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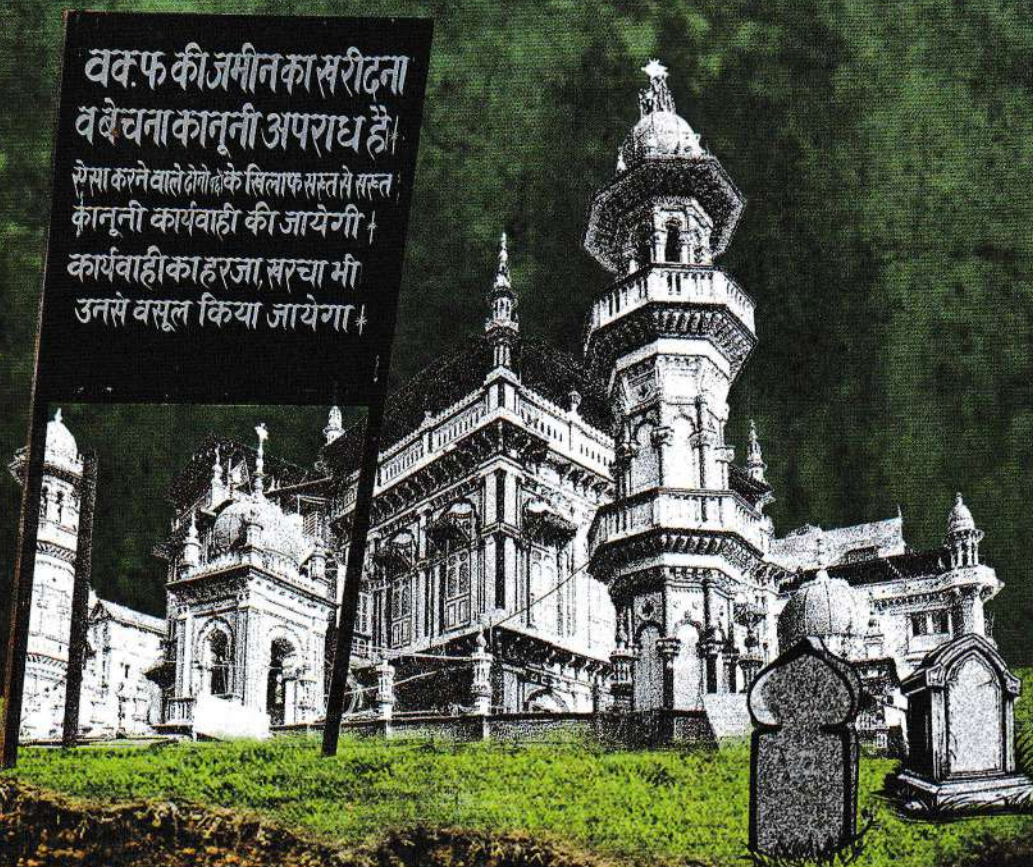


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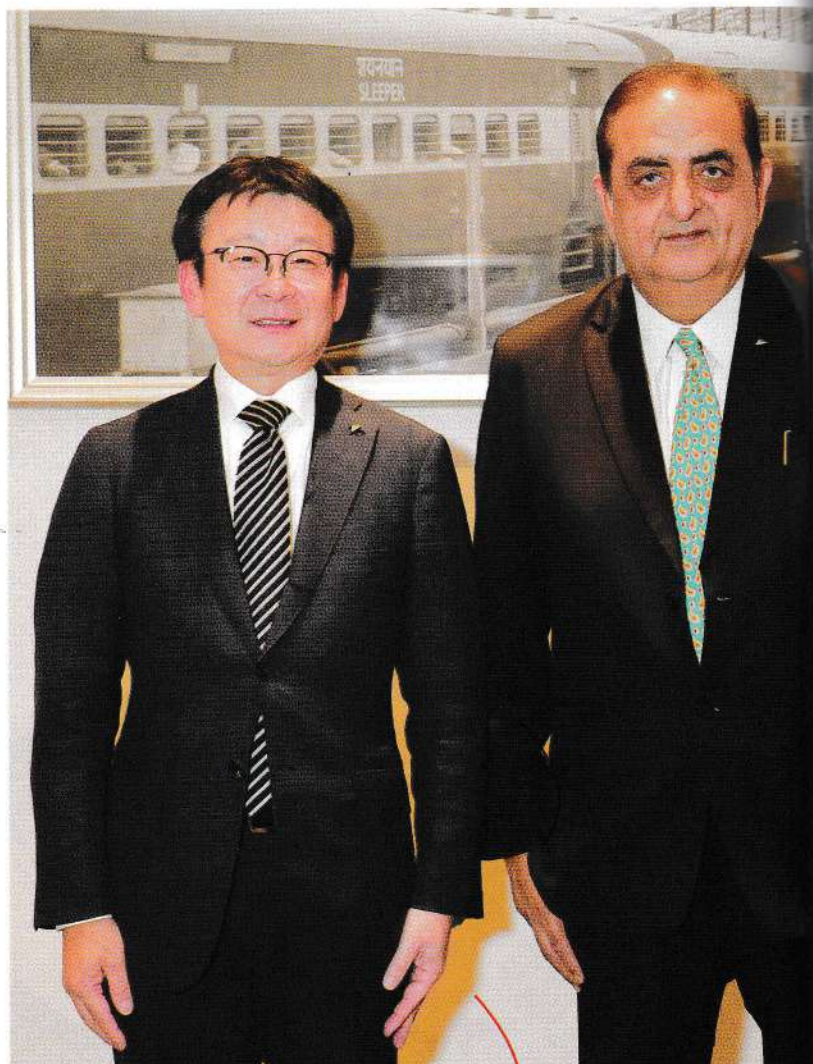
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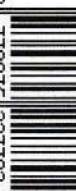
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The deadliest terror attack in Kashmir since the Pulwama bombing is likely to harm both its economy and efforts to restore statehood

BY TARIO BHAT



"MERI BETI KO KUCH MAT KARNA (please don't harm my daughter)," she pleaded with folded hands, while her children—a son and a daughter—wept beside her. "Don't worry, we are the Indian Army," the soldier told her. "We are here to help you." The woman broke down, saying: "*Mere pati ko maar diya* (my husband has been killed)."

