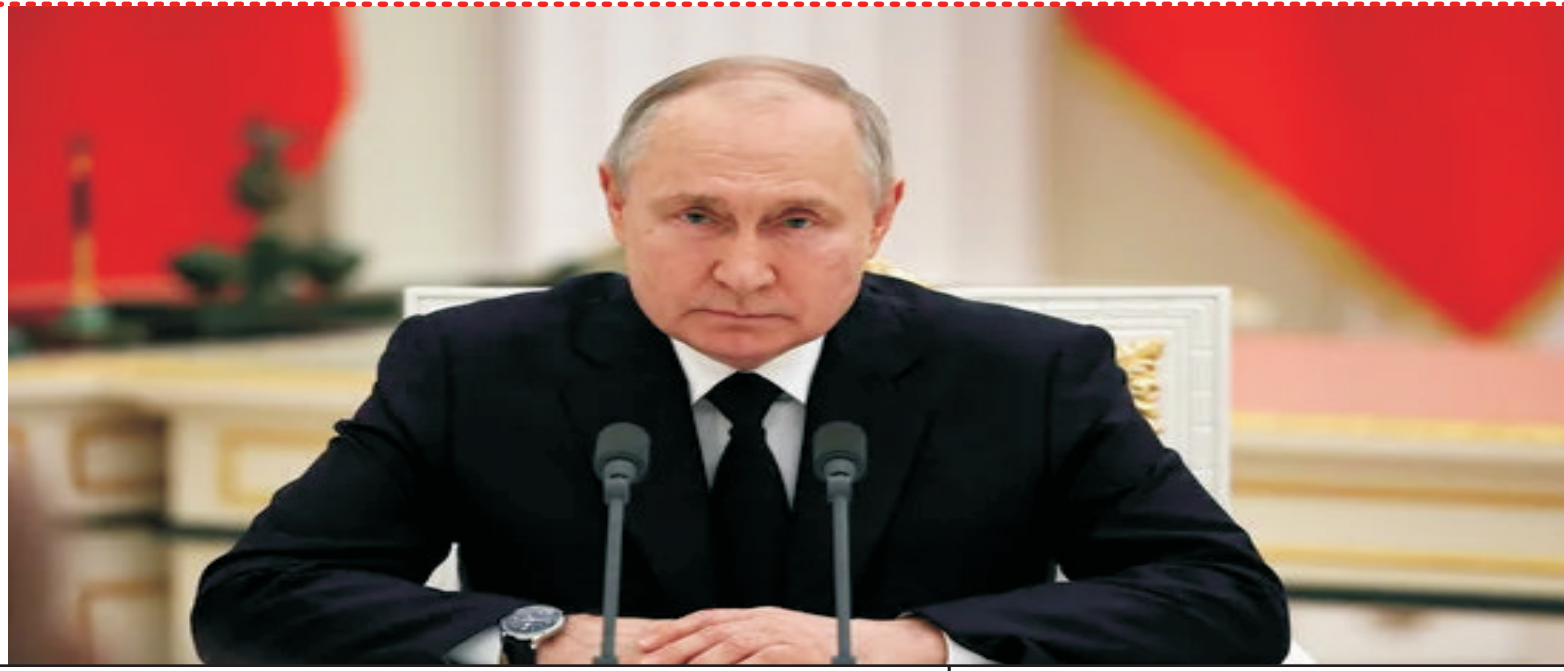


Prince Harry should get just 500 pounds: Why London court was told this



The International Press : Prince Harry should receive a maximum of just 500 pounds in damages for one admitted instance of unlawful information gathering, lawyers representing a British tabloid newspaper group told London's High Court. The Duke of Sussex is one of more than 100 people suing Mirror Group Newspapers (MGN) over allegations of phone-hacking and unlawful information gathering. MGN publishes Daily Mirror, Sunday Mirror and Sunday People. The Duke of Sussex should be awarded a maximum of 500 pounds given the single invoice naming him concerns enquiries on an isolated occasion and the small sum on the invoice - 75 pounds - suggests enquiries were limited," MGN's lawyer said. The case alleges unlawful activity at all three

MGN newspapers between 1991 and 2011. Prince Harry was earlier grilled over allegations that he had been unlawfully targeted by MGN titles for 15 years from 1996, when he was a child. With this, he became the first senior British royal to appear in a witness box for more than 130 years. At the start of the trial, MGN admitted that on one occasion a private investigator had been engaged to unlawfully gather evidence about Prince Harry at a London nightclub in 200 for which it "unreservedly apologises". The publisher argued that Prince Harry "has failed to identify any evidence of voicemail interception against him, nor any other evidence of unlawful information gathering in respect of his private information", apart from the one incident.



Wagner mutiny first stage of Vladimir Putin's 'dismantling', official explains

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Volunteer Corps is free to enter the Belgorod region; the capital and the Kremlin are attacked by drones, and the mercenary army is capable of taking not Kyiv but Moscow without a fight in two days," Gerashchenko said. In the armed uprising, the Wagner Group said it took control of two military hubs in southern Russia and advanced within 120 miles of Moscow before pulling back. His fighters withdrew after the Kremlin said a deal had been brokered by Belarusian leader Alexander Lukashenko to avoid "bloodshed". Oleksiy Danilov said a group of people dissatisfied with Putin has formed in Russia. "Prigozhin's march from [Rostov-on-Don to Moscow] is a demonstration of how serious his intentions were, what opportunities exist, and how conditions are being created for launching a power transit process—be it voluntary or forced," Oleksiy Danilov said, adding, "Wagner convoys or those formed by other forces can still make it to the Red Square."

