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GRADUATION DAY

Follow your dreams with confidence to succeed in life, students told



The Graduation Day ceremony for the outgoing batch of class XII students of 2021-22 was held on April 10, 2022.

The customary lighting of the lamp along with invocation song to invoke God's blessings, marked the start of the programme with a welcome by Sowmya. The guest of the

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day, well-known Kannada actor 'Golden Star' Ganesh Kishan, was felicitated. Secretary Divya B S shared a glimpse of the star's journey to stardom. She also praised the efforts of the students and teachers, and congratulated the graduating students.

Ganesh, in his address to the students, quoted former President of India, the late APJ Abdul Kalam:

"Dream is not what you see in sleep, dream is something that does not let you sleep". He narrated how he chased his dream and became a successful actor. In his inspirational speech, the actor advised students to have clarity about their dream career, and to follow one's dream crossing all hurdles with confidence, to achieve success. He shared snippets from his path to golden glory and encouraged students to tread their own chosen "Road to Success", to give their best and become successful in life.

Principal Geeta Dikshit began the speech by reiterating the advice of the chief guest. "Follow your dreams honestly and give your best to the world!" Wishing the students, she encouraged them to cherish their enriching memories, shoulder responsibilities sincerely and meticulously, face challenges with poise, accept success with humility. Work

hard, experience the real joy of living, be known as honourable players and not just winners. Be wise, understandable, kind, compassionate, have integrity, clear vision, confidence, and insight to scale the highest peak, she added.

The highlight of the ceremony, which created an aura of auspiciousness, was the "Jyoti Daan" - a ceremonial bequeathing of 'Diya's to the graduating students. It is a symbolic gesture of knowledge being shared with the graduating students to enlighten them throughout their life.

"Impressions" facilitated the expression of the reflections of the class teacher, parents as well as students, who shared their fond feelings. The parents expressed gratitude to the management and staff for moulding their wards. A farewell song by the staff to bid adieu expressed heartfelt wishes to the outgoing stu-

dents. Coordinator Suman Singh highlighted the special qualities of students and their aspirations in "Showers of Blessings". A class photo and memoir was given to the outgoing students as a token of blessing.

A cultural programme by the students of class XI included "Saraswathi Vandana" - a graceful dance performance; and a dance drama about a girl who had fun, faced conflict regarding choosing a career and realisation which finally helped her to pursue the career she was passionate about by listening to her heart.

The programme ended with vote of thanks by Vasantha.

The solemn occasion unveiled emotions and feelings. The students cherished their golden moment, expressed their gratitude and received showers of blessings from everyone present.

Activity week brings out varied talents of students

Your talent is God's gift to you

DEVIN ACADEMY FOR LEARNING

Activities are a dominant part of education. The school held a week-long activity week and talent hunt for all the children from classes I to IX.

Each child was involved and exhibited their talent. There were a wide range of activities like drawing, painting, pick and speak, crafts, cooking without fire, face painting, dance, songs, instruments, Ted talks, skits and many more. These activities were conducted to tap talent, build confidence, to teach them not to give up in life and to overcome adversities with positive

thinking. The chief guest was principal of Devin National School Keshav Bhat, who inspired students with a motivational speech and applauded the talent of the students

All the teachers guided the students to bring out the best in them and were a part of the success of the programme. Principal Asha Iyengar appreciated the students and awarded the winners and participants with medals and certificates

The day was memorable for every one at the school, and children began their summer vacation with lots of good memories.



THE ICING ON THE CAKE

Candy, candy everywhere
My mouth is filled with sweet
Candy melts into sugar and butter
Chocolate coated candy treat

leave, which to take?
Milk, dark, creamy, and nutty
The perfect icing on the cake

Shradha Satish, class VI, Sishu Griha Senior School

So many types of desserts: which to

COLOURFUL WALL CRAFT

Say no more to expensive home decors. Decorate your house with this elegant yet eye-catching wall hanger do-it-yourself craft.

The trend of decorating houses with small and vivid show pieces with floral designs started a century ago. Floral patterns in houses were used to symbolise peace and joy. Use this craft to give a classic 1920s touch to your home.

ALL YOU NEED: Is paper, cardboard and a glue-stick.

