



## Scaloni irked by Messi and Co watching Tigers play India

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It seems that Lionel Messi’s quest for the elusive World Cup title is going to be a much tougher task than expected and, quite surprisingly, the Bangladesh cricket team is playing a bigger role in this than France, their opponent in the FIFA World Cup final on Sunday.

Rumours surfaced that several of their players watched the opening day of the Chattogram Test on Wednesday after partying all night following their semifinal victory over Croatia.

This came after Bangladesh’s cricketers had watched the Argentina Croatia clash till 3:00am on Wednesday morning, despite their Test against India starting in a matter of hours.

The Argentina Bangladesh love affair through football is fast becoming a better

love story than Twilight. It was evident when Argentine channels were seen broadcast news of Bangladesh’s ODI wins over India after the die-hard Albiceleste football fans in Bangladesh caught the eye of global mainstream media during the Qatar World Cup.

According to a super reliable source, who goes by the alias “trust me bro”, several Argentina players whose names start with ‘M’ have taken a liking to cricket.

They say that instead of watching the same old footage of Maradona lifting the 1986 trophy, cricket is helping to ease the pressure involving a big game such as the World Cup final.

Asked if his players’ new hobby was a cause for concern, the Argentina head coach did not radiate his characteristic calm demeanour in a pre-match press conference on Friday.

“You have to sleep and rest properly. This is very simple! You can’t just wake up at 5:00am and watch Bangladesh play Test cricket when you have to prepare for a World Cup final,” said Lionel Scaloni, apparently blushing with suppressed anger.

The Argentina coach said he is well aware that India-Bangladesh bilateral Test series does not happen too often, but reminded that Argentina have only made it to six finals in 90 odd years.

“I think this is stupidity. If they keep doing it [watching Chattogram Test], I’ll be very disappointed,” said the coach who ended up hoping that India would be able to wrap the game up as early as possible. He also requested the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) to consider not hosting matches in the future whenever Argentina play a major tournament.

### AUTOBIOGRAPHY

## Youth fulfils dream of becoming junior marketing manager

CORPORATE SLAVE CORRESPONDENT

According to my parents, the first word that came out of my mouth was “synergy”. Hi, I’m Subodh Chakladar, the greatest junior marketing manager that ever lived.

Right after coming out of my mother’s womb, I had my sights set on one goal: becoming a junior marketing manager the likes of which no one has ever seen.

My father Mokbul Chakladar, who is the co-host of my podcast “Meet the Chakladars”, is almost as special as me. Right from the start, he knew that I think outside the box.

“With such marketing intellect, my son would waste his talents if he becomes a doctor or engineer,” he had said.

After my parents brainstormed and circled back, they finally decided there’s only one role that would suit me. You know what it is.

But the path to keeping a high KPI was not easy.

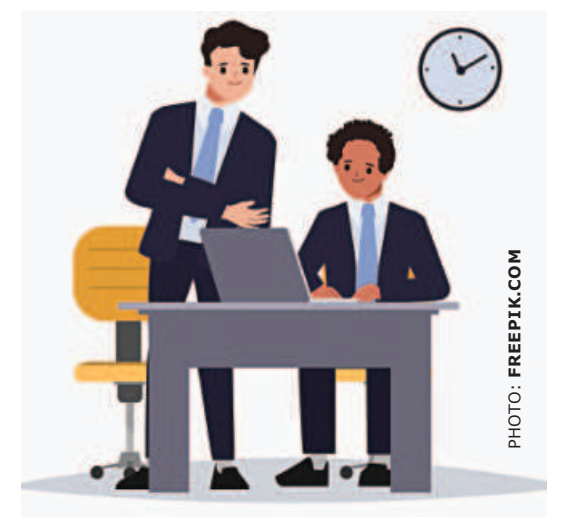
In school, everyone would laugh at me because I’d attend classes wearing a suit. But, always remember, you’re only as good as the people you have around you. And so, I joined the “YUP Club” of Northeast Southwest University, where everyone wears suits for no reason.

I had to read multiple summaries of Philip Kotler’s books to expand my already voluptuous marketing knowledge. The countless seminars and workshops that told me to follow my passion of becoming a billionaire, when I only wanted to become a junior marketing manager, was excruciating.

Only a senior marketing manager would be able to comprehend the sacrifices I’ve made.

But look at me now, a dynamic, synergistic, data driven, scalable, and game-changing corporate rockstar! Currently, I’m working at a cigarette-making conglomerate, marketing its products to change the world for the better.

Right now, I’m busy ordering my ghostwriter to quickly finish my new book “50 Tips for Becoming the Second-best Junior Marketing Manager”.



## Oxford University to sue Brazil for proving its prediction wrong

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People used to have more faith in Oxford University’s research than they had in themselves.

That was until the quarterfinals phase of the Qatar World Cup, where Oxford University’s prediction about who would win the World Cup went horribly wrong, leaving billions of people in utmost disappointment, mostly Brazil supporters.

Brazil were dreaming of winning their sixth trophy, popularly or maybe mockingly know as Hexa Mission, since the 2002 World Cup, when they won their fifth. Brazil’s dream found wings after the Oxford University Mathematical Team published their World Cup prediction, saying Brazil would win.

Like in many previous tournaments, everything was going smoothly until Brazil were knocked out by Croatia, the shock that even Oxford couldn’t predict, nor absorb.

People started to bash Oxford’s prediction and its “legendary” mathematical team, for their outrageous forecasting. The backlash has led to Oxford suing Brazil for proving their watertight, flawless calculations wrong.

“Oxford should stop sticking its nose into everything. They should just stick to education and leave other things for others,” said Tausif, a Bangladeshi Belgium fan whose dream of at least playing the final, according to Oxford’s prediction, was shattered.

“I was planning to send my offspring to Oxford for higher education, but after seeing



their mathematical team’s capabilities, I decided to send them somewhere else,” said Hisham, a Bangladeshi father, who has been supporting Brazil for decades.

Meanwhile, fans of Argentina, Germany and France were left fuming after the prediction went viral.

“We won four World Cups but they didn’t even keep us in the semifinals!” Raka, a Germany supporter from Dhaka, said.

“We won two world cups, including the hand one, and are in a mission to make it three, but they didn’t even let us play the

final. How come?” Abu Helal, an Argentina fan, asked furiously.

“How they could rule out the current champions, that should be another research topic for them,” said Tanim, an Mbappe-loving France fanatic.

An Oxford University official, on

condition of anonymity, said, “We are going to sue Brazil for proving our prediction wrong and making our mathematical team a laughing stock. They deserved this World Cup, we gave them this World Cup, but they refused to take it. How could they do that? They have to pay a price now.”