

The Master Blaster

Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar, the name synonymous to cricket is a cricketering legend who has won immense accolades and fame for his magnificent strokes touching millions of hearts worldwide.

Making of a legend

Born on 24th April, 1973 into a middle class family, Sachin started his cricketering stint at his school, Shardashram Vidyamandir under his coach Ramakant Achrekar. While at school, he scored a huge 664 run partnership with his friend and future Indian batsman Vinod Kambli in the Harris Shield interschool game.

Setting records on home turf

On 11th December 1988, aged just 15 years and 232 days, Sachin scored a 100 not out in his debut match for Bombay against Gujarat, making him the youngest Indian to debut with a century. This gained him entry to home turf cricket. Sachin is the only player to score a century while debuting in Ranji Trophy, Duleep Trophy and Irani Trophy.

Going international

Sachin debuted in international cricket against Pakistan in Karachi in 1989 at the age of 16. At the England's Tour

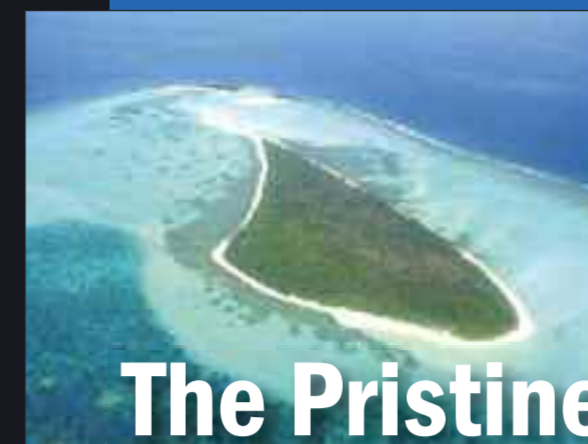
in 1990, Sachin made his maiden Test century. But he truly arrived on the scene in the 1991-92 tour of Australia scoring a brilliant century at Perth. At 19, he became the first overseas born player to represent Yorkshire.

Records par excellence

The popular cricket magazine, Wisden ranked Sachin as the second best batsman of all times after Sir Don Bradman. He is also the second ODI batsman after Viv Richards and holds the fastest run record of 10,000 runs in Test cricket history. Though not a regular bowler, Sachin has 37 wickets in 132 tests to his name.

Awards galore

For his huge contribution as a cricketer, Sachin has been bestowed with the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, Arjuna Award, Padma Shri and Padma Vibhushan by the Government of India. His talent, fused with immense politeness and thorough professionalism has made him a favourite even among his on-field opponents.



The Pristine Islands

The tiniest Union Territory of India, Lakshadweep comprises of ten inhabited islands, 17 uninhabited islands, four newly formed islets and five submerged reefs. The Union Territory was formed in 1956 and it was named Lakshadweep in 1973.

Where is it located?

Lakshadweep, one of the world's most spectacular tropical island systems is located 220 to 440 kms. away from the coastal city of Kochi in Kerala. One can reach Lakshadweep by flight or by ship from Kochi to Agatti island. The inhabited islands of Lakshadweep are Kavaratti, Agatti, Amini, Kadmat, Kiltan, Chetlat, Bitra, Andrott, Kalpeni and Minicoy.

The Best of Nature

Oceanic birds generally found in Lakshadweep are rare and one of the uninhabited islands known as PITTI has been declared as a bird sanctuary.

The sea has the most elaborate of marine forms. Molluscs are found in abundance in the shallow lagoons and

reefs of the islands. Colorful coral fish such as parrot fish (*Callyedon sordidus*), Butterfly fish (*Chaetodon auriga*), Surgeon fish (*Acanthurus lineatus*) are also found in plenty.

A haven for Eco Tourism

All the islands are endowed with the beauty of coral reef, sandy beaches, pristine seas. With its vast lagoon around all the islands, Lakshadweep has emerged as a water sport destination in the country. Adventure seekers can do parasailing, kayaking, canoeing, yachting, snorkeling, wind surfing, water skiing and scuba diving... Definitely a dream destination waiting to be explored!



INCREDIBLE INDIA

TOP GUN

Racing Ahead

Who is Anand Mahindra?

Anand Mahindra is the Vice Chairman and Managing Director of one of India's largest companies, Mahindra & Mahindra. He graduated from Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts and then completed his MBA from Harvard Business School, Boston in 1981.

Building Blocks

Mahindra returned to India and joined Mahindra Ugine Steel Company (MUSCO) where he became President and Deputy Managing Director in 1989. During this time he initiated the Mahindra Group's diversification into the new business areas of real estate development and hospitality.

The Road to the Top

In 1991, he was appointed Deputy MD of Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. He became the Managing Director in 1997 and took on the additional responsibility of Vice Chairman in 2003. Through the years, he has steered the company to great heights to make it amongst the ten companies in India.