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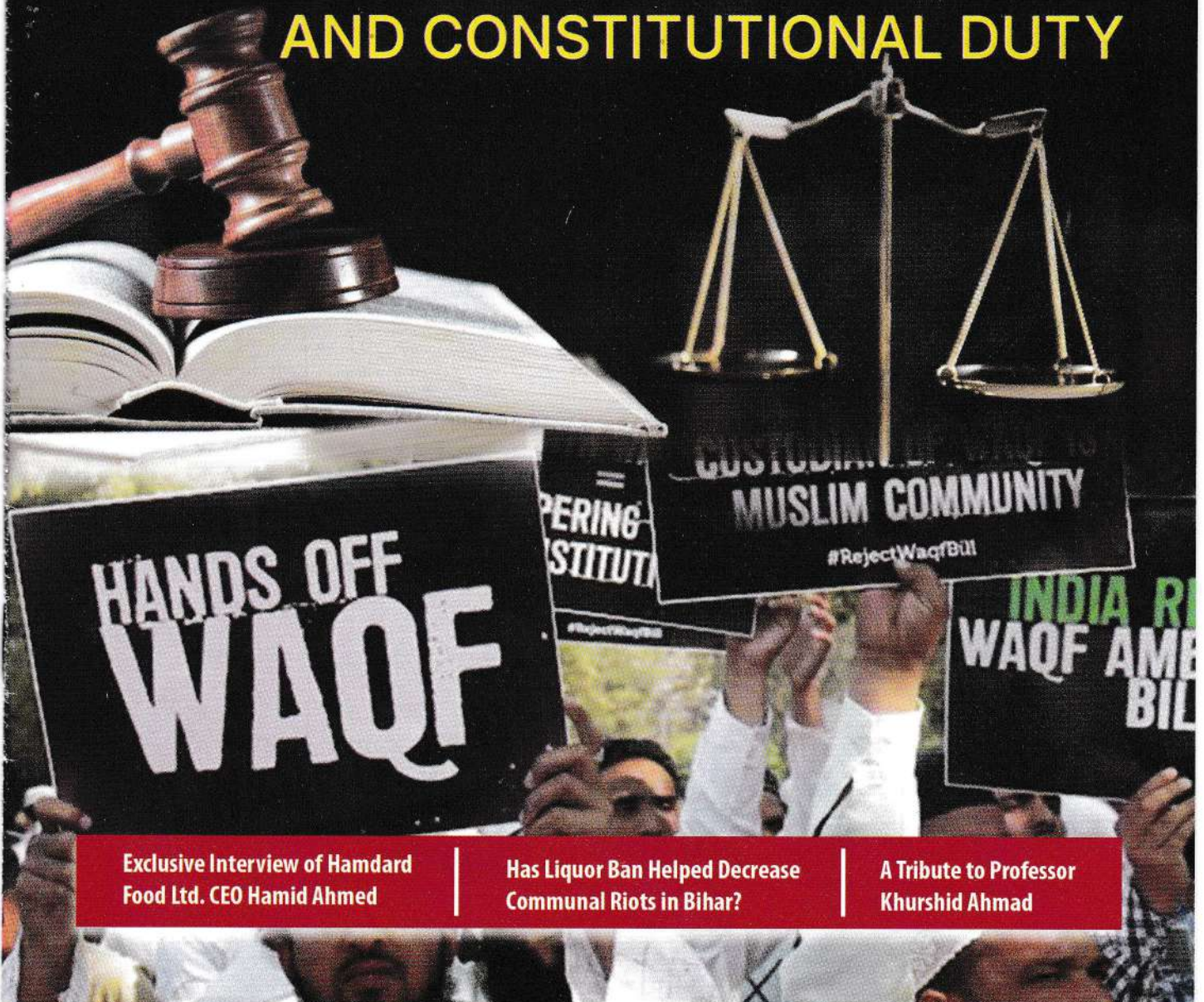
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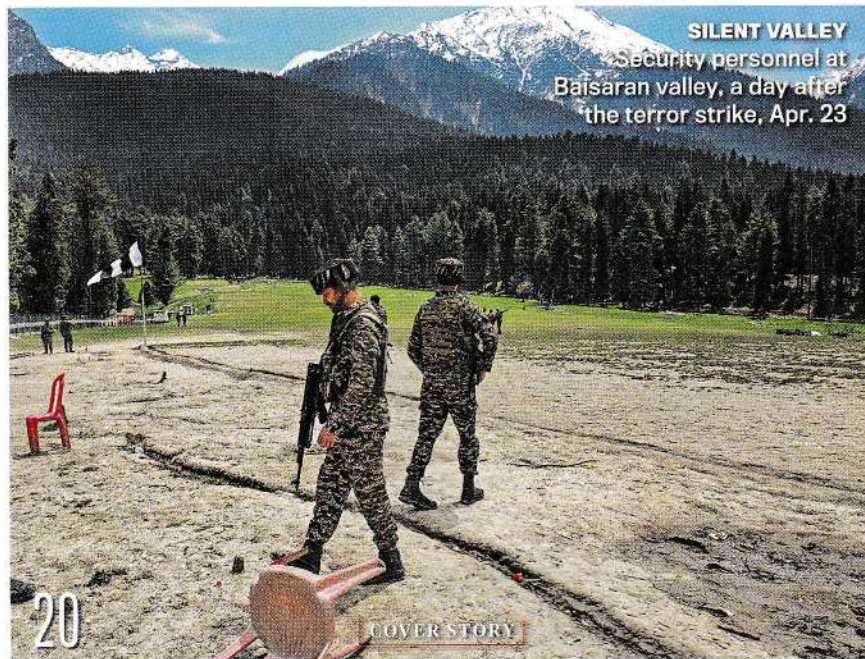
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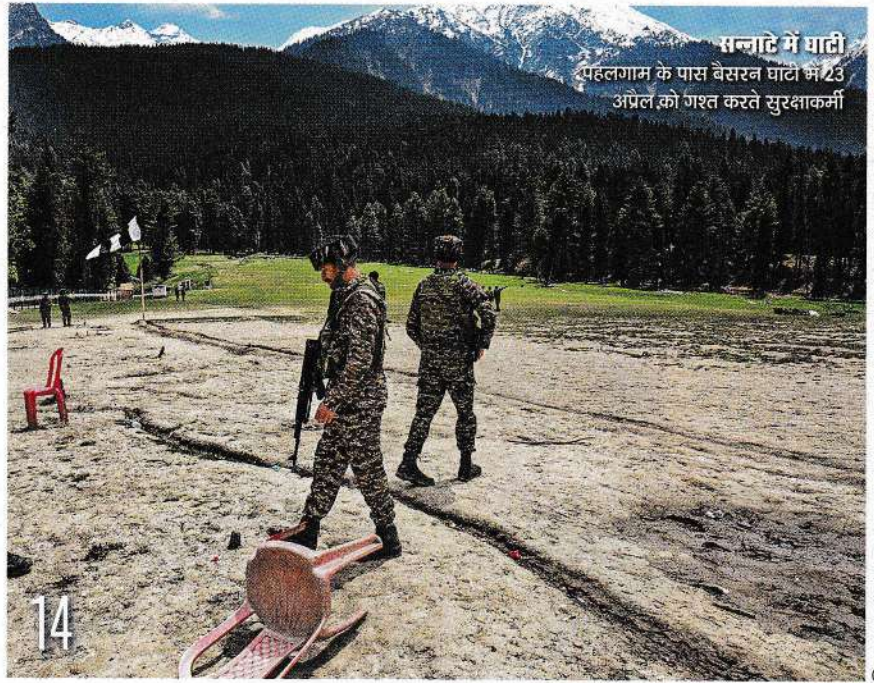
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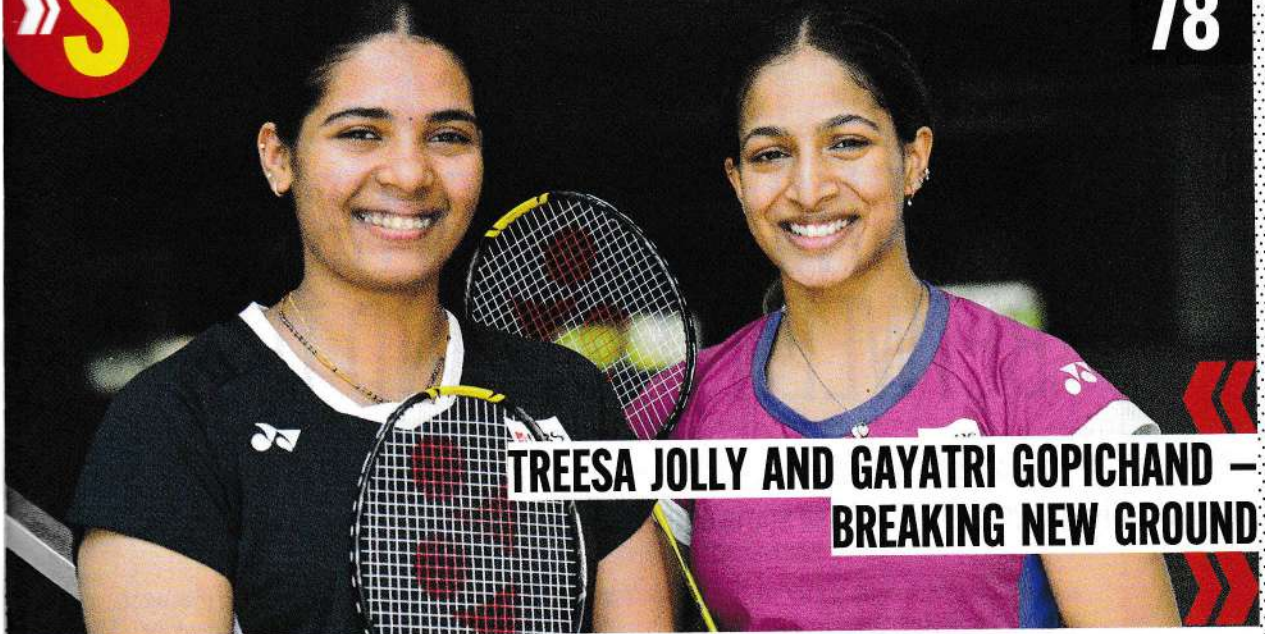