Ukraine's national security and defense council said. "Prigozhin is only part of the [Wagner] group and part of the plan," Oleksiy Danilov said. The Russian tycoon's rebellion attempt was "the tip of the iceberg of the destabilization process," he said. Putin has only one way out—the total cleansing of the power bloc and the introduction of martial law in Russia, Oleksiy Danilov added. Anton Gerashchenko, an adviser to Ukraine's minister of internal affairs, said Wagner's "march of justice" showed that the Kremlin "does not know its own country." "The government in Russia is only strong on TV, but in reality, it is as rotten as the wooden barracks in the Russian provinces. Russia turned out to be not a fortress, but a gateway. Russian

Mines Ministry to Unveil "List of Critical Minerals for India"



The International Press : The Government of India, through the Ministry of Mines, is all set to unveil for the first time "the list of Critical Minerals for India" to ensure reduced import dependencies, enhance supply chain resilience and support the country's net zero objectives. The critical mineral list will be released by Union Minister of Coal, Mines & Parliamentary Affairs Shri Pralhad Joshi in the presence of Minister of State for Mines, Coal & Railways Shri Raosaheb Patil Danve and other dignitaries. The august ceremony will be held at the India International Centre, New Delhi on 28th June 2023. The event will be graced by prominent dignitaries including foreign dignitaries, industry representatives, subject matter experts and senior government officials. Key highlights of the Critical Minerals list will be showcased through a short documentary video and

some of the major critical minerals will be displayed during the ceremony. The release of the Critical Minerals List will mark a milestone in India's pursuit of self-reliance and security in the domain of mineral resources. This meticulously compiled list is designed to identify and prioritize minerals that are essential for various industrial sectors such as high-tech electronics, telecommunications, transport and defence. The list will serve as a guiding framework for policy formulation, strategic planning and investment decisions in the mining sector. This initiative aligns with the larger vision of achieving 'Net Zero' target for India through Government's commitment to creating a robust and resilient mineral sector. It is worthy to note that India has recently become the newest partner in the coveted Mineral Security Partnership (MSP) to bolster critical mineral supply chains.

The government aims to expand the number of hospitals empaneled under CGHS to provide excellent tertiary care facilities aligned with the rising requirements of the patients: Shri Rajesh Bhusan, Union Health Secretary



The International Press : Through a significant and people centric move, cashless treatment facilities will now be available to CGHS beneficiaries (both serving and pensioners) at AIIMS New Delhi, PGIMER Chandigarh, and JIPMER Puducherry. The Memorandum of Agreement to this effect was signed between the three medical institutions- AIIMS, New Delhi, PGIMER, Chandigarh, and JIPMER, Puducherry, and CGHS, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in the presence of Shri Rajesh Bhusan, Union Health Secretary, here today. This initiative builds upon the six previously signed MoAs on May 20, 2023, between CGHS and various All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) located in Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Patna, Jodhpur, Raipur, and Rishikesh (<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1925806>). "The extension of patient care facilities at AIIMS New Delhi, PGIMER Chandigarh, and JIPMER Puducherry to CGHS beneficiaries on a cashless basis will be particularly beneficial for pensioner beneficiaries of CGHS. It eliminates the need for them to submit individual reimbursement claims and follow up for approvals. With this new initiative, CGHS beneficiaries will have direct access to state-of-the-art treatment facilities available in these medical institutions, without the hassle of making upfront payments and seeking reimbursements from CGHS. This streamlined process will save time, reduce paperwork, and expedite the settlement of individual claims. Previously, CGHS pensioner beneficiaries availing treatment at these institutions were required to make payments upfront and claim reimbursement later from CGHS." This was stated by Shri Rajesh Bhusan, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare at the signing of the MoA today. The Union Health Secretary appreciated this development highlighting that CGHS is a significant service-oriented vertical of the Health Ministry through which existing and retired employees can avail medical services. He further stated, "The government aims to expand the number of hospitals empaneled under CGHS to provide excellent tertiary care facilities aligned with the rising requirements of the patients." Shri Bhusan further emphasized that this agreement will benefit a large segment of the population by simplifying lengthy formalities and expediting access to medical care. He also noted that this agreement will help expand the reach of CGHS services across the nation, allowing beneficiaries to avail CGHS facilities at the INIs institutions in their respective states. Additionally, CGHS has revised certain rates of treatment and medical care, further facilitating access to treatment facilities for patients. The salient features of this initiative are as under: Cashless treatment will be available in outpatient departments (OPD), investigations, and indoor treatment for CGHS pensioners and other eligible categories of beneficiaries. The three institutions will raise credit bills for CGHS pensioners and other eligible beneficiaries, and CGHS will preferably make payment within 30 days of receiving the bills. CGHS beneficiaries will be admitted only upon the production of a valid CGHS Beneficiary ID Card for treatment at these institutions. Separate Help Desks and accounting systems will be created for CGHS beneficiaries at AIIMS New Delhi, PGIMER Chandigarh, and JIPMER Puducherry. Medicines prescribed by the doctors at these institutions, whether for OPD treatment or at the time of discharge, will be collected by beneficiaries through CGHS. CGHS beneficiaries will no longer require referrals to access healthcare facilities at these institutions. The MoA signing ceremony was attended by Officer on Special Duty, Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Shri Sudhansh Pant, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and Smt. V. Hekali Zhimoni, among other senior government officials. Directors of AIIMS New Delhi, Dr. M. Srinivas, Medical superintendent, PGIMER Chandigarh, Dr. Vipin Kaushal, and Director, JIPMER Puducherry, Dr. Rakesh Agrawal were also present at the MoA signing event.

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Team of doctors and healthcare workers being deputed

The International Press : Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya reviewed the provisioning of health services and adequate quality health facilities for the devotees undertaking the Amarnath Yatra with senior officers of Health Ministry and DGHS, here today. He was briefed about the medical care and other health facilities being provided at the base camp and en route. Union Health Minister has directed the officials to support UT of Jammu and Kashmir to ensure that the yatrists are provided the required health facilities and medical services so that they are in good health and physical condition to take the arduous journey. "Will ensure the devotees are provided the best health services and medical



facilities during the Yatra", the Minister stated. The Amarnath Yatra is exceptional in terms of the geoclimatic challenges, especially the issues pertaining to high altitude. As directed by Union Health Minister, the Ministry of Health is assisting the UT Govt. of J&K with the health care arrangements for the yatra in an effort to enhance and anticipate adequate health requirements. Medical facilities have been set up by the Union Health Ministry at the base camp and enroute with required infrastructure. **Establishment of 100 Bedded hospitals at Baltal & Chandanwari** MoHFW has fully funded and supported the establishment of two 100 bedded hospitals by DRDO at two axis routes Baltal and Chandanwari, which have been operationalised. These hospitals will include the accommodation facilities of staff deputed for yatra. These hospitals would have all

facilities for diagnosis and treatment including lab facilities, radio diagnosis, gynaecological, ICUs, hyperbaric oxygen chambers. These hospitals would be functioning 24x7 and would be manned by specialist doctors with an independent trauma unit also. **Deputation of health care workers** DGHS (MoHFW) has also taken up deputation of healthcare workers by soliciting nominations from 11 States/UTs, and central Government Hospitals. These teams would be deputed in 4 batched/shifts. Capacity building of doctors/paramedics selected for deputation is being carried out by MoHFW in coordination with the UT on management of high altitude sickness and emergencies. A team

