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## Visionaries of \$5 TRILLION ECONOMY

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Our Chairman, Shri Jagadish Prasad Naik (Chairman, DN Group) is featured in the latest issue of Outlook magazine as one of the Visionaries of India's \$5 trillion economy, in recognition of his contribution to the state's progress through his diversified business group working in multiple domains. This is a matter of great pride and joy for all of us at The DN Wisdom Tree Global School, a school as unique as your child.

Shri Jagadish Prasad Naik established the school in memory of his father, Shri Dasarathi Naik, with the vision of a holistic and happy learning space for children of the state, that had exemplary infrastructure and brilliant co-scholastics, embedded in a well curated curriculum. He has aspired to ensure that generations of children are enabled to be well-skilled, to have a world view and become responsible global citizens.

It is a happy day for us, Chairman Sir! Many congratulations.  
May your leadership and support inspire us every day.





**Jagadish Prasad Naik, Chairman, DN Group**

## Partnering Odisha's Growth Story

A dialogue with Jagadish Prasad Naik, eminent entrepreneur from Odisha, whose diversified business group has contributed significantly to the state's progress across multiple domains

### **Q** What is your vision for emerging Odisha?

I envision a future that strikes a balance between modernity and tradition. Odisha's abundant natural resources and rich cultural legacy form a strong base for leveraging modern technology and global best practices for sustainable development towards a resurgent Odisha.

Odisha is predominantly an agriculture based economy, now moving towards an industry and service-based economy. The Economic Survey 2023-24, forecasts Odisha's GSDP to grow at 10.57%. This is extremely encouraging and propels my vision for significant contributions towards the growth story of Odisha, across all the verticals in which DN Group is currently engaged.

### **Q** How is DN Group contributing to the state's economy?

In 2003, DN Homes ventured into the

real estate business and has since delivered over fifteen projects to 2000+ families. Our first child-friendly project, DN Fairytale, launched in 2020, is now complete and handed over to the owners. We are in the process of constructing the city's first luxury homes, DN Kingsland, which is placing Bhubaneswar on the international real estate map as Odisha's first branded residential project. DN YOO Odisha is a collaboration between DN Homes, YOO Worldwide, London, and global design icon Phillippe Starck.

Our engineering and construction vertical, DNEPL, has been in the infrastructure development sector for over three decades.

In the hospitality sector, we are the first to launch a 5-Star Taj Group Hotel, Vivanta Bhubaneswar, which is operated by IHCL.

We have also signed up with the Marriott Group for developing a

luxury 5-Star hotel in the heart of the city, which will be operational in 2025. We are developing two resorts in Gopalpur and Chilika to enhance tourism and support the local economy. In the education sector, we have established The DN Wisdom Tree Global School (founded by Dasarathi Naik Foundation for Excellence) to facilitate world class learning, with exemplary infrastructure. The Dasarathi Naik Foundation for Excellence is also actively engaged in several CSR initiatives of the DN Group.

DN Sea Shells supports export initiatives of India through seafood exports in international markets like the US, Europe, and China. We are one of the first business houses in Odisha to diversify into multiple sectors like real estate, hospitality, retail, education, seafood exports, and construction. 'Redefining New' underlines all our endeavours towards placing Odisha and India on the path of continued progress and development.

### **Q** What is the government's role in promoting industries in Odisha?

The prime focus for the government has been infrastructure, manufacturing, exports, tourism, education, handloom, IT, and healthcare sectors. Through various schemes and policies, there has been steady support for creating an ideal climate for the state's growth and transformation.

In real estate, since the launch of ORERA, Odisha has undergone a positive transformation. Businesses generating valuable foreign exchange for the government can benefit from export-oriented policies to sustain in international markets. I see opportunities for industry and institutions to work with policymakers to further the government's goals of sustainability, affordability, and growth.

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## THE DN WISDOM TREE GLOBAL SCHOOL Transforming the Educational Landscape of Odisha

Back in the day, nearly two decades ago, a young and ambitious entrepreneur was setting off on a trailblazing path, to make his mark and carve out his vision of creating notable, high quality social infrastructure for his city and his state, transforming the domain of realty. As he succeeded in establishing benchmark after benchmark in his chosen field, he nourished and nurtured a dream that would be his tribute to the legacy of his father, a revered teacher and philanthropist, who changed the lives of innumerable students for the better. This dream was aspirational at the highest level, because this visionary entrepreneur acutely wanted to carry forward his father's work, creating bigger impact, influencing generations of young people to become empowered global citizens. Thus, The DN Wisdom Tree Global School was seeded.

