

PANCHMAHABHUTA: Rendition of dance drama

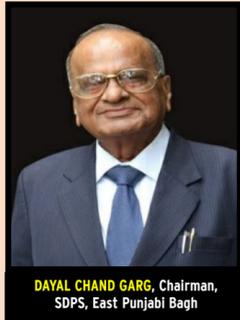
The beautiful dance drama brought to light the pain Mother Earth has borne for years ever since the birth of Adam and Eve.

Man, in his greed, forgot that he was stabbing the earth every moment on its back, and poor Mother Earth remained silent for years and years. But then came a day, there were earthquakes, floods, SARS, epidemics and now a pandemic. The Almighty has made humans realise that it is the super power and there was havoc all around. The peaceful

Mother Earth stagnated the world and taught man the lesson of life - ego and pride are just baseless, such traits and such humans cannot survive for long.

SDPS, East Punjabi Bagh, is the place where life throngs, the holy bells echo in the surroundings. Here, chairman Dayal Chand Garg, manager Gopal Krishan Gupta and principal Dr Umesh Kumar Chhikara teach the lessons of life to the students and guide them on the path of righteousness.

The dance drama took place on



DAYAL CHAND GARG, Chairman, SDPS, East Punjabi Bagh

the morning of January 16, wherein the students of classes VI-VIII mesmerised the viewers, and were left awestruck. The bounty of nature, the anger of Mother Earth and then silence after the havoc were beautifully presented. The five inseparable elements can help man flourish and can equally be destructive if stabbed again and again. The fire dance, symbolic of fearlessness and peace, marked the day.

It has been rightly said in Bhagwat Gita...

"The ignorance, arrogance and obstinacy of certain individuals have been at the root of the tragedies of history."

Thus, 'Panchmahabhuta' was symbolic of peace and tranquillity on one hand and death and destruction on the other.

Raising Day celebrations and felicitation ceremony at APS

Army Public School, Noida celebrated its 27th Raising Day through an online live event titled 'Ad Astra... reaching for the stars!'



Principal Jyoti Rana welcomed the guests and complimented the management, staff, parents and students for their continuous and tireless efforts in taking the school to the pinnacle of success.

Brig B S Jasrotia, Cdr 261 Arty Bde and chairman, APS, Noida congratulated the students and staff for winning laurels in academic and co-curricular spheres.

The outstanding achievers of the session 2020-21 in aca-

demics and co-curricular activities were felicitated on this occasion. The meritorious students of classes X and XII were recognised for

their stellar performance in academics and additionally, cash prizes were also awarded to the achievers of class XII. Sagar house was adjudged and awarded the overall 'Best House Trophy' in both primary and senior wing.

Parevartan holds week-long medicine drive

Parevartan School, Rajnagar Extension, initiated a week-long city-wide medicine drive in association with Omkar Nath Sharma, popularly known as 'Medicine baba' as he is the man behind the biggest medicine collection drive. The drive culminated on August 27 in school premises and the event was attended by Parevartan



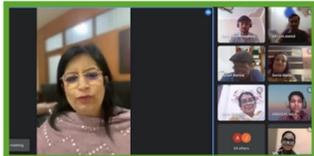
School's management, teachers and parent community. Chairperson Vinu Chaudhri

began Parevartan's Community Project as a tribute to Brig VS Chaudhri for his philanthropic attitude of doing good to the society. Each and every member of Parevartan School came forward to extend their support, and contributed by inspiring other people of the city through voluntarily collection of unused medicines from their houses and societies.

The programme culminated with the vote of thanks by principal Sangeeta Sharma who expressed her gratitude to 'Medicine baba' for his noble cause.

Interaction with the alumni

Veda Vyasa DAV Public School, Vikaspuri initiated its maiden venture 'Gantavya'. It was an enriching learning experience for the students with our alumni Ayush Bansal (IIT Varanasi) and Kshiteesh Bhardwaj (IIT Kanpur).