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Editorial

Vande Bharat Express to provide world class experience to passengers and provide boost to tourism

Indian Railways witnessed a historic day today when Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi flagged off five new & upgraded versions of Vande Bharat Express trains at Rani Kamalapati Station in Bhopal. During this event, Governor, Madhya Pradesh Shri Mangubhai Patel, Chief Minister Madhya Pradesh Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Union Minister for Railways, Communications and Electronics & Information Technology Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, public representatives and special guests were also present at the venue.

Heralding a new era of comfortable and enhanced rail travel experience, five new Vande Bharat Express trains are running between Rani Kamalapati-Jabalpur, Rani Kamalapati-Indore, Rani Kamalapati-Goa (Madgaon)-Mumbai, Ranchi-Patna, and Dharwad-Bengaluru. These Vande Bharat trains flagged off today will improve connectivity among the state capitals and other cities, reduce the travelling time & enhance the comfort of journey. These Vande Bharat trains are taking the message of a New India - Viksit Bharat to each and every corner of our nation.

Rani Kamalapati-Jabalpur Vande Bharat Express
Rani Kamalapati - Jabalpur Vande Bharat Express train will depart from Rani Kamalapati

Railway Station and will reach Jabalpur station the same day with stoppages at Narsinghpur, Pipariya & Narmadapuram Railway stations.

With the operation of Vande Bharat train, the connectivity of Jabalpur, the cultural capital of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh and nearby religious places and tourist places will increase as well as the all-round development of the region will also increase.

Rani Kamalapati -Indore Vande Bharat Express Bhopal - Indore Vande Bharat Express train will depart from Bhopal Railway Station and reach Indore station the same day with stoppage at Ujjain Railway station. Running of Vande Bharat train between Rani Kamalapati to Indore will facilitate easy and fast travel, and will become an important medium to connect the culture, tourism and pilgrimage places of these regions. Vande Bharat Express will also provide a pleasant and better rail travel experience.



Directorate General of Resettlement inks MoU with private sector to generate employment for Ex-servicemen

The International Press : Directorate General Resettlement (DGR) under Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Defence signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IBM to engage ex-servicemen and to facilitate their seamless integration into the civilian workforce. Through this MoU, DGR will collaborate with IBM to tap into the rich talent pool of ex-servicemen for relevant job opportunities that may continue to arise at the company and its

affiliates. As part of this association, IBM aims to bridge the gap between military service and civilian employment, by providing veterans with exciting opportunities for professional growth and personal development. DGR and IBM will collaborate, on a continuous basis, to identify ex-servicemen with skillset and aptitude suitable for various open positions within the company. After assessment & shortlisting of candidates, IBM will

leverage its resources and expertise to facilitate the recruitment, training, and upskilling of ex-servicemen for those roles. Maj Gen Sharad Kapur, Director General (Resettlement) said, "Our partnership with IBM India would bring in more visibility for our Ex-servicemen to the industry and corporates and help in achieving the objectives of providing skilled manpower and giving a dignified second career to our Ex-servicemen." It is notable that during

the past one year, from April 2022 to March 2023, 24,234 Ex-servicemen received gainful employment in various sectors. In order to maintain a youthful profile of the Armed Forces, approximately 60,000 service personnel are retired/released every year at comparatively young age, and DGR assists the Ex-Servicemen to acquire additional skills with a strong emphasis on evolving requirement of corporate and industry and facilitate their resettlement through a second career.

Startup20 Engagement Group to celebrate a successful inception year with final summit in Gurugram



The International Press : The Startup20 Engagement Group, under the India G20 Presidency, is delighted to announce 'Startup20 Shikhar' - the summit meeting of Startup20, slated to take place in Gurugram on July 3rd and 4th, 2023. The summit, aptly named "Shikhar," which translates to "mountain peak" in Sanskrit, symbolizes the pinnacle of achievements in shaping the future of the global startup ecosystem. It serves as a landmark event for the official release of the final Policy Communiqué. This comprehensive document represents the collective wisdom and tireless efforts of the Startup20 Engagement Group, comprising distinguished delegates from G20 nations and other invitee countries. The Policy Communiqué will lay the foundation for a transformative and inclusive startup ecosystem, fostering economic growth, innovation, and cross-border collaboration. Over the course of two insightful days, the summit promises a diverse and engaging program, featuring dynamic discussions, enlightening presentations, and invaluable networking opportunities. The delegates will have the privilege to connect with industry experts, policymakers, and thought leaders, forging strategic alliances and shaping the trajectory of startups on a global scale. In addition to the discussion on building a global startup ecosystem, the summit will host a large Startup Conclave, where startups will not only showcase their products and services but will engage in investor pitches, mentoring sessions, and other networking opportunities. Like other Startup20 events, there will

also be a healthy mix of art and culture at the event. The summit embodies the immense potential of startups in driving economic prosperity and societal impact. By fostering an environment that nurtures innovation and entrepreneurship, the summit aims to unleash the full potential of startups propelling economic growth, job creation, and sustainable development. Startup20 Chair Dr. Chintan Vaishnav, expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "I think of this final leg of this year's Startup20 journey as a new beginning. We extend a warm invitation to delegates to join us in Gurugram and collectively celebrate the culmination of months of collaboration, consultation, and unwavering determination. We have built consensus over a first-ever powerful communiqué that we will harness the power of startups, paving the way for their vibrant and sustainable future." The Startup20 Shikhar Summit signifies India's commitment to fostering an enabling environment for startups and reinforcing its position as a global leader in innovation and entrepreneurship. It serves as a significant milestone in the journey towards unlocking the potential of startups to drive economic growth, job creation, and societal progress. The Startup20 Engagement Group operates under the India G20 Presidency, aiming to shape the future of the global startup ecosystem. Comprising delegates from G20 nations and invitee countries, Startup20 strives to foster innovation, collaboration, and inclusive growth to unleash the full potential of startups for economic prosperity and societal impact.

