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**104-year-old woman learns to read and write – 6th December, 2021**

## **Level 4**

A 104-year-old woman from Kerala, India passed a literacy test with a score of 89 per cent. Kuttiyamma learned to read and write last year. She studied for just a year and passed with flying colours. The education minister congratulated her and wished her "the best". He uploaded a photo of her grinning from ear to ear. Another person tweeted: "I salute Kuttiyamma for her dedication. It will inspire others for sure."

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## **Level 5**

A 104-year-old woman from India passed a state literacy test. Kuttiyamma only learned to read and write last year. She had a year's tuition and was older than the average pupil, but she passed her test with flying colours. She got 89 per cent on the Kerala literacy test. Kerala's education minister congratulated her. He tweeted: "With the utmost love and respect, I wish Kuttiyamma...the best." He uploaded a photo of her in which she is grinning from ear to ear. Another person tweeted: "I salute Kuttiyamma for her dedication. It will inspire others for sure."

Kerala has India's highest literacy rate at 96.2 per cent. It invests heavily in education, with a strong focus on adult education. She has shown that age is just a number and that people can achieve anything when they put our minds to it. Kuttiyamma did not go to school. Her tutor called her "a very sharp woman". He said she was "overjoyed" after she saw her test results. A state official said: "Kuttiyamma is a role model and motivation to all women in adult education". Kuttiyamma will now start writing letters and continue her studies to improve her skills.

## **Level 6**

A 104-year-old woman from Kerala, India has passed a state literacy test. Her name is Kuttiyamma and she only learned to read and write last year. Despite having just a year's tuition and being somewhat older than the average pupil, Kuttiyamma passed her tests with flying colours. She achieved a score of 89 per cent on the Kerala State Literacy Test. Such was her inspirational achievement, Kerala's education minister congratulated her. He tweeted: "With the utmost love and respect, I wish Kuttiyamma...the best." He uploaded a photo of the star student in which she is grinning from ear to ear. Another person tweeted: "I salute Kuttiyamma for her dedication. It will inspire others for sure."

Kerala state has India's highest literacy rate at 96.2 per cent and invests heavily in education. It has a strong focus on adult education, which Kuttiyamma benefited from. Her endeavours prove that age is just a number and that we can achieve anything when we put our minds to it. Kuttiyamma did not have a formal education as she did not go to school. However, her state-assigned tutor called her "a very sharp woman". He said his student was "overjoyed" after she saw her test results. A state official said: "Kuttiyamma is a role model and motivation to all women in adult education". Kuttiyamma said she wants to start writing letters and continue her studies to improve her skills.