



What is value of US security pledges?

Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, argues that any US-organised peace agreement would have to be accompanied by "security guarantees" from the US to prevent Russia from resuming its offensive in the future. However, Donald Trump has so far said the US will not commit to sending troops to Ukraine if Russia doesn't stand by any such deal. Another way of assuring a security guarantee would be for Ukraine to be allowed to join Nato. As a Nato member, Ukraine would be protected by Article 5 which states that if one member is attacked, others will come to its aid. But Trump has also ruled out this option. The US president claims the proposed US-Ukraine minerals deal will compensate the US for its expenditure in support of Ukraine to date, and that the associated presence of US personnel on Ukrainian territory will deter Russia from a fresh invasion. Yet for such a guarantee to be effective, Russia must believe in it. This seems unlikely given that in the last few weeks, Trump has appeared to blame Zelenskyy for the invasion of his own territory, called him "a dictator" for not holding elections in wartime, and insisted that Vladimir Putin wants peace while Zelenskyy does not. But have US security guarantees worked in the past to provide the protection that Zelenskyy is looking for? The history of this kind of protection deal is worth interrogating for answers. 1973 Paris Peace Accords After years of involvement by US forces in the Vietnam War (1965-1975), the 1973 Paris Peace Accords allowed President Richard Nixon to present himself as a peacemaker in a conflict which most Americans had come to see as unwinnable. The war had pitted South Vietnam and its US ally against communist North Vietnam, backed by China and Russia. The accords endangered South Vietnamese security by permitting North Vietnam's forces to remain on the south's territory after a ceasefire.



The US said it would continue to provide adequate military support to permit South Vietnam to continue the struggle – and critically, Nixon promised the South Vietnamese president, Nguyen Van Thieu, that should the North Vietnamese communists mount another general offensive, the US would return to South Vietnam, with massive air power. But, when the communists launched their 1975 offensive, Nixon's guarantee proved worthless. Forced out of office by the Watergate scandal (which showed Republicans connected to Nixon's re-election campaign had raided offices of the Democratic National Committee), Nixon was succeeded by his vice-president, Gerald Ford, who announced on April 25 1975 that "the Vietnam War is finished as far as America is concerned". An ignominious withdrawal of the remnants of US support from the then capital of South Vietnam, Saigon, occurred a few days later, and the South Vietnamese were left to their fate.

US troops pull out of Vietnam. Like Zelenskyy, President Thieu protested these arrangements. On his resignation in 1975, he said: "At the time, there was collusion between the communists and the United States with a view to reaching the agreement of 26 October 1972 ... I had enough courage to tell Secretary of State Kissinger at the time ... 'You want to sell the interests and lives of the South Vietnamese. As for me, a Vietnamese, I cannot do so.'" However, Thieu had to accept these agreements for fear of the total withdrawal of US support – just as Zelenskyy, however intense his resistance, may also have to. 2020 Doha Pact More recently, the 2020 Doha agreement, negotiated between Trump's first administration and the Taliban, fulfilled the US president's desire to pull the US military out of Afghanistan. As in Vietnam and Ukraine, the US negotiated this agreement without the participation of its ally, the Afghan government. The Taliban promised

not to support terrorist groups on Afghan territory, and to engage in intra-Afghan negotiations. But when the Taliban went back on the first of these conditions, the US did not halt the withdrawal of its forces. Reports suggest the Trump administration had undermined the morale of the Afghan army and telegraphed the date of US withdrawal from the country. The Taliban needed only to wait for Nato and US forces to start withdrawing in May 2021 before continuing its campaign to take back power. The US government clearly wanted to get out of Afghanistan whatever happened to its ally. By mid-August, the Afghan government had collapsed and the Taliban had retaken Kabul. When the Afghan armed forces collapsed, there were still Nato and US personnel in Kabul. Their chaotic withdrawal could then only occur with the permission of the Taliban. Putin need only bide his time? Drawing on this knowledge of what happened in Afghanistan, mood music from the Trump administration might suggest to Putin in 2025 that he need only bide his time until US rejection of its erstwhile ally renders Ukraine's defence untenable. National policies change, especially in democracies, and such changes have consequences. Since 1945, American presidents have understood themselves to be "leaders of the free world". But Trump sees this only as shorthand for foreign exploitation of American generosity, which is how he regards US expenditure in support of Ukraine. Under such circumstances, US allies might be less likely to rely on American promises and guarantees than they were in the 1970s during the Vietnam war. The history of US security guarantees in Vietnam and Afghanistan should give Zelenskyy, and all US allies, pause when considering their value this time around.

