

# S. K. De Wins Mahatma Gandhi Ratna Award 2022

An impactful journalist par excellence, his endeavour has been to fearlessly report on various subjects including social issues and entertainment by following an unbiased approach. Yes, he is indeed the lighthouse of modern journalism, Sandip Kumar De better known as S.K. De. and his distinctive style underscores the importance of engaging and exemplary coverage. Hence visual storytelling for S. K. De serves as a cornerstone of democracy and unparalleled entertainment.

The renowned journalist, Voice Over Artist, Editor and film critic, Sandip Kumar De (S. K. De) was honoured with the coveted Mahatma Gandhi Ratna Award 2022 recently in Mumbai.

The keenly awaited Mahatma Gandhi Ratna Award 2022 was organized by Krishna Chouhan Foundation (KCF) at a glittering evening ceremony held at the Mayor's Hall, Andheri West on Gandhi Jayanti. This prestigious award is an initiative to recognize the outstanding contribution of various personalities, primarily in the field of Indian movie industry or related to it and even to bring to limelight the individuals or organisations working selflessly towards social upliftment. Hence, this award serves as a motivation for the selfless and peerless crusaders of our



nation!

S. K. De started his journey as a Journalist, Film Critic and Editor several years back and he has been associated with various newspapers, magazines and throughout his entire career, he has won several accolades and recognitions across India. Then after creating his mark in the print media industry, he moved on to the digital media industry bandwagon.

S. K. De has been known for his unparalleled presence on various digital platforms including Rajshri Media's Bollywood Now and Bollywood Masala channels as Editor-in-Chief, Chief Correspondent, Voice Over Artist & Film Critic.

As a Film Critic and Editor-Chief, S. K. De has been responsible for the phenomenal success of various leading digital platforms across diverse segments. S. K. De was earlier ranked amongst the

Top Branding experts worldwide according to an independent survey in the year 2017. He has even lent his golden voice for numerous projects related to Bollywood, Hollywood and the corporate world. S. K. De has been felicitated with numerous awards as a Journalist, V.O. Artist and Content Creator and he has been winning laurels since childhood. There were various other eminent personalities as well who were conferred the Mahatma Gandhi Ratna Award 2022 at the event.

The film industry, political and corporate entities have welcomed with open arms the initiatives undertaken by film director, social activist and philanthropist Dr. Krishna Chouhan and in recent times he has been crowned as the undisputed King of Awards and the Showman of Awards.

The entire world celebrates India's Father Of The Nation,

Mahatma Gandhi's birthday on 2nd October. On this special day to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi's birthday, various political parties and social service organisations organise various kinds of events and activities as a mark of reverence! One such organisation, KCF Foundation under the leadership of Dr. Krishna Chouhan had organised Mahatma Gandhi Ratna Award 2022 function at the Mayor Hall, Andheri West for the second year in a row. The distinguished guests for the evening were actors Ranjeet, director Mehul Kumar, B.N. Tiwari, music director Dileep Sen, Anil Nagrath, Pankaj Berry, Loksabha member Dr. Sunil Baliram Gaikwad, Union Leader Abhijeet Rane, actress Sujata Mehta, social activist Sundari Thakur, Madhumangal Das, social activist and historian Deendayal Murarka were present on this occasion and they were felicitated with this coveted award as well.

After a successful stint last year, Dr. Krishna Chouhan conferred the Mahatma Gandhi Ratna Award 2022 to various personalities who have excelled in social service and Bollywood. The actor Ranjeet on this occasion said, "We should follow the path of truth and non violence as shown by Gandhi and live our lives with love and compassion. I have

portrayed the role of villain in movies but I received a lot of love from everyone."

Mehul Kumar stated that we are forgetting to follow Gandhiji in our lives and the need of the hour is to follow Gandhiji's principles. Anil Nagrath expressed that people have become selfish in today's blind race and we all need each other's support hence we should devote some time to others as well.

Dr. Sunil Baliram Gaikwad said that we should be inspired by Gandhiji and that should reflect in our karma!

