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## Press Release

### **THE ECONOMIC TIMES RECOGNISES SHRI JAI KARAN SHARMA, FOUNDER CHETAK GROUP AS THE THE LOGISTIC MAN OF INDIA**

The logistics leader was recognised for his outstanding contribution at The ET Auto CV and Logistics Conclave 2024

Mumbai, March 15, 2024: Shri Jai Karan Sharma, Founder Chairman, Chetak Group was conferred with the title of "THE LOGISTICS MAN OF INDIA" at the Economic Times (ET Auto) Commercial Vehicle and Logistics Conclave 2024. The award, recognising his outstanding contribution to the logistics sector was given away by Deepanshu Taumar, Co-founder and Senior Editor, ET Auto and Sumantra Bibhuti Barooah, Consulting Editor, ET Auto. The award was received by Rajesh Haritash and Sachin Haritash, Directors Chetak Logistics, in the presence of Arun Arora, Head and Director Chetak Foundation and Madhurendra Sinha, Member Advisory Board, Chetak Foundation.

Speaking on the occasion Deepanshu Taumar, Co-Founder and Senior Editor ET Auto said, "We are proud to confer the title of The Logistics Man of India upon late Shri Jai Karan Sharma recognising his pioneering work, his contributions & outstanding accomplishments in Logistics. He brought Logistics to the national mainstream, establishing Logistics as a growth engine for India's economy. I was happy to hand over the award to his sons who are taking his legacy forward, bringing innovative practices and technology and customer experience to the sector."

The third edition of The Economic Times Commercial Vehicle and Logistics Conclave explored the industry's pace, trends, and future outlook. Stakeholders, including policymakers, industry leaders, and logistics professionals participated to discuss disruptive solutions, emerging trends, and the sector's evolving role in the global economic value chain. The conclave delved into how companies are leveraging digitization, deploying sustainable transport solutions, and embracing connected technology to redefine operations and usher in more efficiency to this dynamic landscape.

Sachin JKS haritasH, Director of Chetak Logistics and youngest son of Shri Jai Karan Sharma said, "We are humbled to receive The Logistics Man of India award for our father at The Economic Times CV and Logistics Conclave 2024, a prestigious Industry Forum for the sector.



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He was among the pioneers in logistics who brought in the latest in technology, innovative practices and customer orientation. His entrepreneurial journey, his passion, tribulations and his triumphs continue to inspire the industry. We thank The Economic Times (ET Auto) for bestowing this honour upon our father. We commit to work hard and take our father's legacy forward and aim to grow Chetak Group and the industry with best practices in sustainable logistics."

## **An enchanting panel discussion**

The recognition was followed by an enriching panel discussion on, "How India can be among the top 25 global logistics hubs?" Sachin JKS haritasH Director Chetak Logistics shared his perspective on the theme, in the presence of renowned fellow panellists from the Commercial Vehicles and Logistics Industry.

## **Release of a biography on Shri Jai Karan Sharma**

The event also witnessed the release of a biography on the life of Shri Jai Karan Sharma. Titled JKS – The Logistics Man of India, the book authored by Arun Arora was released by Deepanshu Taumar, Sumantra Barooah in the presence of Rajesh Haritash, Sachin Haritash, Arun Arora and Madhurendra Sinha. The book captured the life journey of the self-made entrepreneur Shri Sharma highlighting his successes, struggles, tribulations and triumphs which aspires to inspire the future generations. The book was earlier released by Shri Anurag Thakur, Hon`ble Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Youth Affairs and Sports and Shri Brijesh Pathak, Hon`ble Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

## **About Shri Jai Karan Sharma**

Shri Jai Karan Sharma, the son of a farmer, hailing from Jhinjhar, a small village in Haryana was a self-made entrepreneur who started from scratch and went on to build the Chetak Group, one of the leaders in Logistics, in India. His success sparked the imagination of a generation of progressive Indian entrepreneurs. He was a business statesman and visionary who introduced, what is now called Integrated Logistics solutions with multi-modal transportation, warehousing, packaging and just-in-time solutions, and way back in the 1980s.



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He stood for inclusive growth. He supported numerous potential entrepreneurs in setting up their own transport companies. He created livelihood opportunities for thousands of people. He had a passion for helping underprivileged people of the society. He contributed to the education sector by supporting the infrastructure development of schools and colleges for economically weaker children.

Shri Sharma's contributions to the social and economic development of society at large have been numerous recognised by many national and international organisations. In the past he was awarded the "Transport Rattan" the "Rashtriya Udyog Ratan" Award, "Outstanding National Citizen" and he was also bestowed with the title of "Transport Samraat" and the "Udyog Rattan" Award by the Institute of Economic Studies.

He left for his heavenly abode in October 2020. Posthumously, the Logistics Industry bestowed him the title of "The Logistics man of India" in 2021. Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Culture and Development of the North-Eastern Region, released a postal Stamp issued by the Indian Postal Department to honour and recognise Shri Sharma's contribution to the nation's socio-economic development, in 2022. He was also honoured with the "Life Time Achievement Award" at the Social Impact Award in Jan 2023. Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport and Highways, released a biographical book capturing the life journey of Shri Sharma in Hindi and Shri Brijesh Pathak, Dy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and Shri Anurag Thakur, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Youth Affairs and Sport released his biography in English in early this year.

His dream lives on, through the Chetak Foundation, a social arm of Chetak Group, set up by his family as a tribute to its founder Late Shri Jai Karan Sharma's vision of making a positive impact on the lives of underprivileged communities. The Foundation is focussing on various areas including Education, Environment, Health, Livelihood, Nutrition and Road Safety.

### About Chetak Group

Established in 1979, Chetak Group takes pride in its long-range strategy of providing comprehensive logistics solutions to its customers. Equipped with its own 2 million sq. ft modern warehousing facilities across India, the Group provides Total Supply Chain Solutions, including Transportation Services through all modes, Warehousing & Distribution, International Freight Forwarding, Customs Clearance & Logistics Services.



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The Group, located in Delhi, the national capital, has 60 offices and branches across India at major industrial hubs to provide practical solutions to its customers.

Chetak Group is known for its `On-time performance and Quality Service, leading to an impressive clientele of automobile industry leaders since its inception. These include all major national and global automobile brands such as Maruti Suzuki, Tata, Hyundai, JCB, Kia, and Honda, among many others.

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