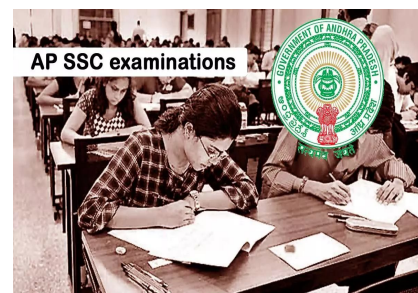
AP Home Minister Anitha Reviews Shakti App, says will strengthen it

In a significant step towards improving women's safety, Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha has announced plans to enhance the Shakti app, which has already seen considerable downloads among the public. During a recent review meeting held at the Police Commissioner's office, Anitha emphasized the government's commitment to creating a user-friendly experience for women and strengthen the app facility. The Shakti app, designed to empower women and provide vital safety resources, will undergo further improvements aimed at making it easier to navigate and ensuring it delivers better services. Anitha stated that the enhancement of the app is part of a broader initiative to prioritize women's safety in the region.



Strict measures in Place for AP SSC examinations

In a bid to ensure the smooth conduct of the upcoming Class 10 public examinations, the Chief Secretary (CS) of Andhra Pradesh has issued stringent directives to district collectors and Superintendents of Police (SPs). With a staggering 6,19,275 students registered to take the exams across 3,450 designated centers in the state, officials are taking all necessary precautions. To maintain order, prohibitions under Section 144 will be enforced within a 100-meter radius of all exam centers. Additionally, all Xerox and internet cafes located within the vicinity of these centers will be closed to prevent any potential disruptions or malpractice. Authorities have also been urged to take rigorous action against individuals spreading false information or rumors related to the examination process. A state-level control room has been established and can be reached at 08662974540 for any related inquiries or issues.



Tamil Nadu CM Stalin Invites Telangana CM Revanth Reddy for Meeting on Delimitation Impact

New Delhi: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has extended an invitation to Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to attend a crucial meeting on March 22. The meeting aims to discuss the potential disadvantages Southern states may face due to the delimitation of constituencies. On behalf of CM Stalin, Tamil Nadu Minister T.K. Nehru led a DMK delegation to personally invite CM Revanth Reddy in New Delhi. The meeting will bring together Chief Ministers and former Chief Ministers from various states to deliberate on the impact of constituency delimitation and its implications for Southern states.



AP Assembly Budget Sessions: Key Discussions and Bills Set for Thursday

The Andhra Pradesh Assembly is poised for an eventful 11th day of its Budget Sessions, commencing at 9 AM on Thursday. Concurrently, the Legislative Council will follow suit with its 10th day starting at 10 AM. The agenda for both houses includes the continuation of question-and-answer sessions where a range of pertinent issues will be addressed. In the Legislative Assembly, discussions will cover various topics such as the change of beneficiaries for TIDCO housing, state migration patterns, irregularities in bill payments, discrepancies at Andhra University, and updates on the Metro Rail project in Visakhapatnam. Additionally, a short discussion focusing on the energy sector is scheduled. The Legislative Council will also engage in significant discussions during its sessions, with topics including social security pen-



sions, the state investment promotion board, the regulation of permit rooms, the illegal sale of PDF rice, and irregularities in Jagananna colonies. A dedicated discussion will also take place on various scams that reportedly occurred from 2019 to 2024. A noteworthy introduction is anticipated as the Andhra Pradesh Land Rights Pattadar Pass Book Amendment Bill, 2024, will be pre-

sented by Revenue Minister Angani Satya Prasad. State Housing and Information Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy announced ambitious housing initiatives, stating that the government aims to complete and initiate the construction of 300,000 houses by June. The minister reported that following the coalition government's assumption of power, 125,000 houses have been finished, with a target of completing 725,000 houses by March 2026. He further revealed that, as part of this initiative, orders have been issued to provide additional assistance for the construction of houses for 598,710 SC, ST, and BC beneficiaries, resulting in a financial commitment of ₹3,219.75 crore. Both sessions promise to be critical as legislators address vital issues impacting the state and its residents.