METHOD: Start by cutting a semi-circle in the cardboard. Then make eight cones using a paper by cutting it in squares

and paste the conical figures on the semi-circle such that there is no space left between them. Continue by cutting the paper in flower shapes. Use colourful papers to make it more attractive.

Using threads to hang those flowers

from the cardboard and stick one of them in the centre.

Adding some pearls and jewel stickers will make it look extravagant. This simple home decor craft can be done at home in no time.

Yashasvi Shetty, class IX, Pawar Public School, Hadapsar, Pune



BOOK: TO KILL A KINGDOM BY ALEXANDRA CHRISTO



To Kill a Kingdom is a standalone novel written by Alexandra Christo. Dive into a story revolving around pirates, dark romance and witty characters.

Prince Elian is born as a prince but his ambition lays out, towards the ocean. He dreams of slaying all sirens in the seas and making sure the humans don't succumb to the hands of the enemy: the sirens themselves. He learns that there's a way to end the sirens once and for all. For that, he is forced to make doubtful allies.

Princess Lira is the daughter of the Siren Queen and is known to be the most lethal siren of them all. Borne with great expectations from her antagonising mother, she finally breaks and makes a grave mistake. To reverse the curse of being human, she must kill the pirate-prince: Elian.

As the protagonists' paths cross, they realise that they're dependent on each other for survival. Throughout the

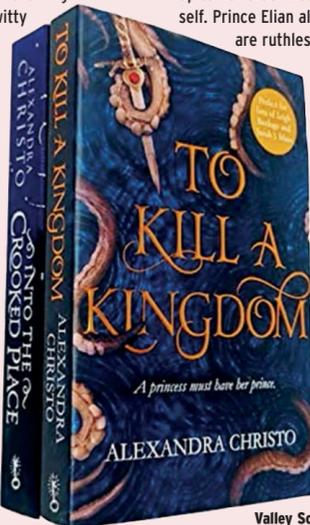
journey, Lira finds the strength to stand up to her cruel mother and become the Siren Queen herself. Prince Elian also comes to know the fact that not all sirens are ruthless.

The story of Lira and Elian teaches us to make our own choices, and that each decision leads to numerous consequences. Just because something is enforced in us doesn't necessarily mean that it is undoubtedly correct, nor wrong.

Alexandra Christo uses a variety of phrases and incorporates a lively sense of humour in her writing. Her eerie choice of words is suitable at appropriate times and the characters she introduces are immediate fan-favourites. Christo's magnificent plot and storyline grips the readers right from page one.

To Kill a Kingdom is indeed a book that one should pick up if sad, happy, or just in the mood for a fun read.

Isha Kulkarni, class X, Vidya Valley School, Pune



Change is beneficial, a great teacher

"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often." - Winston Churchill

Change is truly the only constant in our lives. Even as you're reading this, countless changes are happening all around you! Change is something that will stay with you all your life. It's a friend that teaches you numerous things and builds you into a better person with time. When time began, we were primitive. But we evolved and we made advancements. We learned and adapted to the transformations around us, and transitioned era after era, age after age, and became who we are today! We came up with new ideas and inventions, made ourselves better, and refined every sphere of ourselves and our lives, as we are doing, and will keep doing. Undoubtedly, change is beneficial in more ways than one can count. It helps you embrace difficulties and persevere through them. It shows us new angles and perspectives, helps you think out of the box, and makes you step out of the seemingly repetitive norms of daily life.

STUDENTSPEAK

Alvira Khan, class IX, Silver Oaks International School Sarjapur

It can, of course, be unsettling, and it can be hard to embrace or adjust to something unusual for you; it'll take time, effort, perseverance, and patience. My Advice? Pull through it, you didn't come this far, only to come this far. I know change can be unnerving, but in the end, it'll give rise to a stronger and better you. We all have our own experiences with change. For me? I've learned great lessons from it.

One of the most important things change has taught me, is gratitude. Being grateful for every peaceful moment I have, and being accepting of new and unprecedented changes in my life.

It has taught me the importance of looking at things from new perspectives; it has taught me composure and acceptance during hard times. I could honestly go on. These are just a few ways change has benefitted me. I believe that change ultimately brings about greater good for everyone in due time, and we must learn to welcome it.