Jagadish Prasad Naik's dream of a school of global standards, with state of the art facilities and amenities, exemplary infrastructure, a curriculum curated to inculcate knowledge, values, and skills with an array of co-scholastic inputs, in an environment of green practices, took shape soon enough to stand tall today as The DN Wisdom Tree Global School, a school as unique as every child who walks through its portals.

The DN Wisdom Tree Global School has been established by Founder and Chairman, Jagadish Prasad Naik, in memory of his father Late Dasarathi Naik, a renowned teacher and philanthropist of Odisha, and is a tribute to his vision and mission of dedicating his life towards the accomplishments of his students. Late Dasarathi Naik's life therefore is a continuing inspiration and the guiding light for the school.

Inspiring infrastructure sets the school apart from all the rest, and motivates teachers and students to actively engage in each curated space. The school architecture has been woven around age-old trees, ensuring that no trees were cut down to accommodate buildings. Together, the lofty trees and stately pillars, wide corridors, spacious classrooms, large windows bringing in views as well as natural light and breeze, the reading nooks, the amphitheatre and playing fields, all create a sense of being shaded and guided by wisdom. Today, the school's magnificent campus bears testimony to Founder and Chairman Jagadish Prasad Naik's dream of setting up an educational institution with a benchmark campus of global standards.



As Panchami Manoo Ukil, Vice-Chairperson and School Leader of The DN Wisdom Tree Global School reiterates – “We are a School as Unique as your Child.” Addressing this uniqueness factor is a specially curated curriculum and pedagogy that focuses on the inherent capabilities of every child. At The DN Wisdom Tree Global School, learning is not generalized. The school R&D department consciously tailors the curriculum and pedagogy in a way that no child falls behind or falls out of the learning outcome. The CBSE curriculum is layered with features from international curricula to make learning deep, broad-based, and experiential, at the same time retaining the robustness of the CBSE curriculum and incorporating the recommendations of NEP 2020.



The DN Wisdom Tree Global School adopts an interdisciplinary approach to education, where subjects are interconnected and taught in a holistic manner to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of real-world issues and concepts. Through interdisciplinary learning, students explore connections between different disciplines, such as science, technology,

engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM), to solve complex problems and address global challenges. The DN Wisdom Tree Global School's interdisciplinary approach fosters a deep and meaningful understanding of subjects, encourages lifelong learning, and empowers students to become well-rounded individuals capable of making positive and substantial contribution to society.

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The DN Wisdom Tree Global School places strong emphasis on enhancing 21st-century skills throughout its curriculum, to prepare students for the challenges and opportunities of the modern world. The school recognizes that in addition to academic knowledge, students need to develop crucial competencies such as critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, communication, collaboration, digital literacy, and adaptability. To achieve this, the curriculum integrates project-based learning, inquiry-based learning, and hands-on activities that encourage students to think critically, analyze information, and apply knowledge to real-world situations. The school leverages technology as a tool for learning, teaching digital literacy skills and promoting innovation.

An array of co-scholastic training and practice is imparted to students at The DN Wisdom Tree Global School which include sports, games, art, music, and dance. Supplementing the co-scholastics domain is the unique Wisdom Finishing School Programme – WFSP, that aims at knowledge application and personality enhancement towards a global outlook. WFSP includes exposure from a wider perspective to etiquette, life-skills, value systems, EQ, sustainability and green practices, history, heritage and culture, literature and communication, visual and performing arts, etc. This programme, the brainchild of Vice Chairperson Panchami Manoo Ukil, is proving to be the gamechanger in the holistic learning process at The DN Wisdom Tree Global School.

The language of Love lies at the core of the teaching-learning process at The DN Wisdom Tree Global School. We believe that for learning to be transformational and permanent, pedagogy must be led by the language of love. Our mentors are trained to be good listeners and transmit learning with love and patience. Every learner is given an equal chance in the learning process as part of the principle of inclusion that underlies our ethos. Slow learners are handheld and led forward gradually to cope and emerge with improved learning outcomes.

Through a combination of innovative teaching methods, experiential learning opportunities, and personalized support, The DN Wisdom Tree Global School ensures that students graduate with the skills and competencies needed to thrive in the 21st century and become active, engaged, and responsible global citizens. In its vision and mission, its expansive green campus, in its curriculum and pedagogy, in its co-scholastics programme, The DN Wisdom Tree Global School is slowly but surely transforming the educational landscape of Odisha. And the journey has only just begun. Many milestones await; many dreams and many markers wait in the wings to find fruition, held solidly in the conviction and faith that every child who emerges from the portals of The DN Wisdom Tree Global School will be a good human being, an empowered and skilled individual and a responsible global citizen.



