

World Cerebral Palsy Day

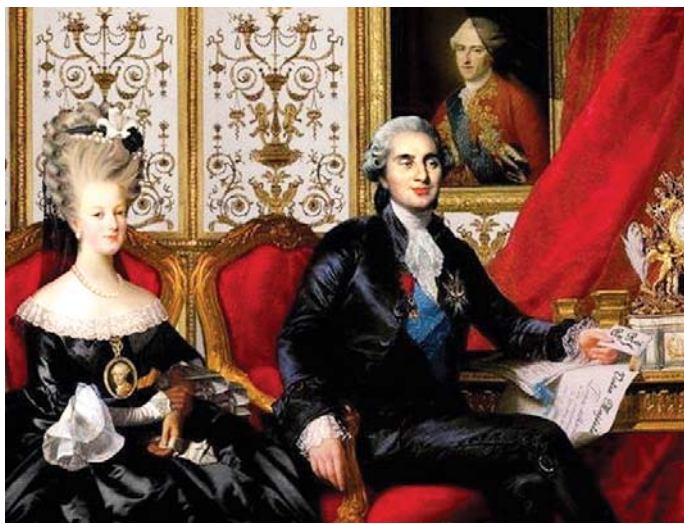
World Cerebral Palsy Day is observed every year on October 6 to raise awareness about cerebral palsy and promote inclusion for people with disabilities. Cerebral palsy is a neurological condition that affects movement, posture, and coordination. This day reminds us that people with cerebral palsy have the same rights, dreams, and abilities as everyone else. It encourages society to provide equal opportunities, accessible education, healthcare, and employment. We should respect and support people with cerebral palsy and appreciate their achievements. World Cerebral Palsy Day teaches us to create a kinder, more inclusive world where everyone can participate, grow, and live with dignity.

#MYTH

History or Folklore

The Dark Myth Behind "Jack and Jill"

Interpretation links the rhyme to the French Revolution. "Jack" represents King Louis XVI, while "Jill" symbolizes Marie Antoinette



The nursery rhyme "Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of water" is one of the most familiar verses in the English-speaking world. At first glance, it appears to be a simple and innocent rhyme about two children and an unfortunate fall. However, over time, many theories have emerged suggesting that the rhyme may hide a darker historical meaning.

One popular interpretation links the rhyme to the dramatic events of the French Revolution. According to this theory, "Jack" represents King Louis XVI, while "Jill" symbolizes Marie Antoinette. During the revolution, Louis XVI was overthrown as the monarchy collapsed. In 1793, he was executed using the guillotine, a machine designed for swift beheading. His death marked a turning point in French history, as it symbolized the end of absolute monarchy. Roughly nine months later, Marie Antoinette met the same fate, executed publicly before large

crowds who gathered to witness the event.

Supporters of this theory suggest that the line "went up the hill" refers to the execution platform, which was often elevated. "Jack fell down and broke his crown" is interpreted as the king losing his crown, both, literally his head and figuratively his power. "Jill came tumbling after" is then seen as a reference to the queen's later execution.

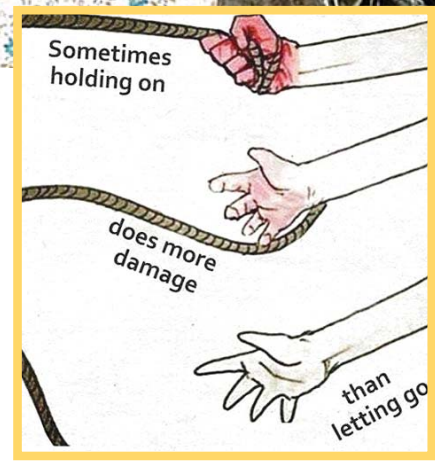
An even darker interpretation claims that "fetch a pail of water" symbolically refers to collecting blood beneath the guillotine, as crowds watched the executions. According to this view, the rhyme may have been used as subtle anti-French propaganda, reflecting the shock and fascination that these events inspired across Europe.

The theory connecting "Jack and Jill" to Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette offers a dramatic and chilling perspective. However, its true origin remains uncertain, caught somewhere between history, myth, and imagination.



And of course, the biggest dilemma is letting go of a position of power. A top bureaucrat retiring and stepping away from the limelight overnight; a politician asked to vacate his seat for an alliance partner. It can be emotionally difficult to accept this sudden shift in identity.