The Mahatma Gandhi Ratna Award was presented to actor Nafe Khan, Shyam Lal, Rajkumar Kanodia, Zeenat Ehsaan Qureshi, Producer Sandeep Nagre, social worker Mayank Shekhar, dancer Shirin Farid, actress Seema Suryavanshi, Siya Kali, Bollywood astrologer Preeti Jhingiani, singer Raju Tank, Bright Outdoor Publicity owner Yogesh Lakhani, Publicity designer Shabbir, astrologer Puneet Vora, actress Rutwa Prajapati, anchor Dr. Bharti Chhabria, Pawan Tod dressed as Gandhiji, writer P.K. Gupta, social worker Yogesh Subhas Bhan Sudhakar, Manikrao Kapde, Dr. Archana Deshmukh, Sameera Shaikh, ND Khan, Amir Mulla, Dr. Sunil Sathe, Mayank Agarwal, Rupayan Foundation, lyricist

M. Prakash.

The audience was mesmerized by the breathtaking performances by Shirin Farhid, Siya Kale and Seema Suryavanshi.

Dr. Krishna Chouhan also felicitated several other accomplished journalists with the Mahatma Gandhi Ratna Award 2022 including Santosh Sahu, Kalidas Pandey, Devendra Khanna, Rajendra Kuril, Dilip Patel, Dinesh Kumar, Pankaj Pandey, Rahul Varun, Deepak Sahu, Rajendra Bodare, Upendra Pandit, Naem Singh, Jayesh Shah, Naveen Pandey, Tinku Chauhan, Naseer Tagle, Mohan Rajput and photographer Rajesh Koril, Dinesh Paresha, Chandra Prakash Manjhi. Dr. Krishna Chouhan has been working on several Bollywood projects as Director. He has even directed several short films and music videos. His forthcoming project is the horror flick aatma.com and the music director for this movie is Ole Ole song fame and renowned music director Dilip Sen.

Dr. Krishna Chouhan is known as the showman of awards as he has the distinction of having organised the Bollywood Legend Award, Bollywood Iconic Award, Legend Dadasaheb Phalke Award besides the Mahatma Gandhi Ratna Award since several years.

## Parvez Damania and Ratan Luth curated Pandarpur Wari photo exhibition

This World Tourism Day, Art collectors Parvez Damania and Ratan Luth brought to you a fabulous photographic capture of the Pandarpur Wari through the lens of some of India's most acclaimed photographers titled 'The Great Pilgrimage-Pandarpur'



The exhibition was attended by the who's who of the city including Raj Thackeray and wife Rashmi Thackeray, Tourism Minister Mangal Prabhat Lodha, Mumbai Commissioner of Police Vivek Phansalkar, Leslee Lewis, Nisha Jamwal, Dr. Soma Ghosh, Rupali Suri, Dr. Mukesh Batra, Jimmy Mistry, Maheka Mipur, Bachi Karkaria, Shaina NC, Harinder Singh, Aditi Gowitriker, Vikram Bawa among others.

The Pandarpur Wari boasts of an 800-year-old tradition of faith with over a million pilgrims or Warkaris travelling every year on the onset of monsoon for over 21 days on foot to reach the Vithoba temple. One witnesses men in Gandhi caps, women in colourful saris with tulsi pots on their heads, gallant horses leading the dindis, saffron flags, palkis, the devout sound of veena, mridanga, dholki and chipli, the energy of the fugdi – the beauty of simple people travelling after sowing the seeds for the season dancing and singing their way to Pandharpur on foot braving the sun and the rains in joy to meet Lord Panduranga.

This flow of humanity in an unparalleled pilgrimage that breaks the barriers of caste, creed, rich and poor, may have been covered in parts but never in its entirety by photojournalists.

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"The Wari is one of the most ancient and powerful pilgrimages on Earth. I travelled the Wari a few years back and brought home the mesmeric moments. They haunted my mind and I spoke to Ratan Luth and together we got a team of the best photographers, and walked with the photographers on foot for ten days to capture the essence of the Wari," elaborates Parvez Damania.

Revered photojournalist Padma Shri Sudharak Olwe, ace Lensmen Shantanu Das, Mahesh Lonkar, Pubarun Basu, Mukund Parke, Saurabh Bhatikar, Dr. Sawan Gandhi, Pranav Deo, Rahul Godse and Dhaneshwar Vidya, along with Prof. Nitin Joshi, Deepak Bhoole and Shivam Harmalkar from Symbiosis University formed the team that captured these timeless moments of faith, legend, history and tradition of the Warkaris in their frozen frames. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of Maharashtra joined hands to make this leap of faith possible.

'The Great Pilgrimage - Pandharpur', curated by Parvez Damania and Ratan Luth in association with the Directorate of Tourism, Government of Maharashtra, is on at the Piramal Gallery of Photography as an Art Form, NCPA, from September 28-30, 10am to 8pm. The launch was on World Tourism Day, September 27 evening at the gallery.