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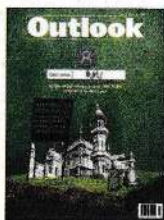
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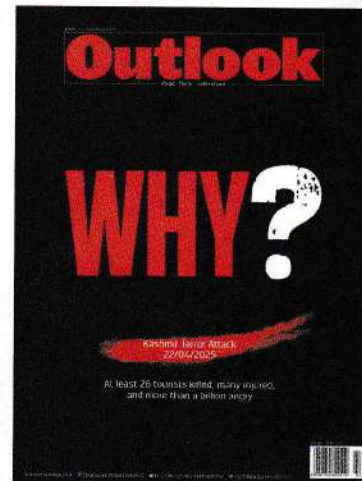
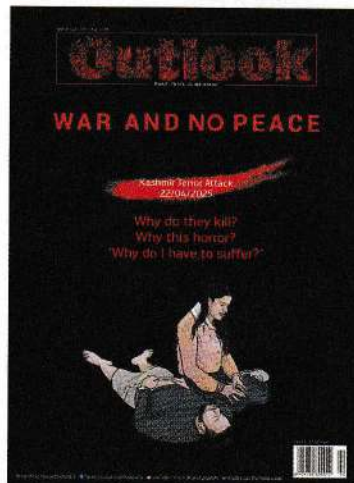
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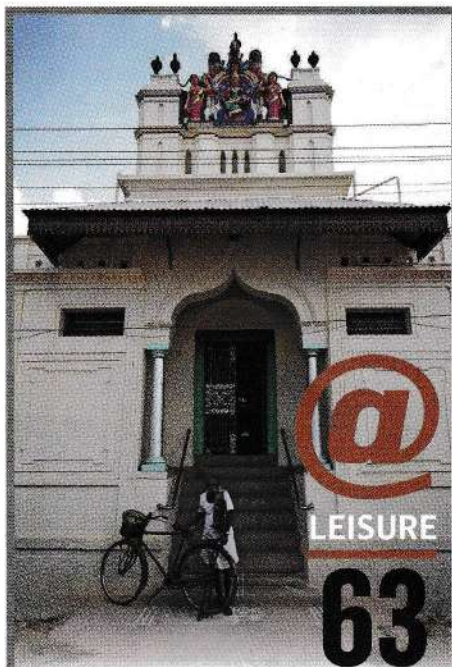


