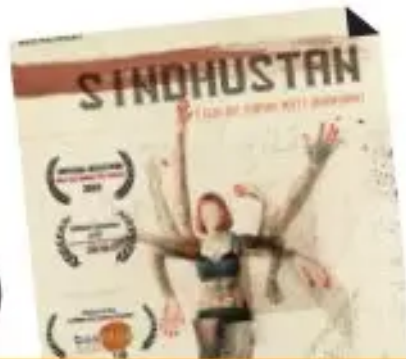


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SOUL JOURNEY: FROM AN IIT TO THE ASHRAM

Acharya Prashant is a mystic and spiritual teacher who left behind the lucrative fields of IIT and IIM to pursue something... deeper. **Aniket Prasanth** unveils the thoughts in the guru's

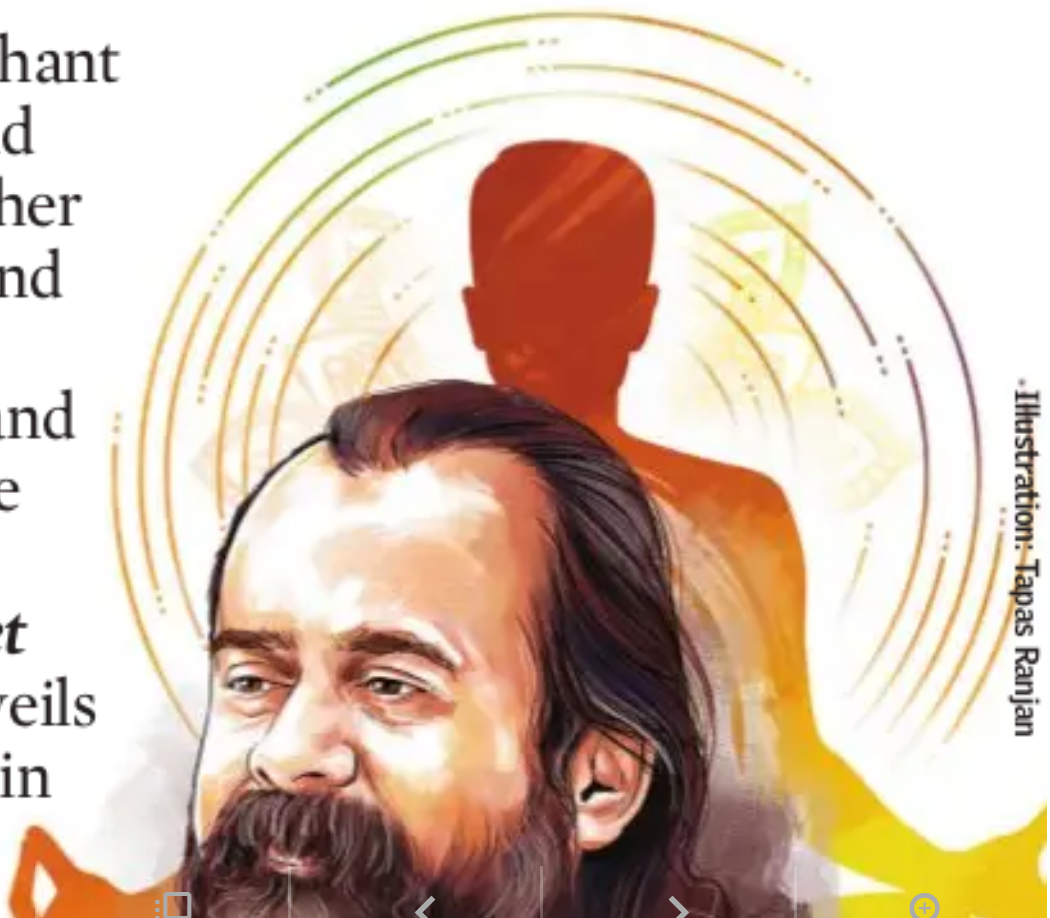


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hey say that not everyone who wanders is lost, and not all who tread the trodden path are steadfast. At a time when

people flock to the IITs and IIMs like sheep being herded to greener pasture by the ever-vigilante shepherd (the students being the sheep and the parents the shepherd in this context), one man decided to turn a blind eye to the lure of hefty paychecks and promotions and instead, opened his third eye to the world of spiritualism.

Acharya Prashant, the founder of the Advait Movement that is rapidly gaining pace across various social platforms, is something of a prodigy. He excelled at academics, securing top grades and honours before studying at both IIT Delhi and IIM Ahmedabad, besides also gaining admission to the Civil Services simultaneously. He was almost spoilt for choice, one could say. But Acharya wanted to seek out that which lies beyond the realm of temporary satisfaction. "I never truly left anything behind. One has knowledge, wealth, fashion, education and so on. One must decide what one should devote these attributes to, a certain cause or mission, so to speak. You can use them for saving disappearing species or minimising climate change. Since I have the required resources, I decided to dedicate my efforts to such critical causes," says Acharya. He states that

spirit guide

Our ancient systems of knowledge cannot be directly imbibed within the contemporary systems of teachings, but can be adapted accordingly

Acharya Prashant



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he has moved towards 'something bigger', something of a larger calibre.

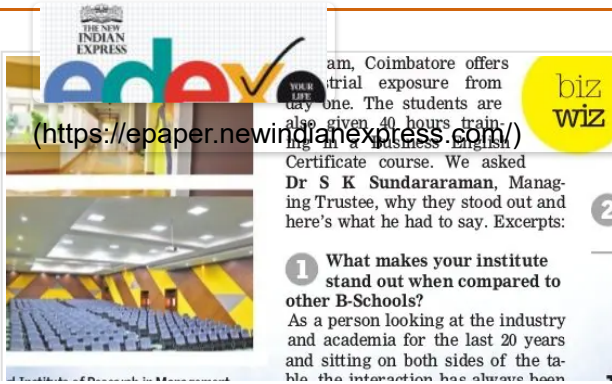
The Advait Movement provides solutions to those issues that cannot be solved by technology or science – wars, family conflicts, dualities, divorces and the like. It seeks to 'address the minds of men', which is where Acharya believes these problems stem from. "We have Advait Learning Camps being conducted four to five times every month," he says. His institute hosts Student Development Programmes (SDP) and Management Development Programmes (MDP), and his teachings are carried across to his audience via a plethora of 'spiritual vehicles', including books, articles, videos and transcriptions.

With over 3 lakh subscribers, his YouTube channel has proved quite successful in establishing him as a major exponent of spiritualism. "The Student Development Programme, which is now known as the Holistic Individual Development Programme, is essentially an initiation of youngsters into the spiritual way of living. The Management Development Programme, on the other hand, is aimed at working professional," he says. The spiritual teacher also subscribes to the opinion that introducing religious components in schools and colleges is essential for the betterment of the students.

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