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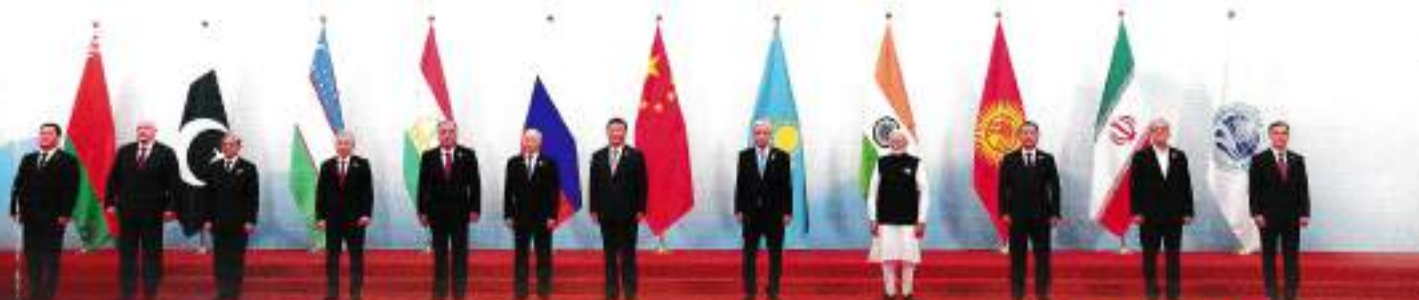


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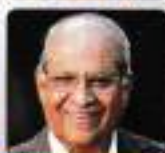
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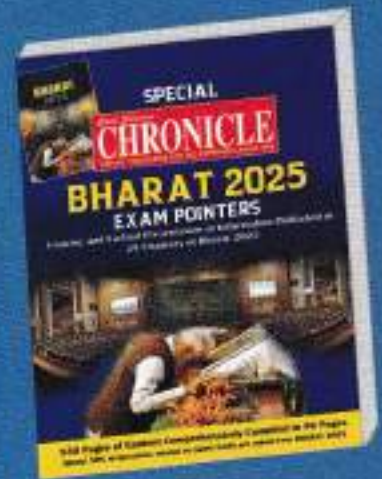