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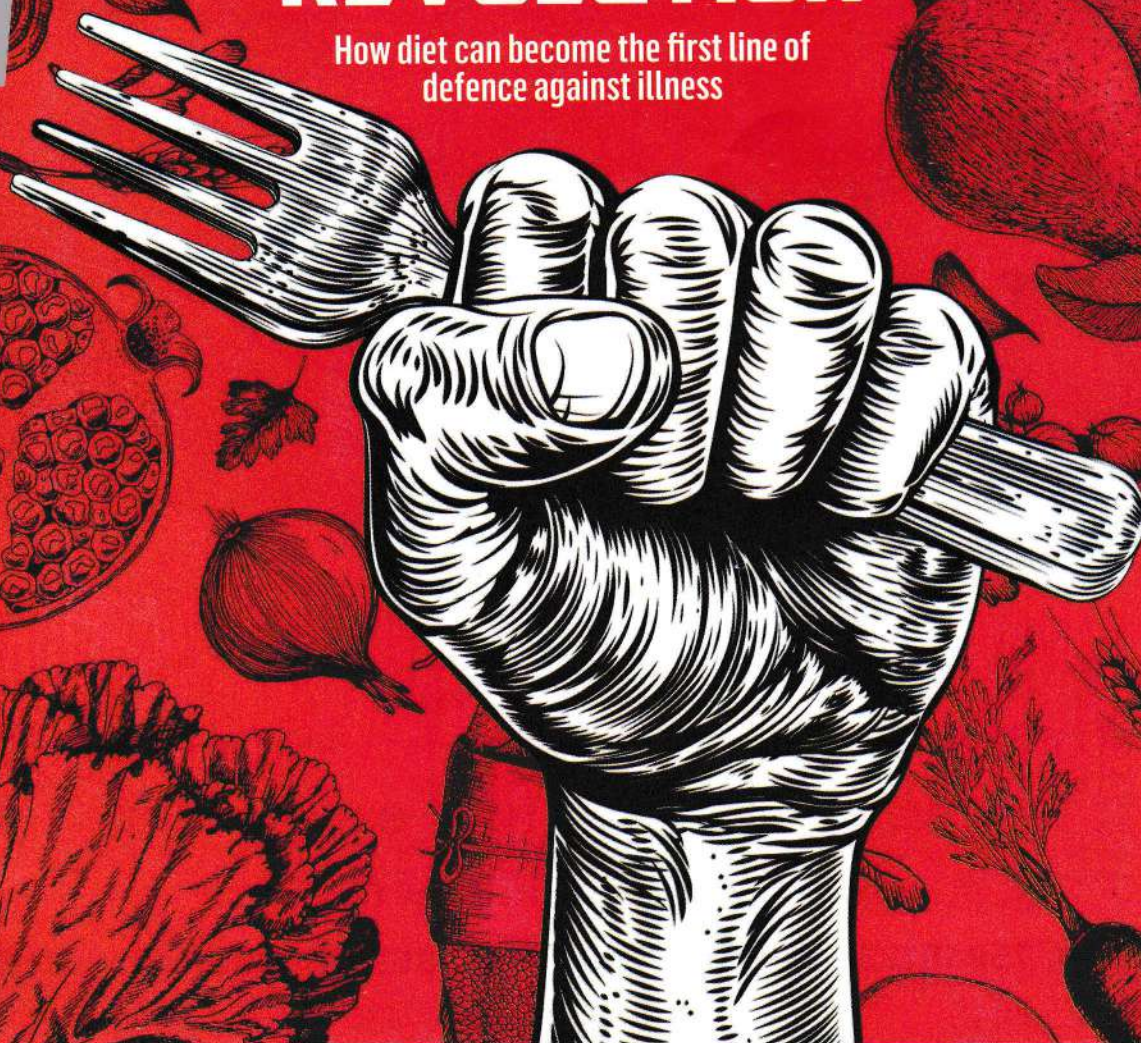
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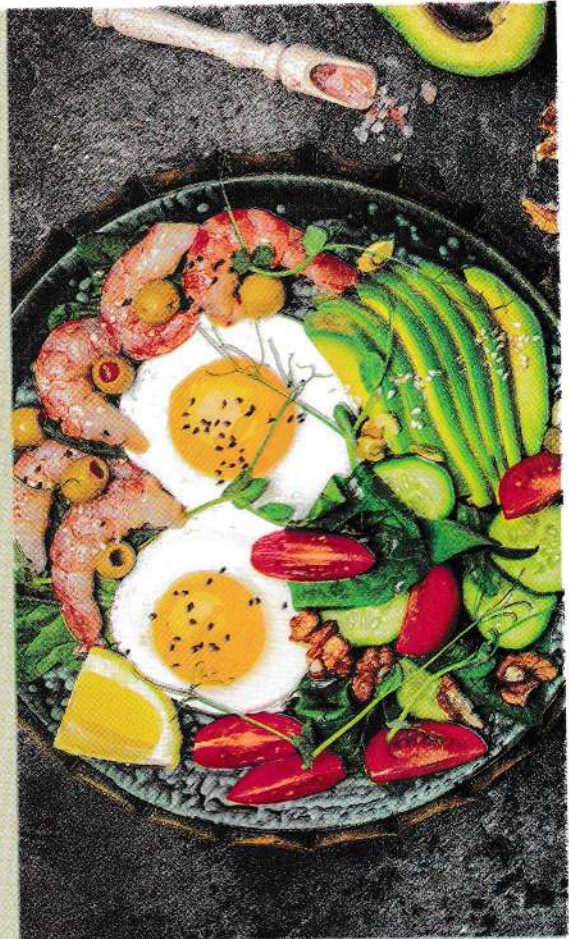
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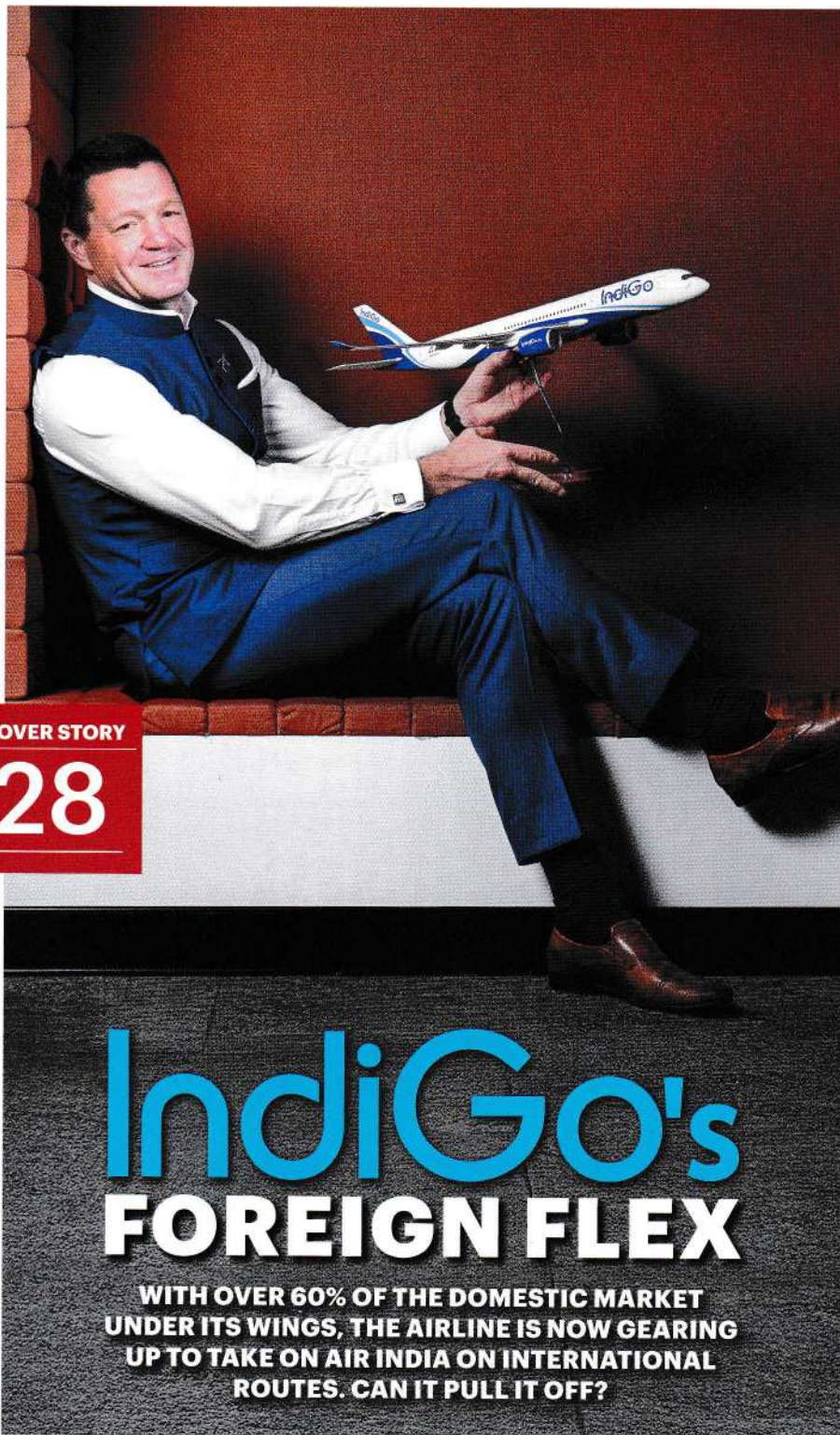