Proprietor and editor Aditi Acharya has taken it upon herself to bring back the love of books.

The International Press : Sudhi Pathak, do you read books regularly?

Ever rainy afternoon love poems? The story of imperfection in the afternoon of Sadness? Or is the book your companion in the late night of loneliness? maybe not Now the desire to read books is disappearing with the crowd of

various audio stories, YouTube channels and various applications. Countless readers today turn away from books. And in order to bring those average readers back to books, Chayapoth Publication has started to publish one after another poetry collection, single book, collection of stories, short stories, novels

with a deep love for Bengali literature. According to sources, Aditi Acharjee Mahashya, the owner and editor of the publication, has taken the responsibility of bringing back the love of books to the lost readers. The aim of the editor is to hand over the writings of marginal Bengali writers who are relentlessly

practicing good literature to the readers, and at the same time to shine the light of publicity without keeping the writers in silence. It is known that editor herself is a talented writer, many of her literary creations has been published in various magazines and various anthologies recently. Chayapoth

Publication is going to organize a large-scale book release event in the month of August with a single hope for Bengali readers. Leaders of Bengali literature, film, dance, music are going to be present at the event, and at the same time, a large-scale press conference has also made a splash in the writer's circle.



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from Emergency Medical Relief div. of DteGHS is conducting an on-site assessment of the existing local medical infrastructure/facilities and makeshift hospitals for reviewing the preparedness for this year's yatra. **Web portal/IT Application** For better emergency preparedness, understanding of the pattern of diseases and surveillance of health-related issues, a customized web-enabled real-time data collection module for the Yatra is being developed through the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP)-Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) portal of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC). **Awareness Advisories** Health Ministry has developed advisories for enhancing awareness of the pilgrims in the form of Do's & Dont's. SOPs for medical management of high altitude emergencies have also been prepared for adequate medical management.

India ranks 3rd in Egg Production and 8th in meat production in the world: Shri Parshottam Rupala

The International Press : India has vast resource of livestock and poultry, which play a vital role in improving the socio-economic conditions of rural masses. Livestock forms an important livelihood activity, supplementing incomes, offering employment opportunities. Agriculture diversification through animal husbandry is one of the primary drivers of growth in rural incomes. Union Minister Shri Parshottam Rupala said while addressing media that the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has taken several important initiatives during the last nine years for improvement of per animal productivity. Increase in productivity will help in production of more Milk, meat and livestock products for the domestic market and export market. Department is implementing several programs for complete control and eradication of major livestock diseases and Infrastructure Development. The Department is also dovetailing and synergizing efforts with other Ministries and stakeholders especially in the context of common objective of helping the farmers increase their income through the livestock sector. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying stands committed to work with all the stakeholders and will provide maximum support for delivering the Quality Services at Farmers' Doorstep. Key achievements and initiatives of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying under various Schemes, Programmes are as follows: **Livestock Sector** Livestock Sector is an important subsector of agriculture in the Indian economy. It grew at a Compound

annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.93 per cent during 2014-15 to 2020-21 (at constant prices). The contribution of livestock in total agriculture and allied sector Gross v12:11.5027-06-2023alue added (GVA) (at constant prices) has increased from 24.38 per cent (2014-15) to 30.87 per cent (2020-21). Livestock sector contributed 6.2 per cent of total GVA in 2020-21. **Livestock Population** There are about 303.76 million bovines (cattle, buffalo, mithun and yak), 74.26 million sheep, 148.88 million goats, 9.06 million pigs and about 851.81 million poultry as per 20th Livestock Census in the country. **Dairy Sector** Dairy is the single largest agricultural commodity contributing 5 per cent of the national economy and employing more than 8 crore farmers directly. India is ranked 1st in milk production contributing 23 percent of global milk production. Milk production has increased by 51.05% over the past 8 years from 146.3 million tonnes during 2014-15 to 221.06 million tonnes during 2021-22. Milk production is growing at the annual growth rate (CAGR) of 6.1% over the past 8 years whereas world milk production is growing at 1.2% per annum. The per capita availability of milk is 444 grams per day in 2021-22 as against the world average of 394 grams per day during 2021. **Egg and Meat Production** According to Food and Agriculture Organization Corporate Statistical Database (FAOSTAT) production data (2020), India ranks 3rd in Egg Production and 8th in meat production in the world. Egg production in the country has increased from 78.48

billion in 2014-15 to 129.60 billion Nos. in 2021-22. Egg production in the country is growing at the rate (CAGR) of 7.4% per annum. The per capita availability of egg is at 95 eggs per annum in 2021-22. Meat production in the country has increased from 6.69 million tonnes in 2014-15 to 9.29 million tonnes in 2021-22. **Animal Husbandry and Dairying Schemes** RASHTRIYA GOKUL MISSION: For development and conservation of indigenous bovine breeds Major Achievements/Interventions of Rashtriya Gokul Mission **Nationwide Artificial Insemination Programme- Delivery of Artificial Insemination Services at Farmers Doorstep:** As on date, 5.71 crore animals have been covered, 7.10 crore Artificial Insemination have been performed and 3.74 crore farmers benefited under the programme. **Promotion of IVF Technology in the country:** So far, 19248 viable embryos produced, 8661 viable embryos transferred and 1343 calves are born under the programme. **Sex sorted semen production:** Sex sorted semen production has been introduced in the country for production of only female calves upto 90% accuracy. Under the programme, subsidy of Rs 750 or 50% of the cost of sorted semen on assured pregnancy is available to farmers. **DNA based Genomic selection:** National Dairy Development Board has developed INDUSCHIP for selection of elite animals of indigenous breeds and 25000 animals have been genotyped using the chip for creating referral population. For the first time in the World, BUFFCHIP has been developed

