

# **SUPPLEMENTARY READER-VISTAS**

## **CLASS-XII**

### **LESSON NO.02**

#### **THE TIGER KING BY KALKI**

**CHARACTERS-1-The Tiger King Sir Jilani Jung Jung Bhadur**

**2-Astrologer 3-Diwan 4-British Officer**

#### **GIST OF THE LESSON**

The Maharaja Sir Jilani Jung Jung Bhadur was called "Tiger King".When he was just 10 days old he asked intelligent questions to the astrologers and was told that he would be killed by a tiger. He uttered "Let tigers beware!"

No other miracle took place, the child grew like any other Royal child drinking white cow's milk, taught by an English tutor, looked after by an English nanny and watched English film.

When he was 20, he was crowned as king. It was then the prediction of his death by the tiger reached the Maharaja's ear and he in turn to safe guard himself killed a tiger and being thrilled he told the astrologer who replied that he can kill 99 tigers but should be careful with the 100th.

From then on he started killing tiger and none was allowed to hunt tigers. A high-ranking British officer visited the state that was fond of hunting tiger and his wish was declined.

The officer requested for getting a photograph with a tiger killed by Maharaja and this request was rejected.

So to please the officer's wife he sent 50 diamond rings expecting that she would take 1 or 2 instead she kept all the rings costing 3 lakh rupees and sent 'thanks' to the Maharaja. But his state was secured.

In 10 years he killed 70 tiger and didn't find any in Pratibandapuram so he decided to marry a girl from royal state which had more tigers to complete his target.

Whenever he visited his in-laws he killed 5-6 tigers. So he killed 99 tigers and was feverishly anxious to kill the 100th but couldn't find.

News about the presence of a tiger near a village proved disappointing.

Now the Dewan was warned of his danger so he visited 'People's Park in Madras' and brought an old tiger and placed it in the forest and informed the Maharaja.

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### **Question and Answer:**

#### **1. Who is the Tiger King? Why does he get that name?**

Sir Jilani Jung Jung Bhadur, the Maharaja of Pratibandpuram is the "Tiger King". When he was just 10 days old he asked intelligent questions to the astrologers and was told that he would be killed by a tiger. He uttered "Let tigers beware!" He decided to kill 100 tigers. So he got the name 'Tiger King'.

**1- Vkbxj fdæ^dlk gS\ ml s; g ule dš sfeyk\**

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**2. What was the miracle that took place in the royal palace?**

When the Maharaja was a 10 day old infant spoke and asked intelligent questions about his death. After knowing that he would be killed by a tiger he uttered saying "Let tigers beware."

**2- 'kgh egy eaD; k perdkj gP\k**

tc egkjktk 10 fnu ds f'k' kq Fkš cksys vksj viuh eR; q ds ckjs ea c( ) eRrki wkZ ç'u i NA ; g tkuus ds ckn fd og , d 'kj }kjk ekjs tk, xš mlgkaus dgk æk?kks l ko/kku gks tkvks !B

**3. How was the Tiger King brought up?**

As a child the Tiger King was brought up by an English nanny and tutored in English by an Englishman. He was given the milk of an English cow. Like many other Indian crown princes he watched only English movies.

**3- dš scl?k jktk dk ikyu išk. k gP\k**

, d cPps ds : i ea Vkbxj fdæ dk , d væsth /kk; us ykyu& ikyu fd; k vksj , d væst us ml s væsth i < k; hA mUga , d væsth xk; dk nwk fn; k x; k A dbZ vU; Hkkjrh; jkt dækjka dh rjg mlgkaus dny væsth fQYeans[ kA

**4. What did the State astrologer say he would do 'if the hundredth tiger were also killed'?**

The State astrologer was so sure of his prediction that he announced that he would cut off his ceremonial tuft, crop his hair short and become an insurance agent in case the king was able to kill the 100th tiger, too. He was sure that the Maharaja's death would be caused by the 100th tiger.

**4- jkt; dsT; kšr"kh us dgk fd og D; k djas\*; fn ml dš Vkbxj fdæ ½ }kjk l šcl?kæ dks Hh ekj fn; k x; k**

jkt; ds T; kšr"kh dks viuh Hkfo"; ok.kh ds ckjs ea bruk i Ddk ; dhu Fkk fd ml us ?kšk.kk dh fd og vius vksj pkfjd xPN }pV; k½ dkV yæš cky eMok yæavšj , d chek , tV cu tk; xš ; fn jktk 100 oack?k dks ekjus ea l {ke gP\k} rks HkA mUga ; dhu Fkk fd egkjkt dh eR; q 100 oack?k dh otg l s gkschA

## 5. What did the high-ranking British officer wish to do? Was his wish fulfilled?

The high-ranking British officer wanted to kill a tiger. When he was denied the permission for hunting, he sent a word to the king that he would be happy if he was allowed to get photographed with the dead body of a tiger killed by the king. However, his wish remained unfulfilled.

### 5- mPp i nLFk fcfV'k vf/kdkjh D; k djuk plgrsFlA D; k ml dh bPNk ijh gPZ\

mPp j dclak okys fcfV'k vf/kdkjh , d 'lj dks ekjuk plgrsFlA tc ml sf'kdj dh vuøfr l sbudkj dj fn; k x; k] rls ml us jktk dks , d l n'sk Hkst k fd mlga [kdjh gksch vxj ml s jktk }kjk ekjs x; s , d ck?k ds er 'kjhj ds l kFk Qs/ks yus dh vuøfr nh tk, A gkykfid] mudh bPNk vi wkZ cuh jghA

## 6. How did the Maharaja manage to save his throne?

The Maharaja had annoyed the visiting senior British officer over the issue of tiger -hunting and 'stood in danger of losing his kingdom itself'. So, the Maharaja and the Dewan decided to placate and pacify the officer through bribe by sending gifts of expensive diamond rings to the 'durasani', the wife of the British officer. Thus he managed to save his throne.