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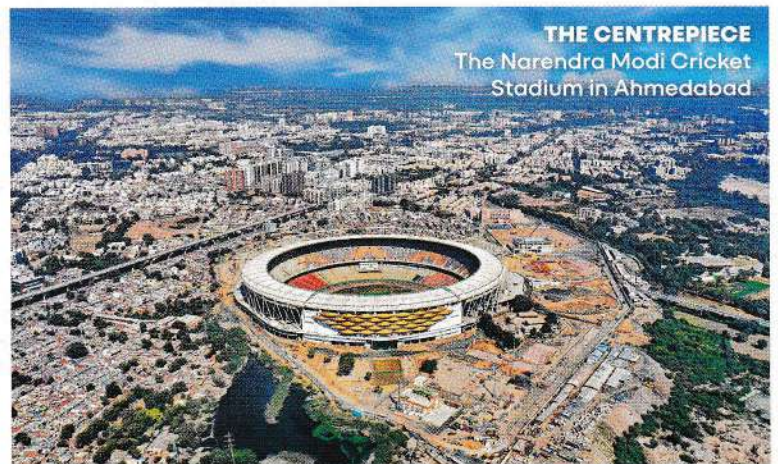
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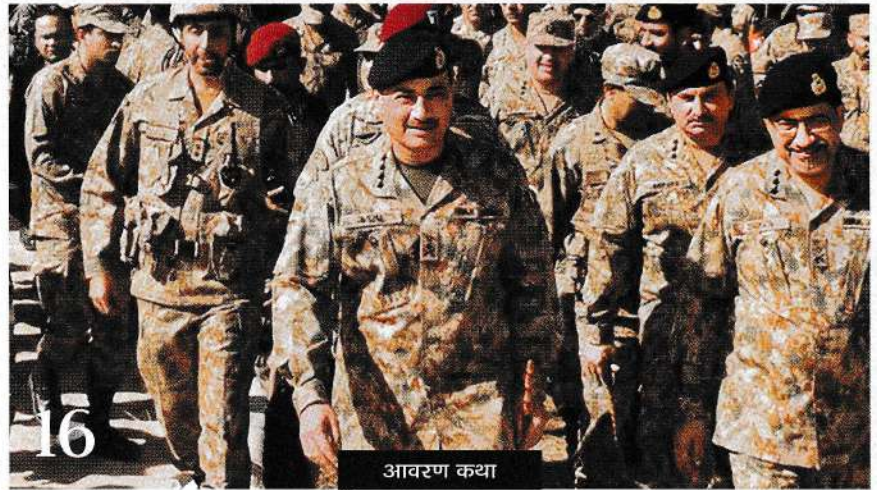