## Divya Shri Ram Katha from 6th to 14th October in Udaipur

Sant Lokeshanand Maharaj will be telling sensuous Katha of Lord Ram

Pothi procession Will on October 6

**Udaipur:** From October 6 to October 14, the divine Shri Ram Katha will be showered at ITP Bhawan, Bhuwana, from the shri much of Brahma Swaroop Sant Lokeshanand Maharaj. From every aspect related to the life of Maryada Purushottam, Lord Shri Ram, and his sacrifice and penance, the city's residents will be taking advantage of listening to the Katha. They can take the ecstasy of the spiritual journey and learn something from the life of Shri Ram, for this, the originator of the Shri Narayan Bhakti Panth.

A Grand procession will be held on October 6

Balu Singh Kanawat, president of Shree Narayan Bhakti Panth Mewar, the Katha organizer, said that the Katha will begin with a grand procession on October 6. At 8:15, a procession will be taken out with various tableaux from Dharmaraj Devra located in Pula, reaching ITP Bhawan with gaiety, where the Katha will begin. Men will participate in the procession wearing white clothes, and women wearing yellow clothes.



Theatrical performances will be held in different contexts.

Yudhishtira Kumawat, the national president of Kumawat Kshatriya Mahasabha, said that the nine-day divine Ram Katha will be musical and melodious. Many incidents related to Shri Ram's life, including Shri Ram Janmotsav, Shri Ram coronation, and Hanuman Chalisa, will be staged.

Committees formed for a successful event

Jitesh Kumawat, secretary of Bhakti Panth Mewar, said that various committees have been formed for the organization of the Katha, in which the responsibility of distribution of prasad, meeting, traffic arrangement, literature distribution, water system, publicity, etc. to different committees heads. Has been given.

Bus-auto will be arranged in these areas.

Convenor Yogesh Kumawat said that buses and significant autos have been arranged in Devali, Chandpol, Surajpol, Sukher, and Amberi areas to bring and take the devotees to take benefit of listening to Shri Ram Katha.

It is noteworthy that in 2018, Sant Lokeshanand Maharaj performed Rasvarsha of the musical Shri Vishnu Purana Katha in ITP Bhawan on the devotees, in which thousands of devotees took advantage of listening to the Katha.

## Indian railways records best ever September - 2022



Indian railways has recorded best ever September Monthly freight loading of 115.80 MT in Sep'22. The incremental loading in the month of September has been 9.7 MT i.e. a growth of 9.15% over the previous best September figures achieved in 2021.

With this, Indian Railways has had 25 straight months of best ever monthly freight loading.

The Railways has achieved an incremental loading of 6.8 MT in Coal, followed by 1.2 in Iron Ore and 1.22 MT in Balance other goods, 0.4 MT in Cement & Clinker and 0.3 MT in Fertilizers. Increase in automobile loading has been another highlight of Freight Business in FY 2022-23 and 2712 rakes have been loaded in FY 2022-23 till

September as compared to 1575 rakes during the same period of last year i.e. a growth of 72.2%. The cumulative freight loading from 1st April 2022 to 30th September 2022 has been 736.68 MT as against 668.86 MT achieved in 2021-22 i.e. an incremental loading of 67.83 MT, with a growth of 10.14% over same period last year. The freight NTKMs (Net tonne kilometers) have increased from 63.43 Billion in September '21 to 69.97 Billion in September '22 registering a growth of 10.3%. The cumulative NTKMs in the first Half of the year have also grown by 17.1%.

The sustained efforts of Indian Railways to increase supply of Coal to Power houses, in close coordination with Ministries of Power and Coal, has again been one of the key features of the freight performance in the month of September. The loading of Coal (both domestic and imported) to Power Houses has increased by 6.2 MT in September, with 42.00 MT Coal being moved to Power houses as against 35.8 MT last year, i.e. a growth of 17.3%. Cumulatively, in the first Half of the year, IR has loaded more than 64.53 MT extra coal to Power Houses as compared to same period of last year, with a growth of more than 29.3%. The commodity wise growth number show that IR has achieved impressive growth in almost all commodity segments with the growth rates.