It was an interactive and inspirational session wherein the

alumni members shared their experiences and success stories with students. They not only an-

swered all the queries posed to them but also shared valuable inputs and techniques that led them to the prestigious IITs. Kshitija Nanda and Aman Kumar of class XI were the moderators for the session. Principal Shalini Arora addressed the students and exhorted them to learn from the rich and varied experiences of the illustrious alumni. The programme was a success under the guidance of the supervisory in-charge Sonia Malik.

LAVA LAMP

All of you must have seen a lava lamp. Well, it is a decorative lamp, invented in 1963 by British entrepreneur Edward Craven Walker. The lamp consists of a special coloured wax mixture

floating over a clear or translucent liquid inside a glass vessel. It's complicated, but today, I am going to show you how to make a DIY Lava Lamp. It is surprisingly super safe and extremely easy. That is right, you heard me...

Step 1: Take a clear jar and add two spoons of baking soda to it.
Step 2: Fill the jar with vegetable oil.
Step 3: In another bowl pour 1.5 spoons of vinegar

and add 5 drops of food-colouring to it.

Step 4: Add this mixture to the jar and close the lid for a minute. Now open the jar.

Step 5: Place a flashlight or better still a LED light below it. You will see many glowing bubbles. Voila! Your own lava lamp is ready.

This lamp can be utilised in any way you can imagine. They are great for festival lightings, or as a night lamp. The glowing bubbles can last for around six days.

Sanath Kothari, class VII, St Josephs Boys High School, Bengaluru



DO IT YOURSELF

Student Corner



NYRA ALI SAIF, class VI, Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad

A painful cry!

Today I had a dream, which was a scream of some sadists who were saying 'Please Be conservationist!' As without us the Earth will be bony land, Without any glory and will be unmanned I think you have already understood who these are... Yes, these are the downhearted trees!

Their problems are increasing day by day, Still we are so self-obsessed Our ancestors left 4128 million trees But now we are only left with 31% of it! Not only trees are in danger, But we and our future generation are also in a risk! We must save the world, or humans will be

another name of awful creatures. As we are not understanding the pain of getting cut or burn into ash, So now onwards let's heal the world. Make it a beautiful heaven as she deserves.



NIYATI MITTAL, class VI, Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Vasundhara, Gzb

Intense emotions bond you with the characters



Book: The Book Thief
Author: Markus Zusak

A book that sings a personal tale in the midst of a historically significant period and place, Nazi Germany in the early 1940s to be precise, is sure to intrigue. 'The Book Thief' by Markus Zusak perfectly does that.

As a story so delicately written from the pits of memory and value, it's no surprise that it's touched hearts. It encompasses the life of Liesel Meminger and the many lives that intertwine with hers.

Representing various treasured relationships of all kinds is the axis of the book, and it rotates towards all of them most eloquently. Pure friendship, parental affection, disturbances, careless youthful companionship and



sweetening neighbouring relations and so much more is very well

explored throughout the book.

Each character has a defining portrayal, one that paints an interpretation of them in your mind. Each of them has something to add, take away, teach or learn. But most of all, we witness the thoughts of our narrator, our second-hand storyteller who commented his way through the girl's life.

Zusak's writing and the storyline invokes intense emotions and bonds you with the characters, even if it's involuntary. It's memorable, impressive, and most importantly, sincere. It is a must read for all book lovers.

Shreya Jorapur, class X, KLE Society's School, Bengaluru

K R Mangalam conducts investiture ceremony

To inculcate the leadership qualities in the students and to give them a feel of the functioning of the administrative body, K R Mangalam World School, Faridabad formed a School Students' Council after rigorous interviewing and selection.

The ceremony began with 'Saraswati vandana' and was followed by lighting of the lamp by the chief guest and principal. Principal Manmit Behel Sabharwal in her speech, inspired and encouraged the elected leaders to be dutiful and responsible.

The oath taking ceremony was led by



PE teacher, Preeti Shridhar.

The elected head boy and head girl shared their thoughts and gratitude towards their teachers and management in their speech. The ceremony culminated with the rendition of the National Anthem.

Triumphant sway

On the occasion of Independence Day, NCC organised a cultural competition, hosted by Kirori Mal College, Delhi University.