Get together of Bodupal Padmashali sangam

A large -scale should gather and make the event successful

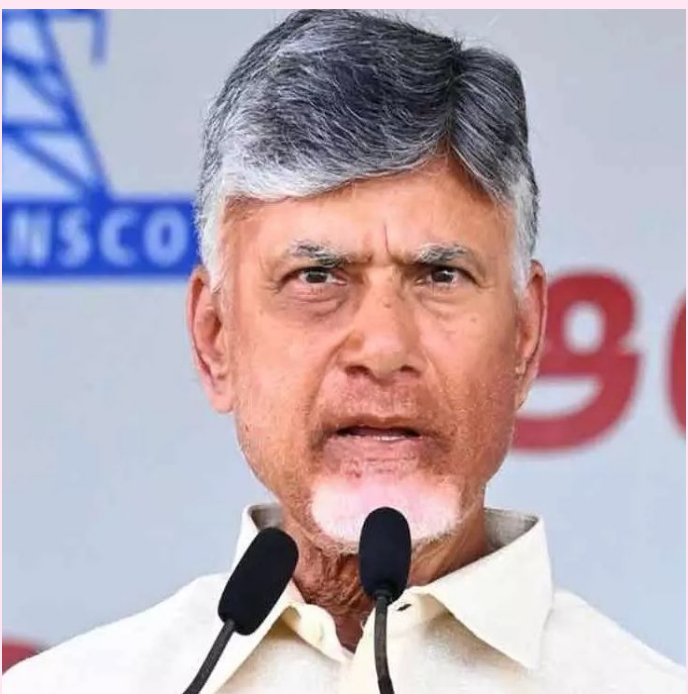
Founding President of Bodupal Padmashali Sangha Saini Amritam



Medipally, March 13 (Metro udayam):

On the 16th of this month, the Raghava Banket Hull under the Bodupal Municipal Corporation Telangana State Padmashali Sangha Vice President and Bodupal Padmashali Sangha Founding President Saini Amritam said will be held at 11 am. Speaking on the occasion, they said that the culprits from the corporation were a large number should participate in Padmashalis unity. Padmashali Sikshema Society Padmashali Welfare Society Executive Secretary Samala Anjaya and others were present.

Chandrababu Naidu emphasized the transformational reforms introduced by the Telugu Desam Party



In a recent debate on the energy sector in the Andhra Pradesh Assembly, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu emphasized the transformational reforms introduced by the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) in the power sector, tracing their origins back to 1988. Naidu stated that the TDP government was a pioneer in restructuring the electricity framework of the state by dividing it into three essential components: distribution, generation, and transmission. He noted that these reforms also included the implementation of energy auditing, which ultimately positioned Andhra Pradesh as the only state in India without electricity shortages. Reflecting on the achievements of his administration, Naidu expressed pride in the benefits that farmers have experienced since the introduction of slab rates, eliminating the previous system where they were charged per unit for agricultural power usage. "In 2014, we faced a daunting task with a shortage of 22.5 million units of electricity. With the support of the central government, we addressed this challenge head-on, and by December 2014, we eliminated electricity shortages entirely. By January 2018, Andhra Pradesh became a state with a surplus of electricity," he declared. Naidu further stated that his government now provides farmers with nine hours of electricity, a stark contrast to the 10 to 15 hours of power cuts experienced when he first assumed the role of Chief Minister in 1995. "I envisioned an efficient administration and proceeded with comprehensive plans to achieve it," Naidu explained, highlighting the introduction of spot billing for accurate meter readings.

Bajrang Sena Strongly Opposes CM Revanth Reddys Restrictions on Holi Celebrations