for genomic selection of buffaloes and so far, 8000 buffaloes have been genotyped for creating referral population. **Animal Identification and traceability:** 53.5 crore animals (cattle, buffalo, sheep, goats and pigs) are being identified and registered using polyurethane tags with 12 digit UID No. **Progeny testing and Pedigree selection:** Progeny Testing Programme has been implemented for Gir, Shalwal indigenous breed of cattle and Murrah, Mehsana indigenous breed of buffalo. **National Digital Livestock Mission:** Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India has taken up a digital mission, "National Digital Livestock Mission (NDLM) with NDDB. This will help in improving the productivity of the animals, control diseases that affect both animals and humans, ensure quality livestock and livestock both for domestic and export markets. **Breed Multiplication Farms:** Subsidy of 50% (up to Rs 2 crore per farm) on capital cost (excluding land cost) is provided to private entrepreneurs under this scheme for establishment of breed multiplication farms. Till date, 76 applications has been approved by DAHD and an amount of Rs. 14.22 crore has been released to NDDB as subsidy. **NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR DAIRY DEVELOPMENT:** To create and strengthen infrastructure for quality milk including cold chain infrastructure linking the farmer to the consumer. 185 projects in 28 States and 2 Union Territory have been approved with the total cost of Rs. 3015.35 crore (Central Share Rs. 2297.25 crore) from 2014-15 to 2022-23 (20.06.2023). A total sum of Rs. 1769.29 crore has been released for implementation of new projects approved under the scheme up to 20.06.2023. An amount of Rs. 1314.42 crore has been utilized under the projects approved. **SUPPORTING DAIRY COOPERATIVES AND FARMER PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN DAIRY ACTIVITIES:** To assist the Cooperative Societies and farmer producer organizations engaged in dairy activities by providing soft working capital loan to tide over the crisis on account of severely adverse market conditions or natural calamities. As on 30.04.2023, since 2020-21, NDDB has conveyed sanction of Interest Subvention amount of Rs 513.62 crore against working capital loan amount of Rs 37,008.89 Cr @ 2% p.a for 60 milk unions across the country and released Rs 373.30 Cr (Rs 201.45 Cr as regular interest subvention and Rs 171.85 Cr as additional interest subvention amount). **DAIRY PROCESSING & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FUND (DIDF):** To create/modernize the milk processing, chilling and value addition infrastructure towards components Milk processing, Chilling and Value added Products facilities, etc. Under DIDF, as on 31.05.2023, 37 projects are approved with total outlay of Rs. 6776.86 Crore and Rs. 2353.20 Crore loan has been disbursed against loan of Rs. 4575.73 Crore. An amount of Rs. 88.11 Crore has been released as interest subvention to NABARD. **NATIONAL LIVESTOCK MISSION:** The focus of the scheme is towards employment generation, entrepreneurship development; increase in per animal productivity and thus targeting increased production of meat, goat milk, egg and wool. Under National Livestock Mission, for the first time, the Central Government is providing direct 50% subsidies to the individuals, SHGs, JLGs, FPOs, Section 8 Companies, FCOs to establish Poultry Farms with Hatcheries and brooder mother units, sheep and goat breed multiplication farm, piggy farm and feed and fodder units. Till date, 661 applications have been approved by DAHD and Rs 50.96 Crore has been released as subsidy to 236 beneficiaries. **ANIMAL HUSBANDRY INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FUND:** For incentivizing investments by individual entrepreneurs, private companies, MSME, Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs) and Section 8 companies to establish (i) the dairy processing and value addition infrastructure, (ii) meat processing and value addition infrastructure and (iii) Animal Feed Plant (iv) Breed improvement Technology and Breed Multiplications farms for Cattle/ Buffalo/Sheep/Goat/ Pig and technologically assisted Poultry farms. So far, 309 Projects sanctioned by banks with total project cost is Rs. 7867.65 crore and out of the total project cost Rs. 5137.09 crore is term loan. An amount of Rs. 58.55 Cr. has been released as Interest Subvention. **LIVESTOCK HEALTH AND DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAMME:** For prevention, control and containment of animal diseases of economic and zoonotic importance by vaccination. Till date, total number of animals ear

tagged are nearly 25.04 crores. So far, 24.18 crore animals have been vaccinated in second round of FMD. Round III of FMD vaccination is going on and so far, 4.66 crore animals are vaccinated. So far, 2.19 crore animals have been vaccinated against Brucella. 1960 Mobile Veterinary Units (MVUs) have been flagged off in 16 States/UTs. Out of which, 1181 MVUs are operational in 10 States. **LIVESTOCK CENSUS & INTEGRATED SAMPLE SURVEY SCHEME:** Integrated Sample Survey: To bring out estimates of Major Livestock Products (MLP) such as Milk, Egg, Meat and Wool. The estimates are published in Annual Publication of Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics (BAHS) of the Department. Recently, the Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics (BAHS)-2022 for the period 2021-22 is published. **Livestock Census:** To provide information on livestock population, species-wise and breed-wise along with age, sex-composition etc. up to household level in rural and urban areas. Recently, 20th Livestock Census has been completed in the year 2019 with the participation of Animal Husbandry Department of all the States/UTs. The All-India report namely "20th Livestock Census-2019" containing Species-wise and State-wise population of livestock has been published. In addition to the above, the Department has also Published Breed-wise report on Livestock and Poultry based on 20th Livestock Census). **KISAN CREDIT CARDS (KCC) FOR DAIRY FARMERS OF MILK COOPERATIVES AND MILK PRODUCER COMPANIES:** So far, more than 27.65 lakh fresh KCCs were sanctioned for AHD Farmers.