East Point School, Vasundhara Enclave with much pride and jubilation announces that three of our students won second prize in the group dance and were awarded ₹2000.

School congratulates Riya Ojha, Archi Verma and Palak for their outstanding performance and wish them more triumphant moments.



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GRIEZMANN DOUBLE FIRES FRANCE TO VICTORY OVER FINLAND

Ends five-game winless streak in World Cup Group D qualifier



France's forward Antoine Griezmann celebrates after scoring his team's second goal during the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 Group D qualification football match between France and Finland

Antoine Griezmann played chief tormentor as France sprung back into life to end a five-game winless streak by beating visitors Finland 2-0 in a World Cup Group D qualifier on Tuesday. Griezmann struck in each half after his partnership with Karim Benzema bore fruit in satisfying fashion to put the world champions on 12 points from six matches at the top of the group.

The 30-year-old Atletico Madrid striker's brace took him level with Michel Platini on 41 goals for his country - 10 behind all-time leader Thierry Henry and five short of Olivier Giroud. "I am very happy with my performance and immensely proud to have equalled Michel Platini," Griezmann said. "This evening we were strong as we really needed this win after five draws, and we managed it in a nice manner."

Victory a face-saver

Victory will go some way to putting to bed the lingering memories of France's traumatic loss on penalties to Switzerland in the last 16 at this summer's Euro 2020. The three points saw France extend their lead at the top of the table to seven points over the Finns, who have two games in hand.

"We did not do everything well but we have rediscovered our confidence," said France coach Didier Deschamps. "This puts our fate in our

POINTS STAND

Finland, who had a decent opening half, are third on five points but have two games in hand of the French.

Bosnia are fourth on three points from four games after a 2-2 draw with bottom side Kazakhstan, who also have three points.

Ukraine are second on five points from as many matches.

Paul Pogba had Deschamps out of his seat in the 14th minute in disbelief as the Manchester United midfielder fired a pass from the halfway line aimlessly over the Finnish byline without a French player anywhere near it. The French defence also looked at sixes and sevens every time the Finns attacked in the first half.

Griezmann finds right spot

Benzema forced the first save of the encounter in the 22nd minute, his fierce shot being turned over for a corner by Finnish stopper Lukas Hradecky after a neat 1-2 with Griezmann, who moved back to Atletico on loan from Barcelona in the summer transfer window. Benzema turned provider three minutes later with a delightful backheel to release Griezmann inside the box. Griezmann made no mistake and was rewarded with a hug and a slap on the back from Deschamps. Griezmann made it 41 for his country when he beat Hradecky at the near post to make it 2-0 in the 54th minute.

The 30-year-old should have bagged his hat-trick as the clock ticked towards the hour mark after another sublime link-up with Benzema but his curling effort went wide of the post. Benzema was denied the goal by his powerhouse performance deserved as Hradecky got down well to block his effort with five minutes remaining. The French came close to conceding a goal as the match neared full-time as Hernandez's careless backpass let in Teemu Pukki but Lloris saved the day. AGENCIES

MEDVEDEV, FERNANDEZ ADVANCE TO US OPEN SEMI-FINALS

Daniil Medvedev advanced to his third straight US Open semi-final while 19-year-old Canadian Fernandez delivered another stunner to reach the last four of a Grand Slam for the first time.



Daniil Medvedev

Russian second seed Medvedev, chasing his first Slam title, eliminated 117th-ranked Dutch qualifier Botanic Van de Zandschulp 6-3, 6-0, 4-6, 7-5 at Arthur Ashe Stadium. "I just want to do a little bit better than the last two times and get this extra step, which is the toughest one, actually," Medvedev said.

Aiming for final

Medvedev moved one victory from a possible championship match against history-chasing Novak Djokovic. The

25-year-old from Moscow was a 2019 US Open runner-up and lost this year's Australian Open final to top-ranked Djokovic, who seeks his fourth US Open title to complete the first men's singles calendar-year Grand Slam since Rod Laver in 1969. "I don't think about him, because as we saw, anybody can beat anybody," Medvedev said. "If he's in the final, and if I'm there, I'm happy. He's also happy, I guess."