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Telangana state Bajrang Sena organized a press meet at the State Office in Kachiguda to strongly oppose the recent order issued by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy imposing restrictions on the celebration of Holi. The event was attended by key office bearers and members of Bajrang Sena. Speaking at the press meet, Bajrang Sena Hyderabad City President N.R. Laxman Rao questioned the selective imposition of restrictions only on the Hindu community while providing full support and facilities for the observance of Ramzan. He criticized the governments



apparent bias and demanded an explanation for the differential treatment. Vice President Srinivas Gupta echoed similar concerns, questioning the governments soft corner towards Muslims while allegedly

displaying an attitude of hatred towards Hindus. He urged the administration to maintain fairness and respect for all religious communities. Abhinay Tiwari urged CM Revanth Reddy to withdraw the imposed restric-

tions on Holi celebrations. He also questioned the silence of BJP, RSS, VHP, Bajrang Dal, and other Hindu organizations on this issue, calling for a united stand to safeguard Hindu religious rights. The press meet was attended by Manoj Mogalgiddi, Praveen Yadav, Naresh, Ashwin, Sainath, and several other members of Bajrang Sena, who collectively condemned the governments move and vowed to continue their fight for Hindu rights. Bajrang Sena demands immediate revocation of the restrictions and urges the government to ensure equal respect and freedom for all religious festivals.

Aam Aadmi Party cannot resist with illegal arrests and illegal activities.

Dr. Diddi Sudhakar

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Congress leaders have been involved in the goodwill of the Aam Aadmi Party volunteers. We are strongly condemning the arrest of Nayeem Pasha and Rajender, is a public voice, are false cases. In the past, we have already informed the DGP and other police officers about the illegal cases and continuous attacks filed against the Aam Aadmi Party leaders. Our party activists are getting more and more useful to the public, while questioning the authorities, and all these things have changed on behalf of the authorities.



Officials but the department are looking to stop the party activities

with the intention of questioning them. He said that there are many types of false and illegal cases against our party workers with the intention of factionalism. District party leaders Nayeem, Rajender and Nagender have been arrested for blocking programs. The main purpose of the police is to threaten Aam Aadmi Party activists with such illegal arrests and stop programs. He also said that it has a local MLA support. The Aam Aadmi Party has not been able to prevent such arrests and illegal activities. At this time, all party activists were united and appealed to me to face them bravely. Aam Aadmi Party activists have more enthusiastic party activities.

Building permit approvals granted within 24 hours

Kurnool: Building permit approvals, which previously required days of waiting, will now be granted within 24 hours of application, allowing construction to commence without delays. This was confirmed by B Vijay Bhaskar, the Regional Deputy Director of the Urban Planning Department, Anantapur. Speaking at an awareness seminar held at the Municipal Conference Hall in SBI Employees Colony, on Wednesday, Vijay Bhaskar explained the new government initiative aimed at eliminating delays in building approvals. He said applications for building permits can now be submitted through an online portal, and approvals will be granted within hours. Occupancy certificates can also be obtained through the same system. Buildings up to 18 meters in height (ground floor +



four floors) can receive online approvals through self-certification by owners. Licensed Technical Persons (LTPs) must verify and upload the required documents and a declaration of authenticity to the portal. A specially developed government software will process the applications and issue permits. Once construction is completed, the occupancy certificate must also be applied for online. The Deputy

Director also emphasised that the government has modified post-verification process for construction monitoring by urban planning authorities. Compliance documents such as survey reports and land valuation certificates will be mandatory. Any discrepancies found during random inspections will lead to permit cancellations. Additionally, if any licensed technical personnel are found guilty of violations, their licenses will

be revoked for five years. City Planner Pradeep Kumar, Deputy City Planner Shobhan Babu, District DTCP Officer Shashi Latha, Nandyal Assistant City Planner Murthy, RDDTP TPA Omkar, Executive Engineer Suresh Kumar, and several municipal town planning officials, ward planning and regulation secretaries, and licensed technical persons attended the awareness program.

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कृष्ण और राधा का प्रेम

होली का त्योहार प्रेम, रंग और उल्लास का त्योहार है। यह त्योहार भगवान कृष्ण और राधा के प्रेम की याद दिलाता है। कृष्ण और राधा का प्रेम एक पवित्र और अनंत प्रेम था, जो आज भी प्रेमी जोड़ों के लिए एक आदर्श है।

कृष्ण और राधा का प्रेम गोकुल में शुरू हुआ था, जहाँ कृष्ण अपने पिता नंद और माता यशोदा के साथ रहते थे। राधा एक सुंदर और पवित्र लड़की थी, जो कृष्ण से प्रेम करती थी। कृष्ण और राधा का प्रेम इतना गहरा था कि वे एक दूसरे के बिना नहीं रह सकते थे।