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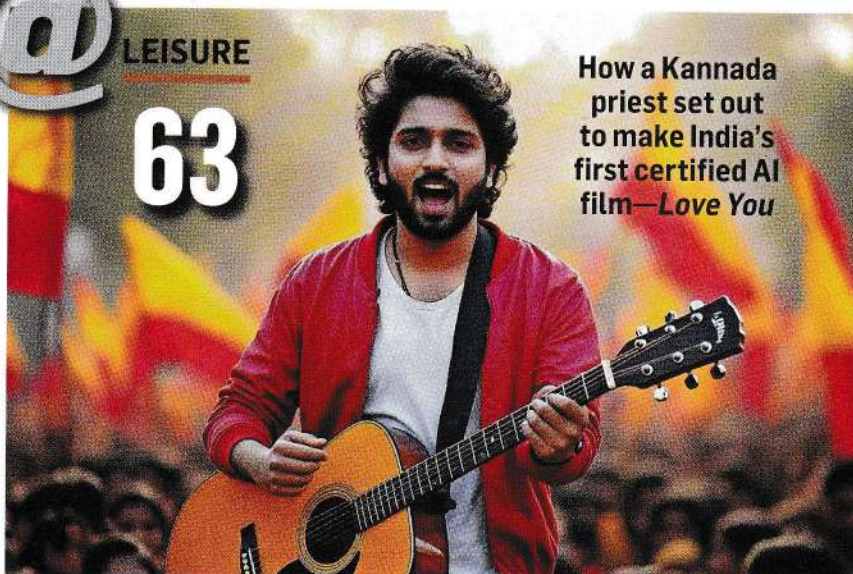
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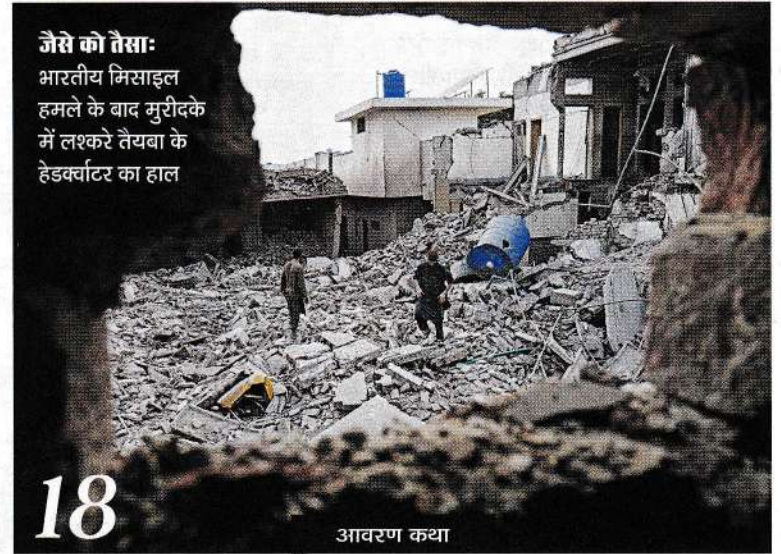