Fernandez trusting herself

Fernandez, who had already ousted defending champion Naomi Osaka

and three-time Slam winner Angelique Kerber, defeated Ukraine's fifth-seeded Elina Svitolina 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7/5). "I told myself to trust my shots," Fernandez said. "Even if I lose, I've got to go for it. And I'm glad I did." Fernandez, ranked 73rd, was inspired by pre-match strategy from her father/coach Jorge, a former Ecuadoran football player. "He told me to go out and have fun, fight for every point," she said. "It's your first Grand Slam quarter-final. Don't make it your last. Don't make it your last match over here. Fight for your dream." Medvedev will next face Canadian

12th seed Felix Auger-Aliassime, 21, who reached his first Slam semi-final when 55th-ranked Spanish 18-year-old Carlos Alcaraz retired trailing 6-3, 3-1 with a leg injury. "It's an amazing milestone," said Auger-Aliassime. "It's a weird way to end but I'll have a chance to play one of the best in the world. I'm happy I'm through and I'll try to win the next one." Medvedev won his only meeting with Auger-Aliassime in Canada in 2018. AFP

BUMRAH NINTH IN ICC TEST RANKINGS

India pacer Jasprit Bumrah has gained a place to be ninth in the ICC Test rankings for bowlers following his match-winning spell in the fourth Test against England at The Oval.

Bumrah had bowled Ollie Pope and Jonny Bairstow in a sensational spell of reverse swing that tilted the game decisively in India's favour.

Australia pacer Pat Cummins leads the standings while premier India spinner R Ashwin remains second while not being part of the four Tests against England.

There is no change in the top-10 batsmen with Joe Root leading the pack. Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli are fifth and sixth in the standings.

Ashwin has dropped a spot to be fifth in the all-rounders' rankings with Ravindra Jadeja staying on third place. West Indies' Jason Holder is the leading all-rounder. AFP



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QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Who was the first unseeded Wimbledon's men's singles champion?

- a. Stefan Edberg
- b. Boris Becker
- c. Jimmy Connors
- d. John McEnroe

Q2: What race, held for three weeks each July, is considered the world's most prestigious and difficult bicycle race?

- a. Grand Prix des Nations
- b. Giro d'Italia
- c. Vuelta a Espana
- d. Tour de France

Q3: Which decathlete was the youngest to win a gold medal in the Olympics?

- a. Daley Thompson
- b. Caitlyn Jenner
- c. Rafer Johnson
- d. Bob Mathias

Q4: What event involves women competing in seven different track-and-field events in two days?

- a. Heptathlon
- b. Decathlon
- c. Biathlon
- d. Pentathlon

Q5: Who was the first player to be both captain and manage a World Cup-winning football team?

- a. Bobby Charlton
- b. Pele
- c. Joseph Mercer
- d. Franz Beckenbauer

Q6: Jamaican superstar Elaine Thompson-Herah recorded the second-fastest 100m time ever for a female this week. What was it?



Elaine Thompson-Herah

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- a. 10.59 seconds
- b. 10.49 seconds
- c. 10.54 seconds
- d. 10.64 seconds

Q7: Who scored the first-ever T20 International century?

- a. Suresh Raina
- b. Chris Gayle
- c. Richard Levi
- d. Brandon McCullum

Q8: What is the nickname of Zimbabwe's national men's cricket team?

- a. The Black Caps
- b. The Proteas
- c. The Chevrons
- d. The Tigers

Q9: Who was the first Black Open, Wimbledon, and U.S. Open singles tennis champions?

- a. Althea Gibson
- b. Sloane Stephens
- c. Coco Gauff
- d. Venus Williams

Q10: What is the nickname given to a score of zero by a batsman?

- a. A yorker
- b. A full toss
- c. A google
- d. A duck

ANSWERS: 1. b. Boris Becker 2. d. Tour de France 3. d. Bob Mathias 4. a. Heptathlon 5. d. Franz Beckenbauer 6. c. 10.54 seconds 7. b. Chris Gayle 8. c. The Chevrons 9. a. Althea Gibson 10. d. A duck