Awards and Accolades

Mahindra is the co-founder of the Harvard Business School Association of India, the co-chairman at the World Economic Forum at Davos and Past President 2003-04 of the Confederation of Indian Industry. He has been conferred with the 'Knight of the Order of Merit' by the President of the French Republic, Rajiv Gandhi Award 2004 for outstanding contribution in the business field, CNBC Asia Business Leader Award for the year 2006.

Beyond Business

An educationist, Mahindra runs many educational institutions. He has also co-founded Nanhi Kali, a social organisation that works for the benefit of the underprivileged girl child. The Mahindra Foundation also provides assistance for many social projects and disaster relief measures.



The Dancing Legend

Kanak Rele – a dance scholar and an eminent promoter of Indian classical dance, has been an epitome of grace and a pioneer of the revival of the Kerala dance form of Mohiniattam.

Profiling the danseuse

Born on 11th July 1937, Rele started dancing at the age of five and gave her first on-stage performance at eight. As a child she was besotted by the lyrical grandeur of Mohiniattam. Despite an initial training in Kathakali her work displayed thought-provoking dance dramas based on current issues. In her 30 year career, Dr. Rele has created a fine collection on Mohiniattam, filming traditional dances and conducting research with experts.

Art n' Academics

Besides being a qualified lawyer with research in International Law from Manchester University (UK), Dr. Rele also holds a Ph. D. in Mohiniattam from Mumbai University. In 1967, she founded the Nalanda Dance Research Centre – a premier institution for post-doctoral and fundamental research in dance. In 1972, on Dr. Rele's initiative, the University of Mumbai introduced the Bachelor, Master and Ph.D. degrees in Fine Arts (Dance).

Honouring talent

For her immense contribution in the field of arts, Dr. Rele was awarded the Padmashree in 1990 and the Sangeet Natak Academy award in 1994. She was also honoured with the Nritya Choodamani and Kala Ratna award.

Beyond dance

Dr. Rele authored books like 'Mohiniattam – The Lyrical Dance', 'Bhavaniroopanna' and 'Hand book of Indian Dance Terminology' and has more than 100 research articles to her credit. She conducts workshops on Indian Classical Dances in several countries and has pioneered the use of dance as a therapy for handicapped children.

RHYTHM HOUSE

Fusing music

Bollywood music is generating hype around the world. With noted music directors like Vishal Dadlani and Shekhar Ravjiani, experimentation of this music genre is scaling new heights.

Ride to fame

Vishal-Shekhar, the music directing duo is gaining immense popularity for their tempting rhythms and foot-tapping music. The duo rose to fame when they composed music for Jhankaar Beats. The track 'Tu aashiqui hai' was a smash hit giving them the Filmfare RD Burman Award for New Music Talent for the film.

Making music

The duo is especially popular among youths. They have been experimenting with different genres of music in their compositions. Vishal started off as a vocalist with a Mumbai-based electronic rock band Pentagram of which he is still a part. He also did a brief stint of video jockeying for Channel V. Shekhar is a trained classical singer with a sound knowledge of Indian music. Their music is thus a combination of Indian Classical with an influence of Western Rock. Their combinations are a fusion of techno music with Indian sounds. From Jhankaar Beats, Dus, Bluffmaster, Salaam Namaste, Tashan, Bachna Ae Haseeno, Om Shanti Om to Dostana, the duo has rocked the industry with their unique music scores.



Besides music

Apart from composing music, they mentored the participants of a popular singing contest 'Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Challenge 2007'. They also judged the participants on 'Jo Jeeta Wohi Super Star' and 'Amul Star Voice of India Mummy Ki Superstars'.



Business with a Cause

Established in 1879 as the flagship company of the Wadia Group, Bombay Dyeing is one of India's largest textile producing company.

How was the company established?

The Wadias' first venture, over 250 years ago, was in the area of shipbuilding. In 1879, with the advent of trading and industrialization, Nowrosjee Wadia set ventured into the textile business. From a humble shed, he began a small business of cotton yarn spun and The Bombay Dyeing & Manufacturing Co. Ltd. was born.

How did the company grow over the years?

Over the years, the company has established its presence across many fields around the globe. Group Companies in textiles, agro-based industries,

chemicals, electronics, light engineering, laminates, health care and processed foods have some of the best brand names in the market.

How is the success of the company marked?

Today the company has a turnover of over Rs 1000 crore with a distribution chain consisting of over 600 exclusive shops spread all over the country.

What are the other activities the company is engaged in?

Beyond business, the company along with its group companies has set up many educational institutions. The Nowrosjee Wadia Maternity Hospital, the Bai Jerbai Wadia Hospital for Children, low cost housing colonies for lower and middle-class Parsis are some of the social welfare activities of the company.

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