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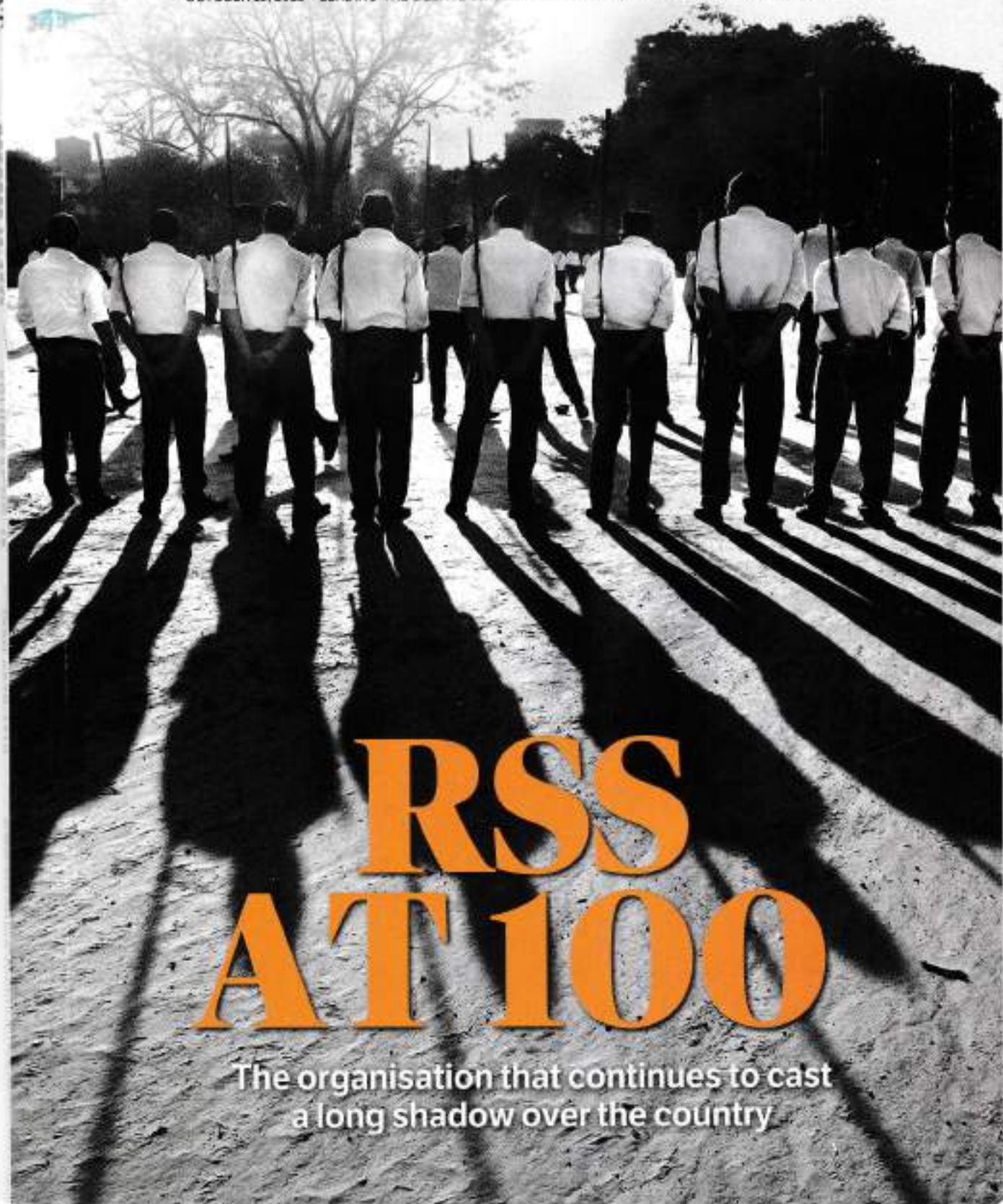
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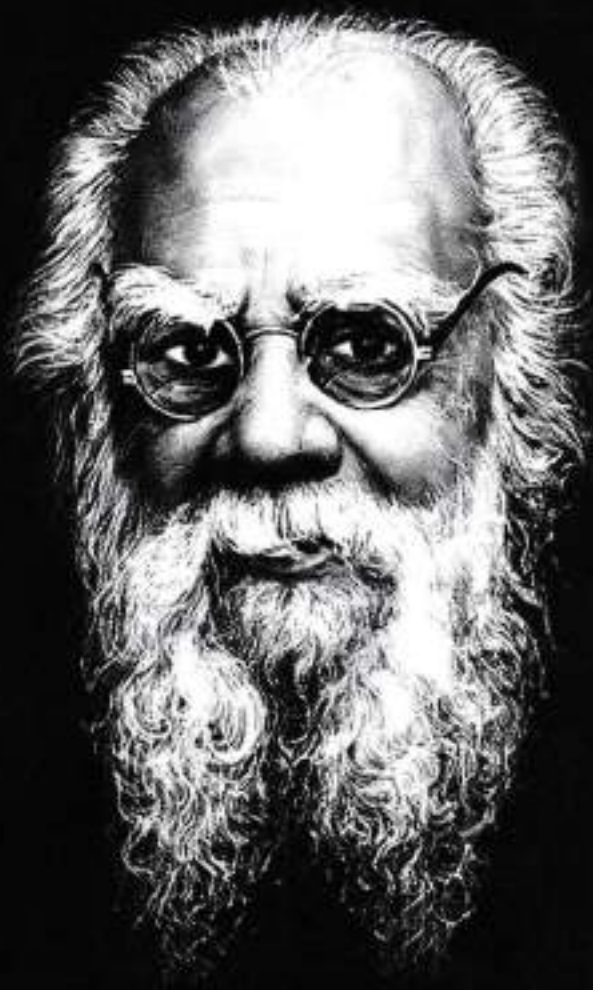


