

# *The* **Expensive Aroma** *and Other Stories*



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# The Laddu Tree

*Guru Paramananda and his band of sishyas are Telugu folklore's favourite buffoons. Read the story of the amazing Laddu Tree...*

Guru Paramananda's sixtieth birthday was around the corner, and the ashram buzzed with excitement. The disciples were busy discussing their guru's birthday gift.

"Brothers, you know what?" said Sambayya, the eldest sishya. "We should buy laddus for our beloved guru on his birthday! There's nothing he likes better than a good laddu."

"Excellent idea!" said the others.

The disciples decided to pool their meagre resources. Soon, they had a small pile of coins, which was put in charge of Balayya, the strongest of them. Then the devoted band set off towards the lone sweet shop in the village.