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गहरा बनाने के लिए प्रेरित करता है। यह त्योहार हमें यह भी सिखाता है कि प्रेम कितना महत्वपूर्ण है, और यह कितना हमारे जीवन को सुंदर बना सकता है।

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जब तक अमीरी और गरीबी की खाई हमारे इस समाज में बढ़ते रहेगी तब तक यही बात सही मायने में न्याय सभी तक न पहुंचने की दलील रहेगी। जब तक मेहनत करने वाले लोग रोटी, मकान और कपड़े जैसे मूलभूत सुविधाओं के लिए तरसते रहेंगे और मेहनत न करने वाले लोग करोड़पति बनते नज़र आएंगे तबतक यही बात वास्तव में न्याय समाज के सभी लोगों तक न पहुंचने की दलील रहेगी। अमीरी और गरीबी की खाई को अगर बुझाना है तो न्याय व्यवस्था को मजबूत करना होगा। जिस देश में लोग न्याय के पक्षपात के शिकार होंगे उस देश का भविष्य अंधकार में रहेगा।

जब तक समाज में अन्याय रहेगा तब तक कुछ लोगों द्वारा धर्म और परमात्मा का मज़ाक उड़ाया जाता रहेगा। जब तक मानव के द्वारा मानव का किया जाने वाला शोषण इस समाज में रहेगा तब तक परमात्मा के अस्तित्व पर प्रश्न उठाते जाते रहेंगे। इस अन्याय को भाग्य, मुकद्दर के नाम से प्रचलित किया जाएगा और परमात्मा को बदनाम किया जाता रहेगा। जब के परमात्मा ने न किसी तरह के अन्याय के समर्थन में था, न है और न ही रहेगा। जो खुद लोगों को आदेश देता हो के न्याय को समाज में प्रस्थापित करो, वह खुद कैसे किसी पर अन्याय कर सकता है मला?

एक तरफ अमीरों का और अमीर होते रहना, दूसरी तरफ गरीबों का और गरीब होते रहना परमात्मा के लिखे भाग्य का हिस्सा नहीं है। यह भेद हम मानवों की अराचकता, अन्याय और स्वार्थ का हिस्सा है। यह उन लोगों का अपराध है के जिन्होंने गरीबों की रोटी को लूटकर दौलत,



सोना और चांदी के रूप में तिजो. रियों में बंद कर रखा है। इसी लूट के कारण न लिखे गए भाग्य के अपराध में परमात्मा नाहक लोगों द्वारा तिरस्कृत होता रहा है। इस मामले में नाहक धर्म को निशाना बनाए जा रहा है और नाहक ईश्वर को बदनाम किया जा रहा है।

मैं कहीं पढ़ा या सुना हूँ के मौलाना जलालुद्दीन रुमी (र.) से किसी ने पूछा था कि इस्लाम में कौन सा संगीत कौन सी मौसूकी (म्यूजिक) हराम है तो उन्होंने बड़ा प्यारा जवाब दिये थे। उन्होंने कहा था कि अमीरों के खाने की बर्तन में गुंजने वाली चम्मच की आवाज़ जो भूखे गरीब लोगों के कानों में पड़ती है, वह आवाज़ हराम (निषिद्ध) है। कितना प्यारा है जवाब था। एक बात यह भी सच है के भूख और रोटी में बहुत ताकत है। जब भूखे लोगों द्वारा रोटी के लिए बगावत होती है तो यही भूख और रोटी बड़े बड़े हुकूमतों को खाक में मिला देती है।

इतिहास साक्षी है के, जब यही भूखे लोग अपने औकात पर उतर आएंगे तो फिर कोई सत्ता उनके सामने नहीं टिक सकेगी। पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तरा. धिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब (अ.) का फर्मान है के, "भूखे शरीफ (सज्जन) से और पेट भरे कमीने (दृष्ट व्यक्ती) के हमले (आक्रमण) से डरते रहो।" (अब्बास बुक एजेंसी, लखनऊ द्वारा प्रका. शित हिन्दी पुस्तक नहजुल बलागह, उपदेश, हदीस क्रमांक 49, पेज 700)।

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TIME AND TIDE WAIT FOR NONE

Provided we have zeal to learn,
So many proverbs are there!
Every theme of them a way to success of life!