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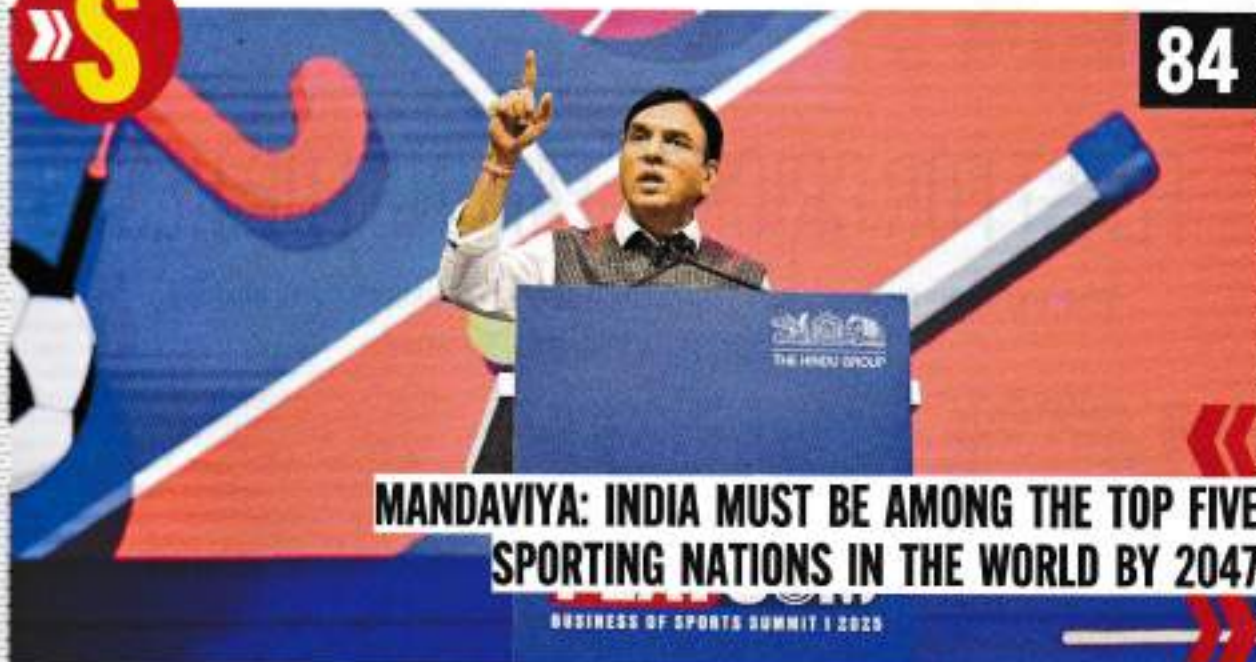
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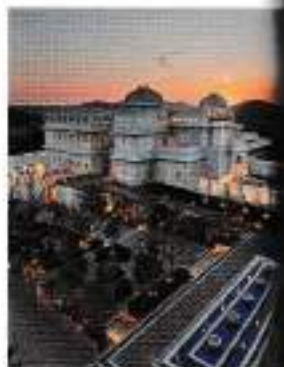
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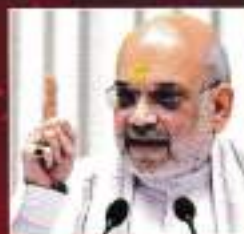