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REAL MADRID TROUNCE CHELSEA

Karim Benzema celebrates after scoring a goal during the UEFA Champions League quarter final second leg football match between Real Madrid CF and Chelsea FC

Makes sensational comeback in extra time to reach semis

Luka Modric turned the tie and Karim Benzema settled it as Real Madrid held off a sensational fightback from Chelsea on Tuesday to win an enthralling Champions League quarter-final 5-4 on aggregate. Chelsea wiped out Madrid's 3-1 lead from the first leg in stunning fashion at the Santiago Bernabeu as Mason Mount, Antonio Rudiger and Timo Werner put Europe's reigning champions on the brink of an incredible victory.

VINTAGE CONTRIBUTIONS

After scoring a hat-trick at Stamford Bridge, Benzema then stepped forward to claim the winner, the Frenchman capitalising on a Rudiger slip to head in, a 3-2 defeat enough to see Madrid into the semi-finals. At the final whistle, Modric and Benzema dropped to the floor, their combined 70 years of age belying another two vintage contributions that have dragged Real Madrid in sight of a 14th European Cup. They will face either Manchester City or rivals Atletico Madrid in the last four. After being thrashed by Brentford and then outplayed by Madrid in the first leg last week, Chelsea came in rejuvenated after putting six past Southampton in the Premier League last weekend.

STADIUM DEAD

Benzema, Modric and Toni Kroos tried to wrestle back control, but Chelsea's authority was even more pronounced early in the second half and within minutes they had a second, Rudiger rising high at the back post to head in from a corner. With their lead gone, Madrid briefly exerted, the crowd coming into the contest. But Chelsea was celebrating a third when Marcos Alonso pivoted round Dani Carvajal's sliding tackle and slammed into the top corner. Madrid looked beaten, the stadium dead, but the referee was waiting. VAR spotted Alonso had controlled with his hand and when the decision was reversed, the Bernabeu erupted. With 28 minutes left, the tie was back in the balance.

SPACE TO TEAR

A disappointed Kroos was taken off before a wild contest turned again on the moment of magic from Modric. With the outside of his foot, Modric stroked a 30-yard pass over to the right of the penalty area where Rodrygo, on as a substitute, volleyed in. Chelsea looked the more likely to nick a late winner and nearly did, Kai Havertz nodding across the six-yard box, but Christian Pulisic shot over. Into extra time and Madrid found another gear, Vinicius finally finding space to tear into. His floated cross might have been easily cleared by Rudiger but the defender slipped, giving Benzema just enough space to guide his header in. Chelsea, so composed all night, suddenly looked ragged. Eduardo Camavinga fired over. Courtois Cruyff-turned around Havertz. But they threw everything at Madrid in the final minutes, Courtois saving from Werner before Fede Valverde had to block a shot from Thiago Silva. Edouard Mendy went up for a final corner, but it was cleared, Madrid holding on.



Luka Modric

Photo: GETTY IMAGES



Photo: AFP

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Modric's sumptuous pass with the outside of his right foot setting up Rodrygo to volley in and sending a nerve-shredding contest into extra time Benzema took his season's tally to 37 goals in 36 matches for Real, handing his side a major chance of making the semifinals in their bid to land a 14th Champions League title

ROYALS, TITANS SET FOR CLASH

BOTH TEAMS ARMED WITH POTENT BOWLING UNITS



Sanju Samson

A battle royale is on the cards when Hardik Pandya's Gujarat Titans take on the Sanju Samson-led Rajasthan Royals, two line-ups armed with potent bowling units in a top-of-the-table IPL showdown on Thursday. The Royals put together one of the best if not the best bowling attacks for this season and all their spinners and pacers have been right on the mark. The seasoned Trent Boult has continued to reign fire with the new ball and has been equally impressive in the slog overs. In the previous game against Lucknow Super Giants, he bowled a fiery opening spell to get rid of skipper KL Rahul and Krishnappa Gowtham in the very first over.

STOMACH TO PLAY

Prasidh Krishna has given a glimpse of why he is touted to be the next fast-bowling sensation in Indian cricket. Alongside Boult, the duo has bowled with pace and aggression. Rookie Kuldeep Sen too proved he has the stomach to play with the bigwigs. He performed tremendously under pressure on his debut, defending 15 runs off the last over against LSG.