## Umang'22 the Annual Sports Meet at Sir Padampat Singhania University

**Udaipur:** Umang'22 - the Annual Sports Meet of Sir Padampat Singhania University, Udaipur (SPSU) was held on September 29th 2022. Colonel Sanjay Sinha, Head - Education Vertical, JK Cement Ltd., Dr. Sanjay Mishra Registrar, SPSU along with the Deans and Faculty Members signed the ceremonial sports torch. Colonel Sinha fervently declared the opening of the event and encouraged the



players to keep up the sportsman spirit. A good number of students from various institutes in and around the city participated in the event and displayed their exemplary talent in the sports events like Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Cricket, Football, Table-Tennis, Volleyball & Chess. Students from different schools including Vivekananda Kendriya Vidyalaya, Rishabhdev visited, participated and witnessed the event. A great amount of precision, intellect and vigor was seen in all of the games.

In the prize distribution ceremony Prof. (Dr.) Padmakali Banerjee, The Honourable Vice

Chancellor and President, SPSU paid a tribute to the founder Chancellor Late Shri Yadupati Singhania on his birth anniversary. She instituted and declared 'The Seventh Sense: Spirit of Optimism Award' for outstanding athletic achievement and event planning. Kanetti Sai Krishna, B.Tech, CSE, IV year was the honoree. Colonel Sinha too announced a cash prize for him. Prof. (Dr.) Padmakali Banerjee commended the efforts of the students and applauded their sportsmanship, team spirit, harmony, skill and brilliance in putting up a great show. Aadhy Gajjar, B.Tech II year, Kartik Jain MBA I year, Ganga Dhakad, MBA II year, P. Tharun B.Tech II year, Ragini Goyal, MBA I year, Deepak Jha B.Tech II year and many others were awarded with medals and trophies in the ceremony. The students enchanted the audience with the wonderful cultural performances as well. Prof. Deepak Vyas, Proctor of the University presented the events summary and Dr. Manish Dadhich proposed the vote of thanks. The thrill, excitement, and the pleasure of winning were most memorable moments of the event.

## Painter Subodh Ranjan honored in Delhi with Rajasthan Seva Ratna Award

**Udaipur:** Subodh Ranjan Sharma, a painter of modern realistic style of Rajasthan state, at the Constitution Club of India, Speaker Hall in New Delhi on Friday night (30 September 2022) Bharat Prasad, Minister of Home and Communications of Nepal, Madhesh Pradesh, Nepal. Awarded 'Rajasthan Seva Ratna' award in the field of painting in a grand ceremony by



The Managing Director of Vishwa Seva Parishad, Ranchi, Dr. B.B. According to Raj, in this ceremony, dance, poetry, literature, science, music, singing, painting, folk culture genres, education and administrative work from different countries and different states of India, enlightened the well-versed, distinguished talents and social service organizations. Awarded in the presence of the people. Artist Subodh Ranjan, who has a distinct image in the painting field of Rajasthan, was honored with the 'Rajasthan Seva Ratna Award, 2022. In the program, folk singers from Jaisalmer, Mohammad Ibarat and the party sang Rajasthani folk songs. Germany, Fiji, Italy, Canada, Talent from Nepal, Bhutan and Mauritius were also honoured.

The chief guest at the function, National President of Vishwa Seva Parishad, Subas Sahu, Supreme Court Advocate Manish Sharan, Dr. Umashankar Sharma, Ranchi were also present.

## Military Nursing service celebrated 97th Raising Day at Jaipur Military station

Jaipur: The Nursing Officers of the Military

Nursing service at Jaipur Military station celebrated 97th Raising day 01 Oct 2022. On this occasion, Lt Gen Amardeep Singh Bhinder, GOC -in -C HQ South Western Command extended his greetings to all the officers and their families for their sincere contribution, care & compassion.

Military Nursing Officers are providing patient care service not only in the country but are also serving in UN Missions, and are an integral part in all disaster and pandemic relief operations undertaken by Tri Services. As the COVID-19 pandemic engulfed human life, the



lessons learnt over the past centuries have helped the nurses to develop better strategies to improve their resilience towards the pandemic.

The history of this Service in the Armed forces dates back to 28 Mar 1888 with a handful of British Nurses, who later transformed into the permanent Nursing Service on 01 Oct 1926. At the moment, the Corps has 5000 strong, highly educated and specialized nurses who are professionally competent, compassionate and ready to take on any challenges with a mission of "Excellence in patient care both in War and Peace" and a motto of "Service with Smile".

Army Commander lauded the untiring efforts and perseverance of the MNS officers for their competent, compassionate and disciplined services both during War and Peace.