## INTER HOUSE QUIZ 2024



What a thrilling morning, filled with brainpower and excitement at PRAJNA, our first Inter House Quiz competition of this academic session! The energy and enthusiasm was infectious. From history to science, performing arts to state specialities, current affairs and sports, PRAJNA tested children's knowledge in an engaging way. We are proud of all the participants who showcased their intelligence and dedication to learning. Children demonstrated their aptitude for learning beyond textbooks.

Quizmaster SK Niyazuddin (Niyaz Sir) took the four groups through ten enthralling rounds of questions with the audience being given a few to answer as well. A big shout out to all bright minds from the four houses who participated and did us proud. Let the excitement of acquiring knowledge continue to inspire you every day!

Congratulations, **Team Indian Golden Oriole (Yellow House)** for a very convincing win. Keep reaching for the stars and never cease expanding your knowledge!







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# Visit to DN Regalia Mall

Our Kindergartners had a day out, filled with fun and excitement, on a visit to the DN Regalia Mall. They enjoyed a bit of shopping with the pocket money they got from school. Our little people also got treats from the Regalia management. They loved the rides and had a look at the products available in a super mart. They were the centre of attention as they went around the store with their mentors. They were pampered by the mall management who facilitated smooth conduct of the visit. The whole process is about inculcating life skills like prioritising needs, making choices and understanding the concept of spending wisely. Here are glimpses of the fun they had.



A glimpse of the School Assembly on a Thursday morning, at The DN Wisdom Tree Global School, a school as unique as your child.

# School Assembly



# FANCY DRESS ACTIVITY

At The DN Wisdom Tree Global School, a school as unique as your child, blending learning and fun comes naturally. It is part of each school day, for every child in our watch. Our little people dressed up in fancy dress costumes and enacted their characters with style and aplomb. Here are glimpses of Kindergartners engaged in a Fancy Dress session. Do take a look and give the children a big, loving thumbs-up!



# NATIONAL SPORTS DAY 2024



We celebrated National Sports Day with a thrilling Handball Match between Goal Setters Wisdomites (Girls) and Go Getters Wisdomites (Boys) - students from Grades 4 to 8. Siddharth Mishra of Grade 8 was at the commentary box, sharing his expert comments, and the teams were cheered on by our Vice Chairperson, Principal, mentors, and coaches.

The Go Getters Wisdomites (Boys) emerged victorious but only after a tough fight back from the Goal Setters Wisdomites (Girls) in what was an exemplary display of determination and sportsmanship. The girls put in the ultimate battle of skill and strategy before the boys finally won the match. A lesson in perseverance and teamwork unfolded for all to witness on the field.

Many congratulations to both teams! We hope to see you grow and flourish not only in academics but also in the sports arena. Go Wisdomites!



# Shri Krishna Janmashtami with Srimad Bhagavad Gita



The joy of Janmashtami filled our hearts as our little people marked the festival in a unique and beautiful way. Envisioned by our Vice Chairperson, Ms. Panchami Manoo Ukil, who introduced the Srimad Bhagavad Gita to our children and initiated the daily practice of recitation only a few weeks ago, the whole school together chanted the first two verses of Chapter 1 to mark the observance. We couldn't be prouder, we couldn't have asked for more as the voices rose in unison, a reminder that life skills can be inculcated through innovative practices.

Making the morning more meaningful, SK Niyazuddin (Niyaz sir), our English teacher, took the celebration to the next level, with a nostalgic song and great narration of the story of Shri Krishna's birth. It was amazing how children interacted so positively with the song and story telling - just goes to show what an enabling environment can do.

Excitement filled the air as boys and girls prepared for the Dahi Handi. The girls were strategic and completed their act in a trice. We whooped and jumped with joy, for the girls had come to the Vice Chairperson and specifically asked for a Dahi Handi competition with the boys, insisting they should be in the act too. They proved their point, winning the Dahi Handi contest with grace and aplomb. Kudos to the mentors and parents who helped them prepare, as this was the first time they participated in a Dahi Handi event, and it was a first for the school too. Any wonder that we believe The DN Wisdom Tree Global School is a school as unique as your child?!!

We wish to share our happiness through these glimpses of our Janmashtami celebration. Greetings of the festive occasion to all ye good people.