Such one is this quoted proverb!
Its a clear fact known to all!
The movement of clock handles, up and down
fall of tides in sea never stop!

Its an unending, everlasting journey!
What a lesson be learnt from them?
How it makes our life happy?

Here lies the answer!
Take minimum rest, work plenty!
Since time is economical!
Anything may be regained, recovered. Not time once passed away!

Failure proper discharge of duty at certain time!
May cost ones life time to achieve!
May be it a discipline, education, job selection, promotion in career, choosing life partner what not?



In every step and corner of life!
The meaning of time and tide proverb plays vital role!
Waste not a single moment, lest it consumes hours together to reach the gain!

For example, take history of so many successful men!

The secret of their success, only their hard working, proper planning of time schedule!

Why not we follow their foot prints to reach our aimed goal!

Be Cautious!
TIME AND TIDE WAIT FOR NONE
BE ALERT AND CAREFUL.

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Colors of Holi

The Sky awakens in hues so bright,
Springtime dances in golden light.
Laughter echoes, pure and free,
As colors paint our destiny.

Red of love, so warm, so deep,
Where hearts desires softly leap.
Yellow gleams with healing Grace,
Like turmeric's touch on times embrace.

Blue, the shade of Krishnas lore,
Divine in mischief, love, and more.
Green, a whisper of life anew,
Fresh as leaves in morning dew.

Orange glows with Sacred fire,
Forgiveness lifting Spirits higher.
Pink, the blush of joy untold,
Camaraderie in hues of gold.

Purple, wise as twilights tune,
Mystic dreams beneath



the Moon.
Each splash a tale, a bond, a start,
Washing clean the weary heart.

Holi sings of days gone by,
Of Radhas smile and Krishnas sigh.
Of battles won with faith so true,
Where love and light forever grew.

So let the colors weave and blend,
Let old foes turn to friends again.
For in this burst of vibrant art,
Lies Holis Soul—one joyous heart!

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A Person is Like a Tree

The comparison of a person to a tree is a profound and thought-provoking analogy. Just as a tree grows and flourishes with proper care and nourishment, a person's life is shaped by their experiences, choices, and relationships. This essay explores the ways in which a person's life parallels the life of a tree.

Firstly, the roots of a tree symbolize the foundation of a person's life. Just as a tree's roots dig deep into the earth to anchor and nourish it, a person's values, beliefs, and principles serve as the foundation upon which their life is built. A strong and deep-rooted foundation enables a person to weather life's storms and challenges, just as a tree withstands harsh weather conditions.

The trunk of a tree represents a person's character and strength. As a tree grows, its trunk thickens and becomes stronger, enabling it to support the weight of its branches and leaves. Similarly, a person's character is shaped by their experiences, choices, and relationships. A strong and resilient character enables a person to navigate life's challenges with confidence and determination.

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The branches of a tree symbolize a person's relationships and connections with others. Just as a tree's branches stretch outwards, connecting with other trees and plants, a person's relationships with family, friends, and community shape their life and provide support and nourishment. Healthy and positive relationships enable a person to grow and flourish, just as a tree's branches thrive when connected to a healthy and vibrant ecosystem.

Finally, the leaves of a tree represent a person's thoughts, emotions, and experiences. Just as a tree's leaves change with the seasons, reflecting the cycles of growth and decay, a person's thoughts and emotions ebb and flow throughout their life. Healthy and positive thoughts and emotions enable a person to grow and flourish, just as a tree's leaves thrive when nourished by sunlight and water.



In conclusion, the comparison of a person to a tree is a powerful and thought-provoking analogy. Just as a tree grows and flourishes with proper care and nourishment, a person's life is shaped by their experiences, choices, and relationships. By cultivating a strong foundation, character, relationships, and positive thoughts and emotions, a person can grow and flourish, just like a tree.

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Rohit climbs to third, Gill retains top spot



Dubai: India captain Rohit Sharma jumped two places to third in the latest ICC ODI batter rankings following his stellar performance in the Champions Trophy final, while teammate Shubman Gill held on to the top spot. Rohit smashed 76 from just 83 deliveries, helping India secure a four-wicket victory over New Zealand in the summit clash. Star India batter Virat Kohli, who amassed 218 runs in the eight-team ICC tournament, slipped one place to fifth, while Shreyas Iyer remained steady at eighth, keeping four Indians in the top-10. New Zealand trio of Daryl Mitchell (up one place to sixth), Rachin Ravindra (up 14 spots to 14th) and Glenn Phillips (up six rungs to 24th) also made significant gains. New Zealand captain and left-arm spinner Mitchell Santner was a big improver on the updated list for ODI bowlers.