Photo: PTI

The spin duties, on the other hand, are being ably carried out by senior India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin and the wily Yuzvendra Chahal. The latter is the leading wicket taker in the league at the moment, spinning the opposition batters into submission. The leg spinner has 11 scalps at an economy of 6.50.

Upcoming IPL Match



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Ashwin though has not had many breakthroughs, the off-spinner has operated at an economy of 6.87 and has managed to choke the opposition for runs. It will be a tall task for the 'Titans' batters, who are thin on experience, to

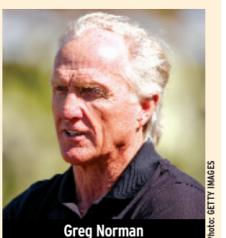
navigate through the Royals bowling. The new entrants have relied on young opener Shubman Gill, who has been in scintillating form. Pandya, who is known for his pyrotechnics, has been more restrictive in his approach and his looked to take his innings deep.

INTERESTING TO WATCH

The Titans boast of formidable bowling units themselves. The pace bowling department includes the likes of Lockie Ferguson, one of the fastest bowlers in world cricket, senior India quick Mohammed Shami, and Pandya, all attacking wicket-taking bowlers, who can put the opposition under pressure. Rashid Khan, expectedly, is their most economical bowler. The opposition batters have preferred to play his four overs out rather than go for the big shots. The Titans bowlers, however, lacked sharpness in the loss against Sunrisers Hyderabad, the team's first defeat this season. It will be interesting to see how they regroup against the Royals batting line-up that includes the likes of Jos Buttler, the big-hitting Shimron Hetmyer and Samons besides the prodigiously talented Devdutt Padikkal. AGENCIES

SAUDI-BACKED CIRCUIT'S PRIZE MONEY WILL ATTRACT TOP GOLF PLAYERS: NORMAN

Many of the world's top golfers have distanced themselves from the Saudi-backed LIV Golf Invitational Series but Greg Norman said the lure of the huge prize purses on offer will prove too hard to resist. The series released details of eight new tournaments in March, promising prize money of at least \$250 million. The U.S. based PGA Tour has told its members they would be banned if they joined it.



Greg Norman

Top players including Tiger Woods, Jordan Spieth and Justin Thomas have expressed their allegiance to the PGA Tour, while Rory McIlroy has described the breakaway league as "dead in the water".

"There's a \$4 million first prize. I hope a kid who's 350th in the world wins. It'll change his life, said Norman, who is fronting the new circuit.

"And then a few of our events will go by and the top players will see someone winning \$6 million, \$8 million, and say 'enough is enough, I know I can beat these guys week in week out with my hands tied behind my back.'" The LIV Invitational series will launch at the Centurion Club near London the week before the U.S. Open in June. AGENCIES

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which was the first country in Asia to host a Formula One race?

- a) Japan
- b) China
- c) Germany
- d) India

Q2: What is the second highest belt in UK Judo, after black?

- a) Orange
- b) Brown
- c) White
- d) Pink

Q3: Which of these is played on the largest pitch?

- a) Cricket
- b) Football
- c) Basketball
- d) Polo

Q4: In which state is Jallikattu popular?

- a) Kerala
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Karnataka

Q5: Sania Mirza paired up with _____ in Charleston Open.

- a) Andreja Klepac
- b) Magda Linette
- c) Lucie Hradecka
- d) Caroline Dolehide



Photo: GETTY IMAGES

Q6: In which individual game did India win the first Bronze medal in Olympics?

- a) Archery
- b) Wrestling
- c) Badminton
- d) Shooting

Q7: Which of the following teams has made its debut in IPL 2022?

- a) Chennai Super Kings
- b) Gujarat Titans
- c) Punjab Kings
- d) Rajasthan Royals

Q8: Who was most expensive player of IPL 2022?

- a) Ishan Kishan
- b) Shreyas Iyer
- c) David Warner
- d) Liam Livingstone

Q9: Which of the following former Indian players is the mentor of Lucknow Super Giants?

- a) Anil Kumble
- b) Sunil Gavaskar
- c) Gautam Gambhir
- d) Irfan Pathan

ANSWERS:

1. a) Japan 2. b) Brown 3. d) Polo
4. b) Tamil Nadu 5. c) Lucie Hradecka
6. b) Wrestling 7. b) Gujarat Titans
8. a) Ishan Kishan 9. c) Gautam Gambhir