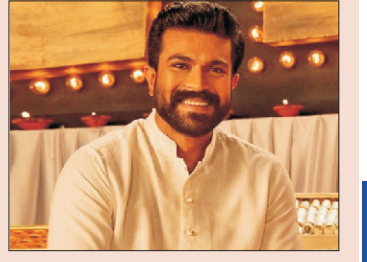
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'RRR' star Ram Charan becomes father

South Indian superstar Ram Charan and his wife Upasana Konidela became parents to a baby girl on Tuesday morning, reports arynews. The news was confirmed by the Apollo Hospital in Hyderabad,



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The International Press : Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari said total length of the National Highways in the country increased by about 59% in the last nine years. As a result of this expansion, India now has the second largest road network, after the US. Addressing a Press Conference in New Delhi today Shri Gadkari said: "Total length of National Highways was 91,287 km in 2013-14, which increased to 1,45,240 km in 2022-23, which is a rise of more than 59% during this period."

Interacting with Media on the 9 years achievement of MoRTH, GOI. #9YearsOfModiGovernment #9YearsOfSeva <https://t.co/ueAF60e6bP> — Nitin Gadkari (@nitin_gadkari) June 27, 2023

He also said that, in the last nine years, the increase in 4 lane NH rose about two times. In 2013-14, this length of 4 lane NH was 18,371 km which has increased to 44,654 km in the last nine years. Secretary MoRTH Shri Anurag Jain and NHAI Chairman Shri Santosh Kumar Yadav were also present at the Press Conference. Shri Gadkari said with the introduction of FASTag, there is significant jump in the toll collection. The minister further informed that the revenues from tolls rose to Rs 41,342 crore in 2022-23 from Rs 4,770 crore in 2013-14. The Government aims to increase the toll revenue to Rs 1,30,000 crore by 2030, Shri Gadkari added.

Shri Gadkari said the waiting time at toll plazas has also reduced as a result of this. "In 2014, the waiting time at the toll plazas was 734 seconds, whereas in the 2023 this has reduced to 47 seconds. We are hopeful that we will bring it down to 30 second soon," he said. The Minister spoke about transformative impact of FASTag on travel experiences in India, saying it has revolutionised the concept of toll payments, eliminating the need for cash transactions. This breakthrough has saved approximately Rs 70,000 crore in wasted fuel expenses caused by waiting at the toll plazas, according to a research. Shri Gadkari said special emphasis is being laid on the expansion in road



Government led by PM Modi granting mass promotions to employees in order to motivate them and overcome the problem of long stagnation": Dr Jitendra Singh

The International Press : Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), Ministry of Personnel has approved the mass promotion of 1,592 officials working in the capacity of Assistant Section Officers (ASOs) to the post of Section Officers on adhoc basis with immediate effect. Announcing this here today, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said that the Promotion orders will be issued soon by the respective Cadre Controlling authorities. The Promotions had been expedited at the directions of the Minister Incharge DoPT, Dr Jitendra Singh who personally reviewed the entire process. "Government has been granting mass promotions to employees in order to motivate them and overcome the problem of long stagnation. Another 2,000 promotions in ASO and other Grades are in process and hopefully they will get promoted by this year end," the Minister said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that in the last nine years, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Government has periodically reviewed the longstanding stagnation issues in the various Central Ministries that are a legacy of the past due to pending court cases, lack of vacancies in higher grades and other personnel issues. The Minister said, last year also about 9,000 mass promotions were

made and prior to that the DoPT granted 4,000 promotions in the preceding three years. Dr Jitendra Singh said, he himself personally feels disturbed to come across cases where some of the employees working in the lowest rung of administration spend their entire service tenure of 30 to 35 years without securing a single promotion. He said, he has discussed the issue with all the senior officers in the Ministry and several innovative means have been evolved to avoid stagnation at middle and lower rungs of the administration. Dr Jitendra Singh also regretted that in a large number of cases, stagnation in promotions was the result of litigation amongst the employees themselves and even though the DoPT tries its best to put forward its view in the court of law,

the delay becomes inevitable. "PM Modi has made efforts to ensure that government jobs are available to the maximum extent possible. It is extremely painful and disheartening to see employees sometimes superannuating in the same grade as promotions remained stuck," said the Minister. The orders for mass promotion of these employees belonging to the Central Secretariat Service (CSS) have been issued after several rounds of high-level meetings in DoPT chaired by Dr Jitendra Singh in the last few months. The Minister said, even legal experts were consulted as some of the orders are subject to the outcome of pending writ petitions. Dr Jitendra Singh said, in order to bring in the ease of governance as well as objectivity in

empanelment, the government has, in the last nine years, improvised upon the procedures so as to ensure that there are no subjective preferences involved in carrying out the promotions. "Procedures have been

made more hi-tech using sophisticated technology tools to minimize the human interface," he added. The DoPT Minister said that the government has done away with over 1,600 rules which were either obsolete or had

become irrelevant with the passage of time. Dr Jitendra Singh said, "All this is meant not only to ensure effective and timely delivery of outcomes for the public, but also to enable the employees to perform to the best of their ability".

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UK Parliament honours Karan Johar from for his contribution to films

The International Press : Indian director and producer Karan Johar was honoured by the British Parliament for his contribution to the "global entertainment industry" as the Bollywood filmmaker completes 25 years in the industry this year, according to businesstoday.in. On Tuesday, Johar spoke about this through one of his Instagram posts. He also shared that Indian-origin member of the House of Lords of the UK, Baroness Sandy Verma presented the citation to him. In the post, Johar wrote, "Today has been SUCH A SPECIAL day! I am fortunate and deeply grateful to be

honoured at the British House of Parliament, in London by the esteemed Baroness Verma of Leicester. We celebrated my 25th year as a filmmaker in the film industry, and I launched the teaser for #RockyAurRaniKiPremKahaani too!" "It's one of those days where I pinch myself and realise that dreams do come true. Thank you everyone for the unabashed love you have shown me in my journey. And I promise you, there is more to come! @ukparliament," he added. His production house, Dharma Productions, also posted pictures of Karan Johar receiving the citation on

their official Twitter account. The production house tweeted, "IT ONLY GETS GRANDER WITH DOUBLE THE CELEBRATION! We're over the moon to see our captain, #KaranJohar honoured at the British Parliament in London TODAY for his contribution to the global entertainment industry - celebrating his 25th anniversary year!" Karan Johar's latest directed film Rocky Aur Rani starring Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt in the lead roles marking his return as director after 2016's Ae Dil Hai Mushkil, is all set to hit the theatres on July 28. The film also stars veteran actors Dharmendra, Jaya

Bachchan and Shabana Azmi in pivotal roles. In 1998, Karan Johar made his directorial debut with Kuch Kuch Hota Hai, and today he is one of the most influential personality in the Bollywood industry. He directed some of the most successful films in the Bollywood, which include Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham, Kabhi Alvida Naa Kehna, and My Name Is Khan. He produced several successful moves, namely Kailash Khanna, Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani, Kapoor & Sons, and Raazi. Johar also hosts one of the most buzz-worthy celebrity chat show, Koffee With Karan.



