?
- a) Sri Lanka
 - b) Maldives
 - c) Seychelles
 - d) Indonesia
41. In August 2024, which Indian organization was awarded the "Best Energy Efficiency Project" at the Global Green Awards?
- a) NTPC Limited
 - b) Power Grid Corporation of India
 - c) Indian Oil Corporation
 - d) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
42. Which country won the 2024 European Men's Handball Championship in August 2024?
- a) Spain
 - b) Denmark
 - c) Norway
 - d) Germany

43. Who was appointed as the new DirectorGeneral of the World Health Organization (WHO) in August 2024?
- a) Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
 - b) Soumya Swaminathan
 - c) Dr. David Nabarro
 - d) Dr. Sania Nishtar
44. In August 2024, which country's government approved the firstever human trials for a malaria vaccine based on mRNA technology?
- a) United States
 - b) India
 - c) Germany
 - d) United Kingdom
45. Who won the gold medal in women's 400m hurdles at the 2024 European Athletics Championships in August 2024?
- a) Femke Bol
 - b) Sydney McLaughlin
 - c) Dalilah Muhammad
 - d) Lea Sprunger
46. In August 2024, which Indian state became the first to roll out its 5Genabled smart city plan?
- a) Telangana
 - b) Gujarat
 - c) Karnataka
 - d) Maharashtra
47. In August 2024, the Indian government announced an initiative to partner with which country to develop advanced quantum technologies?
- a) Japan
 - b) Israel
 - c) United States
 - d) Germany
48. Which company became the world's largest producer of electric vehicles (EVs) in August 2024?
- a) Tesla
 - b) BYD (Build Your Dreams)
 - c) Volkswagen
 - d) General Motors

49. In August 2024, who was appointed as the new Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- a) Shaktikanta Das
- b) Urjit Patel
- c) Viral Acharya
- d) Arvind Subramanian

50. In August 2024, which international organization celebrated its 50th anniversary with a special summit?

- a) ASEAN
- b) African Union
- c) OPEC
- d) World Trade Organization (WTO)

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6	D	16	B	26	A	36	A	46	B
7	C	17	A	27	A	37	B	47	C
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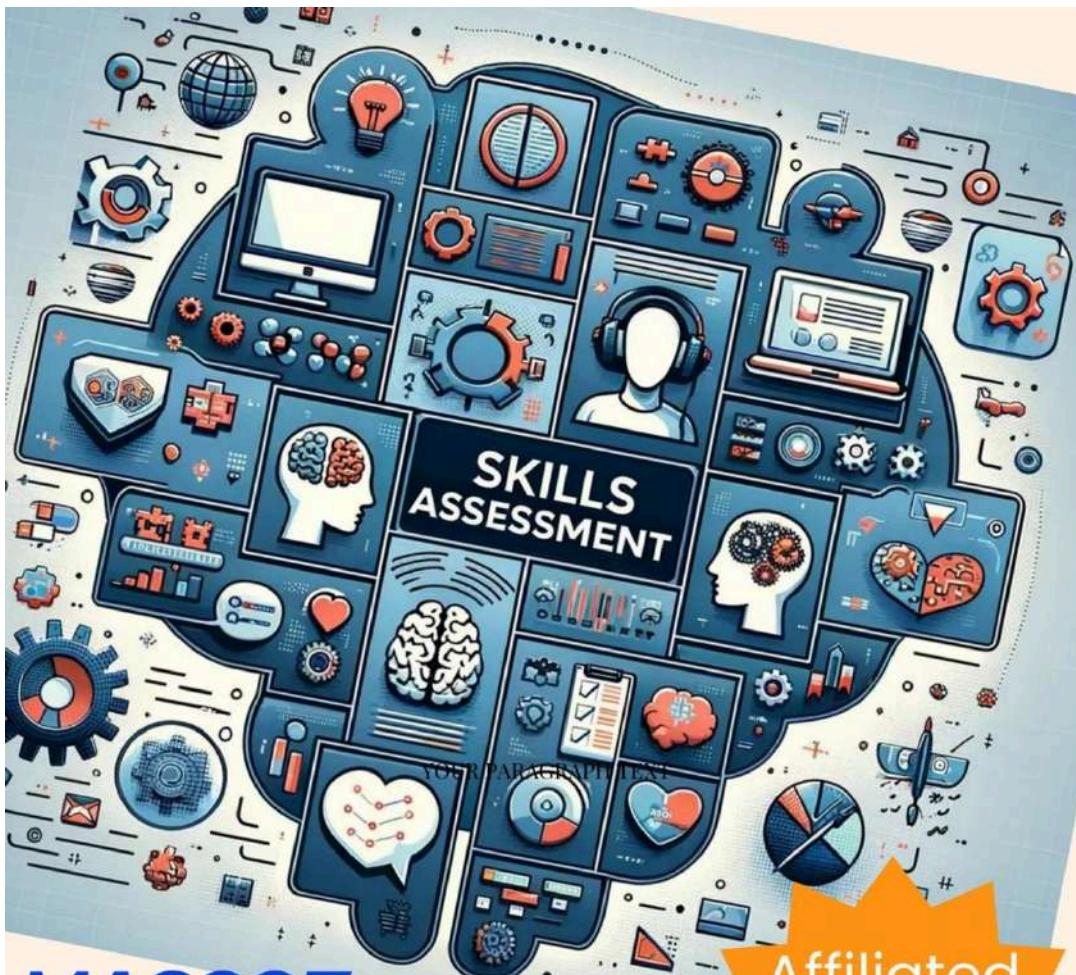
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