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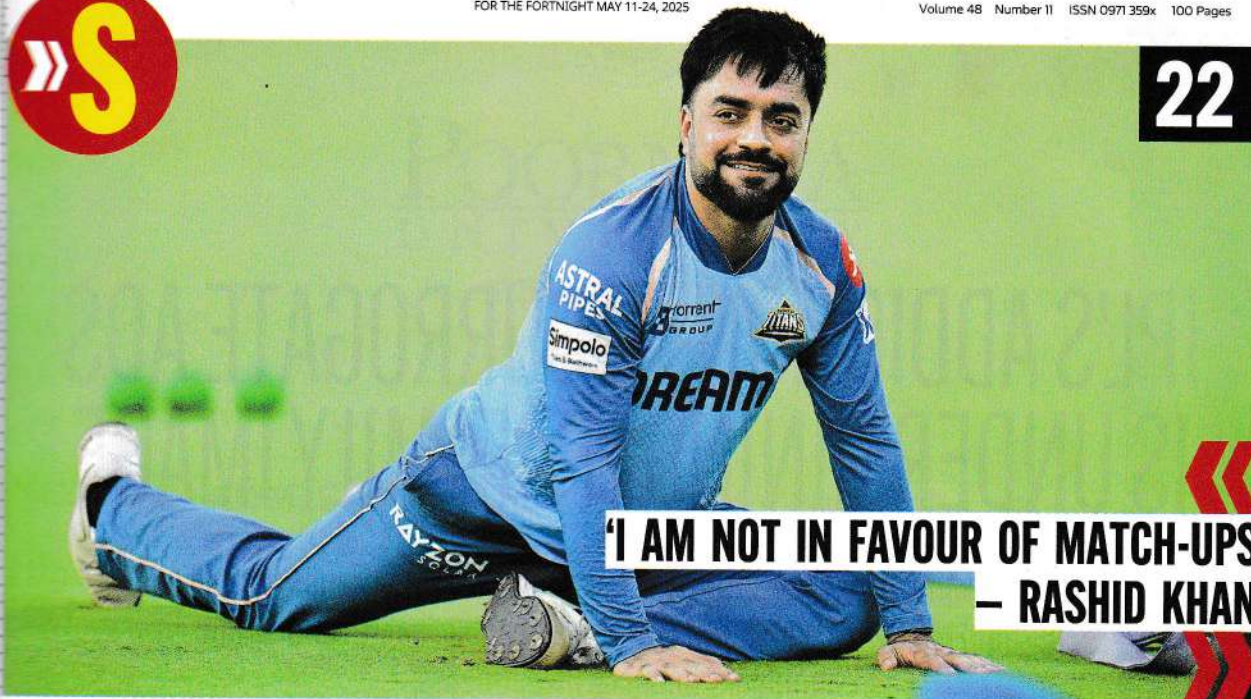
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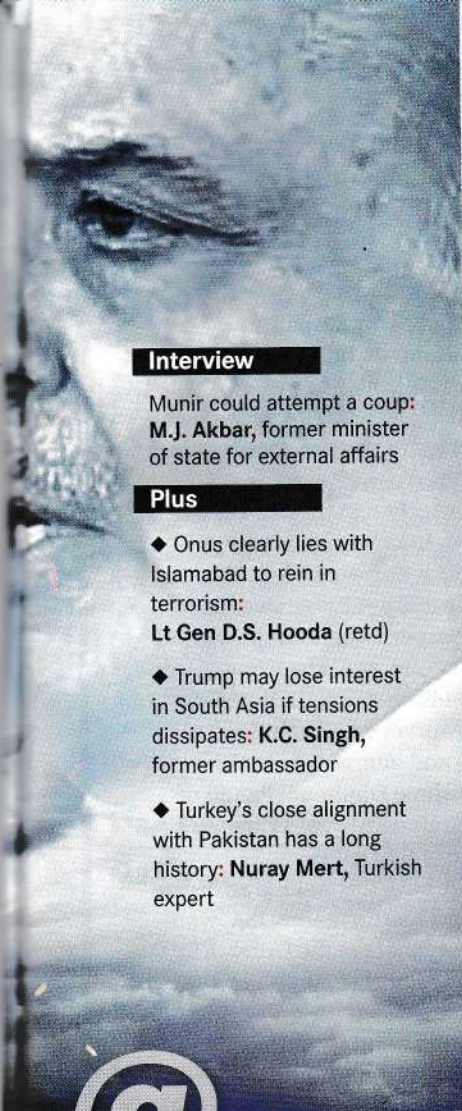
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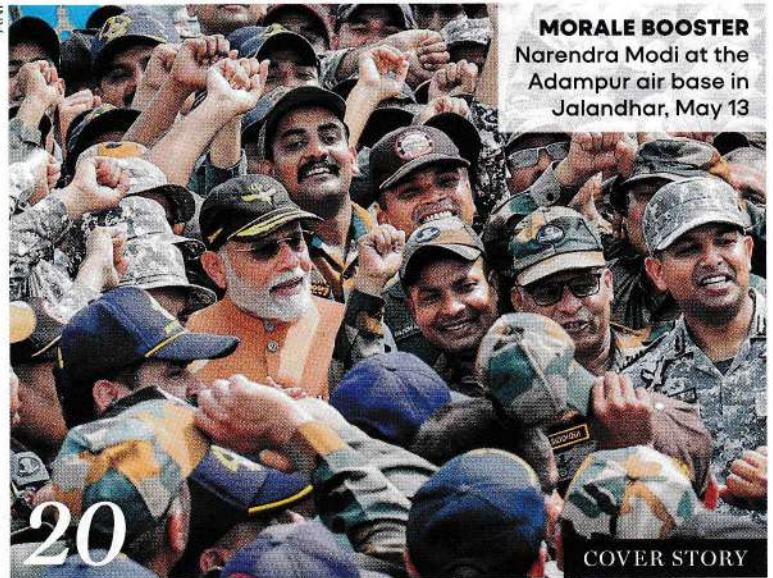
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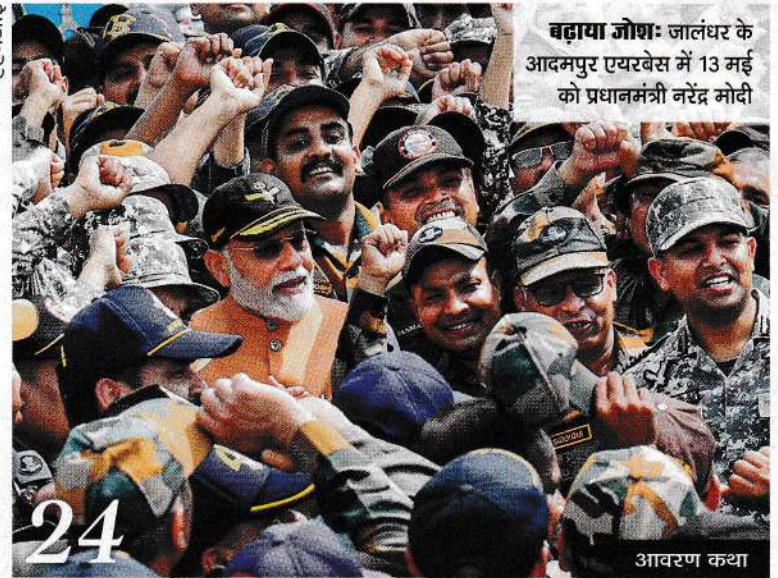
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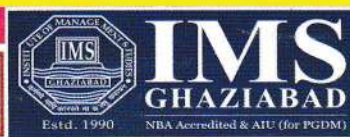
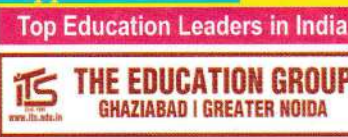
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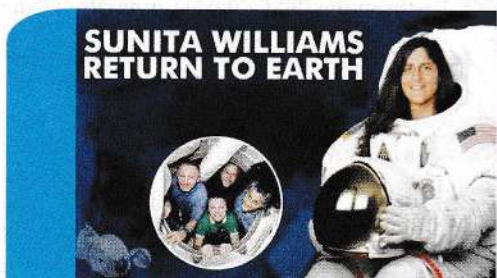
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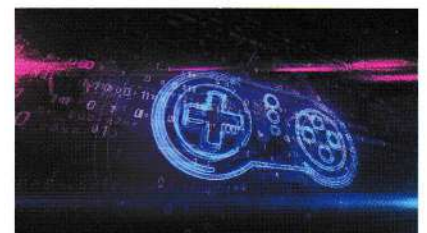
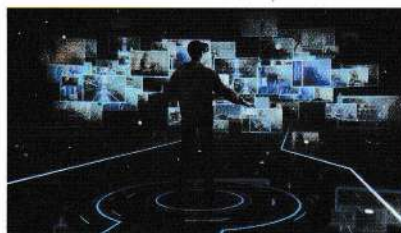
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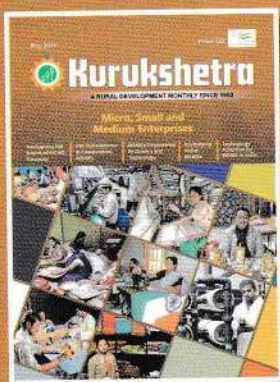
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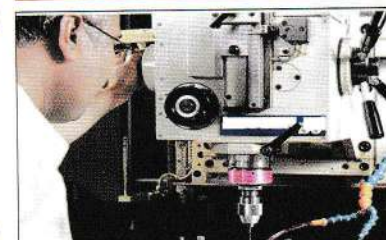
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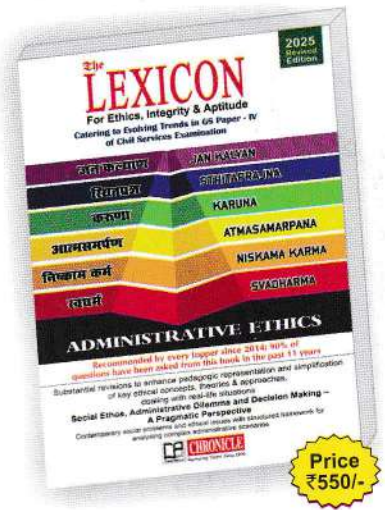
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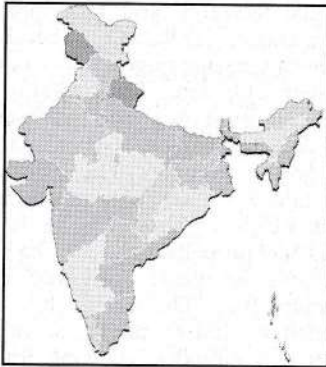
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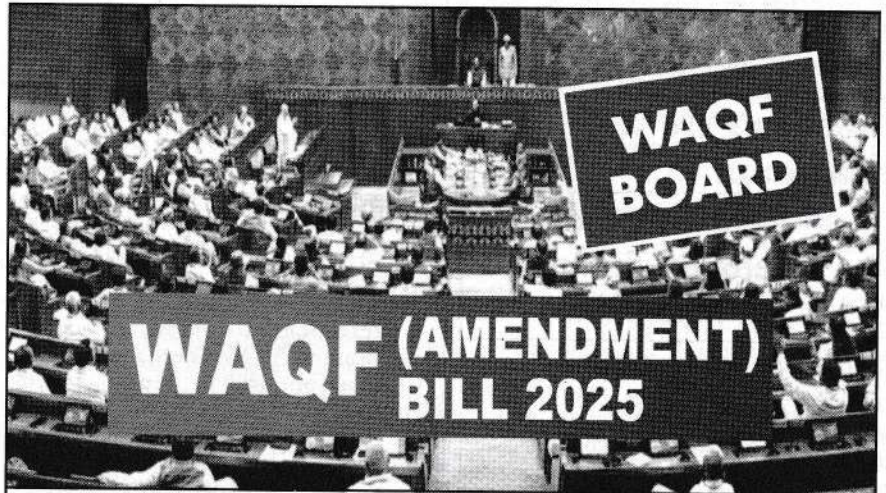
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Parliament Passes Contentious Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025