John Abraham, Sharvari to star in 'Vedaa'

The International Press : Actors John Abraham and Sharvari are set to team up for in director Nikkhil Advani's upcoming film Vedaa. Starring Sharvari in the title role, the movie will be "a thrilling experience filled with high-octane sequences and gripping action", said the makers. Also featuring Abhishek Banerjee, Vedaa is backed by Zee Studios, Emmay Entertainment, and JA Entertainment. Abraham, whose latest release was the blockbuster movie Pathaan, said he is looking forward to giving his all for this project. "This riveting story will definitely leave an imprint in your mind as it did for me. I am honoured to play the part and excited for kickstarting this journey," the actor-producer said in a statement. Abraham is touted to take on the role of a mentor to Sharvari's titular character. Sharvari, known for Bunty



Aur Babil 2, said she is lucky to be directed by Advani early on in her career. "I would like to thank him for trusting me with a titular role as Vedaa. It's a privilege to work with John Abraham and I am sure I will get to learn a lot from him on this journey. I love the entire Emmay Entertainment team and I

want to thank them for nurturing me creatively with this film. I'm super excited about filming Vedaa," she added. Advani said he and Abraham are happy to work together post Batla House. "With Vedaa we have found that hard-hitting

story that can be elevated to a wider and broader audience with some incredible action. Sharvari is possibly one of the most hard working actors I have had the pleasure of working with," the director said. The shooting of Vedaa, penned by Aseem Arora, is underway in Rajasthan.

'RRR' star Ram Charan becomes father

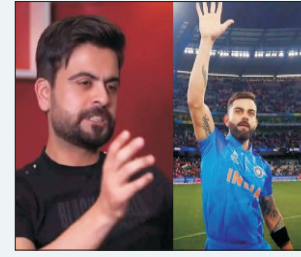


The International Press : South Indian superstar Ram Charan and his wife Upasana Konidela became parents to a baby girl on Tuesday morning, reports arynews. The news was confirmed by the Apollo Hospital in Hyderabad, India. In a bulletin the hospital said, "Miss

Upasana Kamineni and Ram Charan Konidela had a baby girl on 20th June 2023, at Apollo Hospital Jubilee Hills Hyderabad. The baby and mother are doing well." On June 19, Ram and Upasana reached the Apollo Hospitals in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad in the evening.

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Neymar faces possible \$1 mn fine over Brazil property work



The International Press : A "major construction" project at Brazilian football star Neymar's mansion in Rio de Janeiro state was halted on Thursday for "environmental infractions," which could result in a fine of some \$1 million, authorities said. The project was underway "without environmental authorization" on the Paris Saint-Germain and Brazil national

team player's luxury property in Mangaratiba, some 130 kilometers (80 miles) from Rio de Janeiro, the mayor's office said in a statement. The authorities, alerted by complaints posted on social media, discovered "various environmental infractions," including the diversion of a waterway, and the unauthorized extraction of water

from a river. They also discovered unauthorized excavation and movement of earth, stones and rocks, as well as the use of beach sand without a permit. "The next step will be to make an assessment of the irregularities found and issue a fine which, according to estimates and in view of the environmental damage caused, will not be less than five

million reais (about \$1 million)," the mayor's office said. Neymar's representatives in Brazil have not responded to AFP's request for comment. The footballer's father, Neymar da Silva Santos, was on site during the inspection and can be heard arguing with officials in a video published by authorities and carried by local media. Neymar bought the

property in 2016. According to local media, it sits on 10,000 square meters (2.5 acres) of land and includes a helipad, spa and gym. The 31-year-old striker is currently recovering from an operation on his right ankle, which he underwent in Doha, Qatar, in March. He has not played since February, and doubts have arisen as to whether he will remain at PSG.

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The International Press : Pakistani opener Ahmed Shehzad has stated that Virat Kohli's best is yet to come in a Podcast on Thursday. Shehzad, 31, who was often compared to Kohli in the past, is a huge admirer of the former Indian skipper and was not shy to talk about the Indian batter's legacy. "We share a mutual respect for each other. Whenever I need any advice regarding cricket, he has been kind (to help me out). I really respect him as a player. He has changed himself dramatically," Shehzad said.

Championship (WTC) final in 2021. "He took India to new heights in Test cricket. I haven't seen someone who has adapted so quickly. I feel, his best is yet to come," he added. It must be noted that Kohli won 40 out of 68 Test matches he captained. These are the most matches for any Indian captain ever in the longest format. And with 40 Test wins, he also became the most successful Test captain in India's history. Virat Kohli recorded the most Test wins at home as captain. India won as many as 24 Test matches while he was at the helm breaking MS Dhoni's record who won 21 Test matches at home as captain. The 34-year-old also scored 20 Test centuries as a captain which puts him only behind the legendary South Africa's captain Graeme Smith who scored five more tons than the Indian. Meanwhile, all of Kohli's seven Test double centuries came as a Test captain. These are the most for any captain in the history of Test cricket.