### 6- egjkt usviuk fl gkl u dS scpk; k

egjktk us 'lj ds f'kdj grq , d fcfV'k vf/kdkjh ds vlxeu ij ukjktxh trkbZ vkSj 'mlga vi us jkt; dks [kks ds [krjk fn[kkbZ fn; k^ bl fy,] egjktk vkSj nhoku us fcfV'k vf/kdkjh dh iRuh \*ngbl kaur^ dks egax ghjs dk NYykA/aBh/2 mi gjk Lo#i fj'or ds tfj, Hst dj vf/kdkjh dks 'klar djus dk QS yk fd; kA bl cdkj og vi us fl gkl u dks cpkus ea dke; kc jgkA

## 7. How did the 'durasani' behave on receiving the gifts?

Some fifty samples of expensive diamond rings were sent to the duraisani and it was expected that she would select one or two and return the rest. But the lady proved to be greedy as she retained all of them and merely sent a letter of thanks.

### 7- migjladksçkr djus ij \*ngbl kaur^ us dS s0; ogkj fd; k

cgP; ghjs ds NYyka ds dñ i pkl uewka dks nñj; kaur dks Hkst k x; k Fkk vkSj ; g mEhn dh Fkh fd og , d ; k nls dk p; u djxh vkSj ckdh dks oki l ykS/k naxhA yfdu og efgyk ykyph l kfor gPZ D; kfid ml us l Hkh %/aB; kiz dks j [k fy; k vkSj doy /ku; okn dk , d i = Hst kA

## 8. Why did the Maharaja's tiger killing mission come to a sudden still?

Within ten years Maharaja's tiger hunting had resulted in the killing of seventy tigers. However his tiger killing mission came to a sudden standstill because the tiger population became extinct in the forest of Pratibandapuram.

### 8- egjktk dsck?k dh gr; k dk fe'ku vplud Fle D; lax; k

nl l ky ds Hkhrj egjktk ds ck?ka ds f'kdj ds dkj .k l Ukj ck?ka dh gr; k gPZ gkykfid muds ck?k dh gr; k dk fe'ku vplud Fle x; k D; kfid çfrclni je ds taxy ea ck?k dh tul ç; k foykr gks xbZ FkhA

### 9. Why did the Maharaja suddenly decide to marry? Whom did he wish to marry?

The Maharaja suddenly decided to marry because firstly, he was of marriageable age and secondly, he wanted to kill thirty more tigers in his father-in-law's state in order to complete the tally of hundred tigers. For this reason he wished to marry a girl in the royal family of a state with a large tiger population.

#### 9- egkjktk usvplud 'knh djusdk Qs yk D; kfd; K og fdl l s'knh djuk plgrk FkA

egkjktk usvplud 'knh djusdk fu.kz; fy; k D; kfd igyh ckj og fookg ; kX; vk; q dk Fkk vkSj ml jk] og l kS ck?kka dh l a; k dks ij k djus ds fy, vius l l j ds jkT; ea rhl ck?kka dks vkSj ekjuk plgrk FkA bl dkj.k l s og 'kgh i fjokj dh yMedh l s 'knh djus dh dkeuk djrk Fkk ftl ds jkT; ea ck?kka dh vkcknh vf/kd gkA

### 10. Why did Maharaja order the dewan to double the tax?

The Maharaja called the dewan and ordered him to immediately double the tax of the villagers who had informed him of a tiger in the forest because despite his best efforts he was unable to locate the beast. This infuriated the Maharaja.

#### 10- egjktk usdj dksnkqk djusdsfy, nhoku dksvnsk D; kfn; K

egkjktk us nhoku dks cyk; k vkSj mlga rjar xkeh. kka ds djka dks nkqk djus dk vnsk fn; k] ftl gkaus mlga ou ea ck?k ds gkaus ds ckjs ea crk; k FkD; kfd vius l oZSB ; k l ka ds cktm os tkuoj dk irk yxkus ea vl eFkz FkA bl l s egkjktk Øk/kr gks x; A

### 11. What did the Maharaja buy as a birthday gift for his son?

The Maharaja wished to give his son a very special gift on his birthday and he bought a wooden toy tiger as a perfect birthday gift for his son.

#### 11- egkjktk usviuscVdsdsfy, tlefnu ds migkj ds: i eaD; k [kjnkA

egkjktk vius cVds dks ml ds tlefnu ij , d fo'ksk migkj nus dh dkeuk djrs Fks vkSj ml gkaus vius cVds ds fy, , d vkn'kz tlefnu ds migkj ds: i ea ydM dk cuk , d f[kykuk 'kj [kjnkA

### 12. How did the king's arm become seriously infected?

The king's arm had got infected from a prick caused by one of the slivers on the wooden tiger. In one day, the infection got flared in the Maharaja's right hand and in four days it developed into a suppurating sore which spread all over the arm. Though he was operated yet he died.

#### 12- jktk dk gfk xkij : i l s l Øfer dS sgwk \

jktk dk gfk ydM ds ck?k l s fudyh , d QM dh plku ds dkj.k l s l Øfer gks x; k FkA , d fnu ej egkjktk ds nfgus gfk ea l Øe.k Qs x; k vkSj plj fnuka ea ; g , d ihi l s Hkjs?kko ds #i ea fodfl r gks x; k tks ijh Hkqt k ea Qs x; kA ; | fi ml dh "kV; fpfdRI k dh xbfQj Hkh og ej x; kA

## Long answer type question

### 1. How did the Tiger King meet his end? What is ironical about his death?