The controversial Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025, which ignited heated polarising debates both inside and outside Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha for quite some time, was finally passed by Parliament with the Upper House clearing it in the wee hours of April 4, 2025. Along with that, the Parliament also passed the Mussalman Wakf (Repeal) Bill, 2025.

While the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025, which aims to update the Waqf Act, 1995, proposes sweeping changes in regulation and governance of Muslim Waqf properties and settlement of related disputes, the Mussalman Wakf (Repeal) Bill, 2025 seeks to repeal Wakf Act, 1923, which was created during British rule and is now outdated. It is to be noted that in Islamic tradition, a 'waqf' is a charitable or religious donation made by Muslims for the benefit of the community. Such properties cannot be sold or used for any other purpose.

The Rajya Sabha approved the contentious Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025 after a debate for around 14 hours, with 128 members voting in favour and 95 members voting against the legislation. Earlier, the Bill sailed through Lok Sabha by a margin of 56 votes (288-232) after a midnight vote on April 3, 2025, capping a marathon 12-hour debate.

Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi called the passage of Bills a "watershed moment", saying the Bills will help marginalised people who have been denied voice and opportunity.

During the debates on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025 in Parliament, the Opposition accused the BJP-led NDA Government of interference in Muslim religious affairs in contravention of the Constitution. However, this charge was rejected by Union Home Minister Mr. Amit Shah and Union Minority Affairs Minister Mr. Kiren Rijiju who asserted in Parliament that the Bill was not anti-Muslim and would rather benefit crores of poor members of the community. Meanwhile, the Congress announced on April 4, 2025 that it would challenge the constitutionality of the Bill in the Supreme Court.

As per the Government, the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025, aims to strengthen Waqf property management by improving governance, transparency and digitisation. It addresses legal ambiguities, strengthens Waqf Board powers and streamlines registration processes. The Bill establishes a secular, transparent and accountable system for 'waqf' administration.

However, many controversies surround the Bill because it not only proposes changes to how a waqf