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Kerala Judges Urge Neighbours to End Feud Over a Cup of Tea

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A dispute over a coconut tree prompted the Kerala High Court to deliver an unusual yet pointed message on the value of neighbourly harmony, with the Court remarking that the tree itself might have laughed at the quarrel that had consumed so much time and energy. Hearing a petition filed by a resident of Thiruvananthapuram, Justice P.V. Kunhikrishnan described the case as a striking example of how personal animosity can...

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