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The Indian Football Captain turns 33 today! Testbook wishes him a very happy birthday and a prosperous life ahead. Celebrating the game, **Football Delhi honored the Indian football captain Sunil Chhetri on Sunday, announcing his birthday to be celebrated as Delhi's Football Day.** Delhi Football Association took the decision during their first executive meeting of the year on Saturday, chaired by president Shaji Prabhakaran, who soon made the announcement on Twitter. A day to celebrate beauty of football in Delhi.

Sunil Chhetri 33rd Birthday Celebration!

- The Captain, who had spent his initial football days in Delhi, has appeared in 97 International matches for India.
- He scored 56 goals for the national team since his first appearance in 2005.
- He is currently leading Bengaluru in their ISL 2018 campaign and is the top third goal scorer in the tournament this season.
- Indian Football player, Sunil Chhetri is in News for scoring **64 goals** - 2nd highest in the World!
- With FIFA World Cup 2018 beginning, Sunil Chhetri's Goals are bringing the Indian football team in limelight at the best time.
- Chhetri played for various age group teams of India, including the U-20 side at the SAF Games in 2004, but his first senior international goal came in a tour of Pakistan in 2005
- He has played for ten different clubs so far with the first being Delhi-based City Club, whom he joined as a 17-year-old. He has also represented Delhi in the **Santosh Trophy.**
- His only other international hat-trick came in 2010 against Vietnam in Pune. Statistically his favorite opponent is Maldives, scoring five times against the South Asian neighbors.
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This emergence of the captain of the Indian football team, Sunil Chhetri in current affairs and news is very important for you to focus on. There can be **questions on Sunil Chhetri** and the Indian Football Team in your SSC CGL 2018 GA section, Railway RRB exam, Railway Group D exam and more!

Here's everything you need to know about Sunil Chhetri to be able to answer questions based on this Indian Football captain and score well in your SSC CGL 2018, Railways RRB exam like RPF, RRB Group D 2018 and ALP exam 2018.

Who is Sunil Chhetri?

- Sunil Chhetri, also known as 'Captain Fantastic', is a professional Indian Football Player who represents India at the international level.
- He was born on 3rd August 1984, his professional debut was in 2002 for Mohun Bagan.
- Along with being the captain of the Indian National Team, he is also the striker for the Bengaluru FC. He is the most-capped player and also the all-time top goal scorer for the Indian National Team.

Why is Sunil Chhetri in News?

- Sunil Chhetri, recently played his 102nd International match and equalled Lionel Messi in the number of goals in international matches.
- On 10th June 2018, Sunil Chhetri became the joint 2nd highest international goal scorer at 64 goals along with Lionel Messi, the first being Cristiano Ronaldo at 81 goals.



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FACTS ABOUT INDIAN FOOTBALL TEAM CAPTAIN

SUNIL CHHETRI

BORN: 3RD AUGUST 1984 | POSITION: STRIKER

RECORDS:

- ★ The Most-Capped Player----- 101 Appearances
- ★ All-time Top Goalscorer for Indian National Team----- 64 Goals
- ★ 2nd Highest Goalscorer in International Football (Ronaldo 81 & Messi 64)
- ★ Played for the Most No. of Clubs Professionally by Indian----- 14 Clubs

TOP NATIONAL VICTORIES:

- ★ Nehru Cup----- 2007, 2009 & 2012
- ★ AFC Challenge Cup----- 2008
- ★ SAFF Championship----- 2011
- ★ Intercontinental Cup----- 2018

INDIVIDUAL HONOURS:

- ★ Arjuna Award----- 2011
- ★ AIFF Player of the Year- 2007, 2011, 2013, 2014
- ★ FPAI Indian Player of the Year----- 2009
- ★ AFC Challenge Cup Most Valuable Player- 2008
- ★ SAFF Championship Player of Tournament- 2011
- ★ Hero of the I-League----- 2016-17
- ★ Hero of the Indian Super League----- 2017-18



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What are some Important Awards won by him?

- He was awarded **Hero of the International Cup 2018, Indian Super League 2017-18.**
- He was also awarded the **SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) Championship - Player of the Tournament**
- Other awards received by him include **AIFF & FPAI Player of the year.**
- He was also bestowed with the **Arjuna Award in 2011.**

Interesting Facts about Sunil Chhetri:

1. Football was always in Sunil Chhetri's blood. His father was an officer in the Electronics and Mechanical Engineers Corps and played for the Indian Army's soccer team while his mother Sushila Chhetri and her twin sisters were local football players.
2. He is the first Indian Footballer to score 50+ international goals while playing for the national soccer team.
3. He played for the national team for the first time on June 12, 2005, against Pakistan where he scored his maiden goal.



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