Viswanathan Anand's Ganges Grandmasters take early lead in Tech Mahindra Global Chess League



The International Press : Former world champions Grandmaster (GM) Viswanathan Anand and GM Hou Yifan scored crucial wins on Thursday to propel the Ganges Grandmasters to the top of the leaderboard after the first day of action in the Global Chess League. With the rest of the games in the six-board match ending in draws, Ganges cruised to a 4-2 victory over the Chingari Gulf Titans, securing the temporary leadership with three match points after the other match of the day ended in a deadlock. The Triveni Continental Kings and the UpGrad Mumbai Masters earned one point each after ending their match in a 3-3 tie, with another former world champion playing the hero's role to save UpGrad from a disastrous start. Playing the white pieces, Anand faced the Berlin variation of the Ruy Lopez opening against Chingari's Polish top player, GM Jan-Krzysztof Duda, who sacrificed a pawn on the 21st move to create an opening on the d-file for his major pieces and eventually plant a dangerous rook on white's second rank. The five-time world classical chess champion from India created counterplay against the black monarch in the kingside to keep the game in balance, but it was a greedy pawn grab by Duda's queen on the 35th move that completely turned the game to the Indian's favour. With black's queen temporarily going offside after capturing a pawn in white's queenside, Anand launched a major offensive against the black king with a series of pawn breaks that completely ripped open black's kingside defence, forcing resignation just five moves later. Hou, a four-time women's world chess champion from China, repulsed a dangerous attack by Russia's GM Alexandra Kosteniuk, herself a former women's world champion, in another Ruy Lopez encounter and nursed her advantage until the endgame to secure the win after 59 moves. In the other games, Ganges' GM Richard Rapport, GM Leinier Dominguez Perez, GM Bella Khotenashvili and GM Andrey Espenko settled for draws with GM Shakhriyar Mamedyarov, GM Daniil Dubov, International Master (IM) Polina Shuvalova and GM Nihal Sarin respectively. Russia's GM Alexander Grischuk, a three-time world blitz chess champion, gave UpGrad the equalizing point after beating GM Yu Yangyi of China in a thrilling game where the Russian allowed Yu to wreck his kingside pawns in exchange for the bishop pair and a dangerous initiative along the half-open g-file. Triveni was in the driver's seat early in the match with three of their players having completely winning positions. Yu's compatriot GM Wei Yi went on to convert his advantage to a win over India's GM Vidit Santosh Gujrathi, giving Triveni their first point. Russian GM Kateryna Lagno and Danish GM Jonas Buhl Bjerre, however, let slip a decisive advantage against Indian GM Koneru Humpy and Uzbek prodigy GM Javokhir Sindarov, as both games ended in a draw. In the other games, Triveni's GM Levon Aronian and GM Nana Dzagnidze drew with UpGrad's GM Maxime Vachier-Lagrave and GM Harika Dronavalli, respectively.

Manchester City to enter race for Declan Rice



The International Press : Manchester City have entered the race to sign the English midfielder Declan Rice as reported by The Athletic on Thursday. Another English club Arsenal have been trying to sign the 24-year-old but both of their bids of £80m and £90m were rejected by West Ham. Rice, 24, led West Ham United to European glory last season as his team defeated the Italian club Fiorentina 2-1 in a UEFA Conference League (UECL) final on June 7 in Fortuna Arena, Czech Republic. City, who are preparing for life without their captain Ilkay Gundogan as he is on the verge of joining FC Barcelona, are set to acquire the services of the English midfielder to fill the gap that will be left with the departure of their

captain. Earlier on Wednesday (June 21), it was reported by ESPN that the English champions have agreed to a £25m deal for the Croatian midfielder Mateo Kovacic. City's head coach Pep Guardiola is an admirer of the Croatian since his time at Real Madrid and wants to bring him to Manchester. During his time with Los Blancos, the Croatian won three UEFA Champions League (UCL) titles and La Liga in 2017. It was also reported on the same that day Gundogan, who was on top of the wishlist for Barca as head coach Xavi Hernandez has been a big admirer of the midfielder, signed for the Spanish Club with only the official announcement pending.

Gundogan's experience, versatility and most importantly a free transfer are some of the reasons why Barca completed the signing. Despite a new contract offered to the German by his club, the 32-year-old decided to leave as he wanted to take on a new challenge in the later part of his career. The 32-year-old led Manchester City to a historic treble last season where they also won their first-ever UEFA Champions League (UCL) title in the club's history. He also scored a brace in FA Cup final against Manchester United to help his team seal the trophy. As it seems, City will cover the absence of Gundogan with two top-notch midfielders who are proven in the league as well as on the European stage.

AC Milan set to move for Romelu Lukaku



The International Press : The Italian club AC Milan are well prepared to push for a move for the Belgian striker Romelu Lukaku as reported by the Italian newspaper Gazzetta dello Sport. Lukaku spent last season on loan at Inter Milan and the Italian giants are hoping to extend that loan for another year as the player remains reluctant to return to parent club Chelsea. However, as the Milan midfielder Sandro Tonali is closing in to join the English club Newcastle United for a record £60m fee, the Italian club is

eager to reinvest the money to strengthen the squad for the next season. While Inter are only willing to take the Belgian for one more year on a loan deal, Milan could up to €40m. Milan wants to buy the Belgian for a permanent move as they want to pair him up with the French striker Olivier Giroud. The Italian club already lost one of their most important attacking forces in Brahim Diaz who returned to Real Madrid after a three-year loan spell in June. A strong interest from Saudi Arabia for

Lukaku was also seen in the past days but he is understood to not be keen on a move to the Kingdom, where he is also wanted by Al-Hilal. It now appears there is a battle between the two Milan teams and that could ramp up pressure on Inter. On the other hand, Chelsea who are revamping their squad under the leadership of the new manager Mauricio Pochettino, would not let the Belgian leave for free. Earlier on Wednesday (June 21), Arsenal agreed on a deal to sign Chelsea's attacker

Kai Havertz for £65m. Havertz cemented his name in the history books of the club when he scored a winning goal in the 2021 UEFA Champions League (final) against Manchester City and helped Chelsea lift the title for the second time in the club's history at the Estadio do Dragao in Porto, Portugal. He won three trophies with Chelsea, UCL and UEFA Super Cup in 2021 and FIFA Club World Cup in 2022. He failed to win a domestic accolade in three years.