# Independence Day

Flag hoisting at School Campus by our Vice Chairperson, Ms Panchami Manoo Ukil

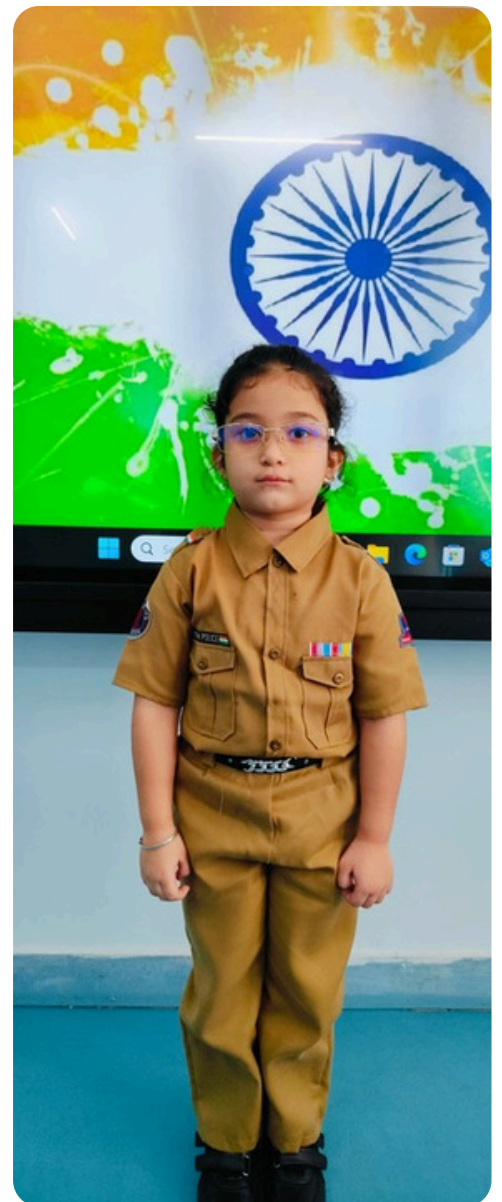
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# Independence Day Activity



# Vrikshbandhan 2024



"Trees exhale for us so that we can inhale in order to stay alive. Can we ever forget that? Let us love trees with every breath.."

Our children celebrated 'Vrikshbandhan', marking the annual observance of Rakshabandhan, by creating and tying beautiful, handmade, eco-friendly rakhis to the age-old mango trees on our campus. They reaffirmed the pledge to protect trees as well as to plant many more in order to regreen our earth. These are the heart-tug moments we cherish with our little green brigade!

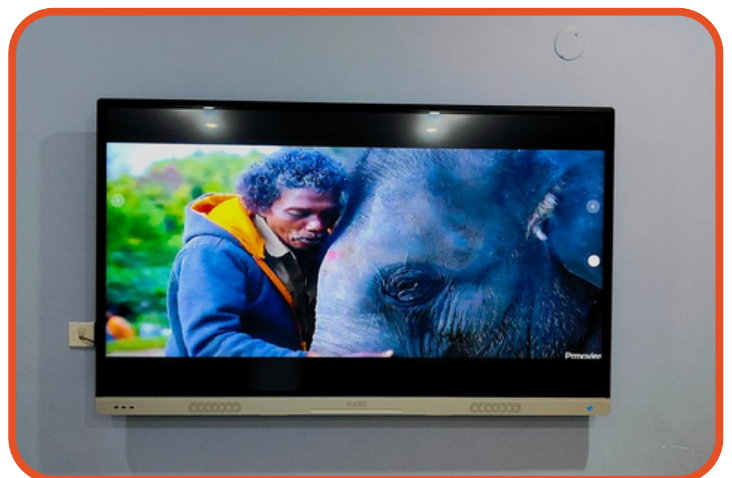


# World Elephant Day 2024

"Nature's great masterpiece, an elephant – the only harmless great thing." ~ John Donne

We admire elephants in part because they demonstrate what we consider the finest human traits: empathy, self-awareness, and social intelligence. But the way we treat them does not speak well of our own behaviour.

We must protect their dwindling numbers in the wild. For that we must protect their habitat - forests and grasslands.



All of us watched "The Elephant Whisperers" again, today, with awe and joy!



# WISDOMITE SHINES!



It is a proud moment for us! We are delighted that little **Nevisha Ray** of Grade 2A has won the 3rd place in the All Odisha Open Chess Championship, U-7 category. Congratulations, Nevisha! Way to go girl. Shine on.



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