The Sense In To Let Go...



#DECISIONS



squabbling for power and killing each other, he walks away from his beloved Dwaraka and attains Moksha at the hands of a hunter, Jara on the banks of river Hiran near Viraval.

The Greeks understood this and called it Stoicism. In Greek mythology, the goddess Thetis allows her son Achilles to go to the battle of Troy, knowing fully well that he has two fates, one of a long, quiet, forgotten life, and the other of glory and an early death. She lets him go, and the glory of Achilles lives even today.

And if you can, you must read the letter which Shaheed Bhagat Singh wrote to his father.

When his father Sardar Kishan Singh filed a petition to the Special Tribunal in Lahore in 1930, saying that his son was innocent and should be given a chance to defend himself, a 22-year-old Bhagat Singh

was furious. From jail, he wrote on 4th October 1930: "My life is not so precious, at least not to me, as you may think. It is not worth buying at the cost of my principles."

Five months after writing this, at the age of 23, Bhagat Singh let go of the option of clemency itself and sacrificed his life.

However, sometimes letting go is not by choice but forced upon by the insatiable greed for power, by the stroke of a pen, destinies have been changed overnight for ever.

Imagine the epitome of pain of entire communities who had to let go of their land on which they have lived for thousands of years. Not out of their own choice, but forced by political developments.

Yet, they have managed to overcome this trauma and suffering, only to recover and carve out a respectable living. The Parsis, Sindhis, Punjabis and Kashmiri

where conditions were appalling to say the least.

Today, they are known for their resilience and business acumen, and have immensely contributed to the economy of the nation. Proud and patriotic, you will never find them begging or rallying for job reservations, they believe in 'karm' and 'shukrana'.

In more recent times, Kashmiri Pandits, who faced the worst brunt of terrorism in the valley, had to leave overnight on the dreaded cold night of 19th January 1990 as the helpless State administration watched and the valley echoed with the slogan "Raaliv, Gaaliv, ya Chaaliv." Fleeing to save their lives, the Pandit community let go of their homes, orchards, their temples and their beloved Kashmir. Uprooted from their moorings, shifted to camps in Jammu, forced to live a migrants' life. It is only with the sheer power of education and dedi-

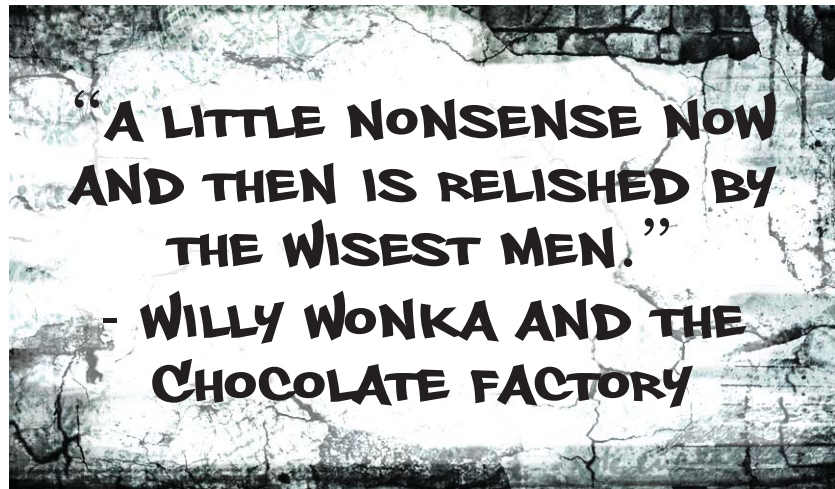
cated hard work that this community has risen again and carved a niche for itself in the corporate world, bureaucracy, academia and other fields. For all these communities, with thousands of years of history and culture, letting go was not a choice but a decision forced upon them. Yet, they accepted their destiny, protected their faith and have overcome the hurdles. With their hard work and resilience, they have managed to set a benchmark for others to emulate.

Letting go is not always a loss. Sometimes, it is the only way to achieve something higher. Learn how not to allow ego, greed, and fear to come in the way when it's time to simply walk away. Letting go is not defeat. It is not giving up. Letting go for achieving a higher goal is the true Nirvana.

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