I can lend a helping hand to 10 people aspiring to become film industry professionals, says Kiran Abbavaram



Chennai: Actor Kiran Abbavaram, who is now gearing up for the release of his action entertainer, 'Dilruba', has announced that he is willing to extend a helping hand to 10 people from middle and lower middle class families who are passionate about becoming film industry professionals, but who do not currently have the means to do so. The actor, while speaking at a promotional event for his film, said, "When I came to Krishna Nagar for the first time, there were 40 to 50 people with me. We would meet at different places and discuss films. We wanted to make short films. However, every day, that number kept declining. It slowly became 40 and then 30 and then 10. Now, there aren't even two or three people. The reason being opportunity." Stating that he knew this fact because he too had suffered in a similar fashion, Kiran Abbavaram said, "Earning every single rupee is difficult. If a middle-class person or a person from the poorer sections told those around him that he wants to go to Hyderabad for any job, say for instance, a software job, people won't say anything. They will bid him good luck and send him on his way. However, if we say, we are leaving to Hyderabad to look for an opportunity in cinema, nobody will agree. Nobody will give even Rs 5000 or Rs 10,000 per month. Nobody will support, because nobody has faith in cinema." "I have seen several people in my journey who have returned because of not having hope. I do not know how successful I will be or for how long I will be there. But I have always felt that if I managed to establish myself at some point, I must do what I can. Today, because of the love you all have shown me, I am in a relatively better place," he said. event "I give you all my word on this stage. Every year, I can support 10 people from the lower middle class or from the middle class who are passionate about cinema and want to enter this industry but who do not have the means. It can be food, accommodation or anything pertaining to honing their skills sets in the cine field. As of this day, I will be able to look after 10 people," he said. Mentor "If by God's grace, my stature rises, I can look after a 100 or a 1000. But as of now, if there is somebody who is crazy about cinema but does not have support, I can look after their basic needs. I can look after 10 such persons at this time. I feel it is my responsibility," he said, even as he urged filmmakers from the rural parts who had come to Hyderabad not to go back, giving up on their dreams. "I request every filmmaker, who has come from a village, not to turn back without hope. Realise your dreams," he said.

Nora Fatehi Teases Kartik Aaryan About His Relationship History at IIFA 2025

Kartik Aaryan's love life was the talk of the town at the IIFA 2025, which took place in Jaipur on March 8 and 9. Alongside Karan Johar, Kartik co-hosted the glitzy event. During a lively conversation with the hosts, Karan Johar jokingly offered Nora Fatehi first-class tickets to London, prompting Nora to cheekily ask, "Am I going with you?" Karan, with a grin, responded that he was actually referring to Kartik. Kartik, ever the sport, quipped, "You don't need to go with either of us. We'll give you a ticket, and you can go with anyone you like." Things took a playful turn when Karan then suggested, "You could go with EaseMyTrip if you tell us who you think is the perfect match for

Kartik. It could even be you." Nora quickly fired back, "Koi hai iss industry mein jisko aapne abhi tak date nahi kiya? (Is there anyone in this industry you haven't dated yet?)" Kartik was caught off guard, visibly blushing, and tried to deflect the question, but Nora's witty remark had the audience roaring with laughter and applause. The moment quickly became a viral hit on Reddit, sparking a flurry of reactions. One comment read, "It's not really a roast. For Kartik, it's more of a flex. His PR has been building his image as a playboy, so this works for him." Another comment noted, "This is the first time I've seen Nora and Kartik together in one frame despite all the gossip I've

heard about them." led to online speculation



Meanwhile, Kartik's mother, Mala Tiwari, was also present at the event, and her comments added further fuel to the ongoing relationship rumors. When asked about her expectations for her future daughter-in-law, she jokingly said she hopes for a "good doctor." The comment quickly

that Kartik might be dating his co-star, Sreelala, who is currently studying medicine. The two are set to appear together in Anurag Basu's untitled love story. As the rumors continue to swirl, Kartik's personal life remains a hot topic among fans and media alike.

TV Actor Aditi Sharma's Husband Claims She Cheated on Him

Television actor Aditi Sharma, known for her roles in Kaleerein, Rabb Se Hai Dua, and Apollena – Sapno Ki Unchi Udaan, has been accused of infidelity by her husband, Abhinav Kaushik. Kaushik claims that Sharma was involved in an extra-marital affair with her Apollena co-star, Samarthya Gupta. Kaushik revealed that he and Sharma got married in November 2024 in a private ceremony. He stated that their relationship began in 2020 during the COVID-19 lockdown while attending an online acting class. After dating for four years, they tied the knot, but Sharma insisted on keeping the marriage confidential, fearing it could impact her career. "Our marriage was a secret because she believed it would affect her professional opportunities," Kaushik said in an interview with *India Forums*. Kaushik alleged that their marriage took a downturn shortly after Sharma started working on Apollena – Sapno Ki Unchi Udaan. He claimed that Sharma developed



a close bond with her co-star, Gupta. "Everything was fine until a new actor joined the show. Around one and a half months after our marriage, she mentioned Samarthya's entry. She initially told me he would call her 'Baby Doll' and mistreat her, but later, I discovered they were spending time together outside of work," Kaushik stated. He further alleged that he tracked Sharma's car one evening and found it parked in a residential complex. The next morning,

he reportedly saw her leaving with Gupta. When confronted, Sharma allegedly did not deny her relationship with Gupta. According to Kaushik, Sharma's family dismissed the marriage as invalid, labeling it a "mock trial." He also claimed that they demanded Rs 25 lakh for separation. "My legal team has proof that she and her family denied our marriage's legitimacy and later demanded money. I wanted to reconcile, but she prioritized her career," Kaushik added. Sharma has not issued an official statement regarding the allegations. Meanwhile, industry sources speculate that the controversy could affect her ongoing projects. Her current show, Apollena – Sapno Ki Unchi Udaan, is reportedly set to go off-air due to low TRPs. Sharma began her television career in 2018 with Kaleerein and gained recognition for her role in Yehh Jadu Hai Jinn Ka!. She has also participated in the reality show Khatron Ke Khiladi.

Pooja Chopra recalls water balloon fights and fond Holi memories with family



Mumbai: As Holi approaches, actress Pooja Chopra looks back at some of her most cherished memories of the festival. She shares a personal glimpse into her childhood Holi celebrations, revealing how she would sneak water balloons into her tuition classes. Recalling her childhood days, Pooja told IANS, "One of the craziest things

I remember doing on Holi—or rather, the day before—was back when I was in school. I used to carry water balloons in my bag when I went for my tuition classes. I'd quietly attend my class as if nothing was up, and once we were done and came downstairs, I'd pull out the balloons and throw them at my friends when they least expected it. They would go

back home drenched and come back next day with vengeance." "Back in school, I remember being completely drenched in baby oil from head to toe before Holi every strand of hair, the creases of my ears, earlobes, nail beds, even my elbows were covered in oil! Thankfully, now everyone plays with gulal and organic colors, so I no longer have to worry about stubborn stains after a shower. But even today, I still like to apply a thick coat of moisturizer before heading out," Pooja added. The 'Commando' actress also fondly recalled her favorite Holi treat, Pura Puri. "My favorite food has to be Pura Puri with ghee! After playing Holi, my nani would make it for me thick, stuffed, more like a Pura Paratha than a Pura Puri, but absolutely delicious. Garam pura paratha with ghee, has to be my all-time favorite." Reflecting on the tradition of Holika Dahan,

Pooja recalled the sacred rituals that have remained unchanged since childhood. Pooja Chopra mentioned, "Holika Dahan Since childhood, it has been about coming together for the puja, circling the bonfire, offering prayers and receiving sweets as prasad. But as kids, the most exciting part was sneaking away to play with water with friends right after! Even today, the essence of Holika Dahan remains the same it is a time for prayer, reflection, and seeking blessings also an excuse where u meet everyone in the community and sharing sweets." Pooja, who won the Femina Miss India World 2009, got her breakthrough with "Commando: A One Man Army" and since then has appeared in many films, including Madhur Bhandarkar's movies "Fashion" and "Heroine."