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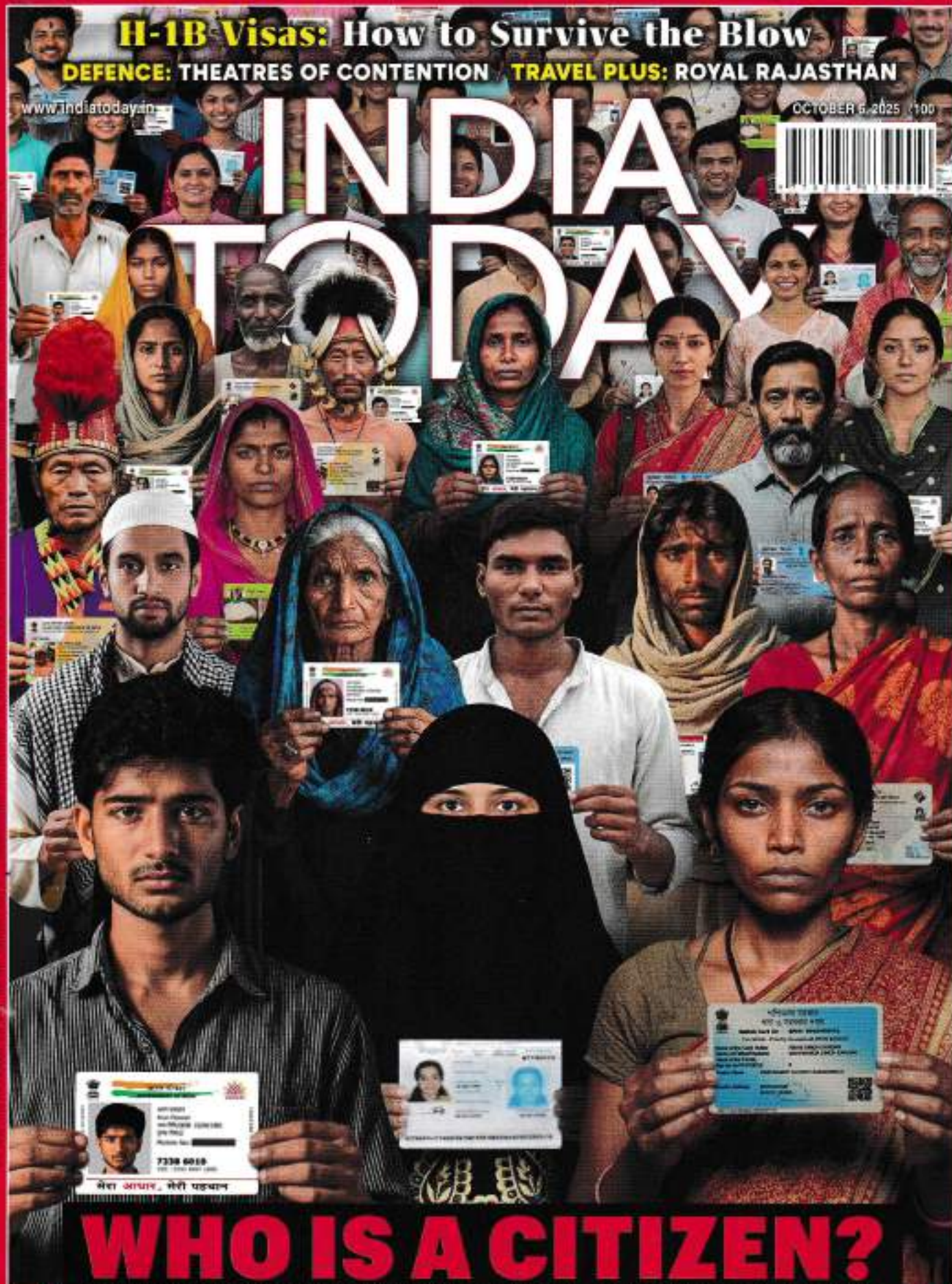
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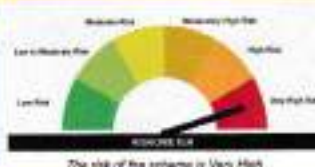
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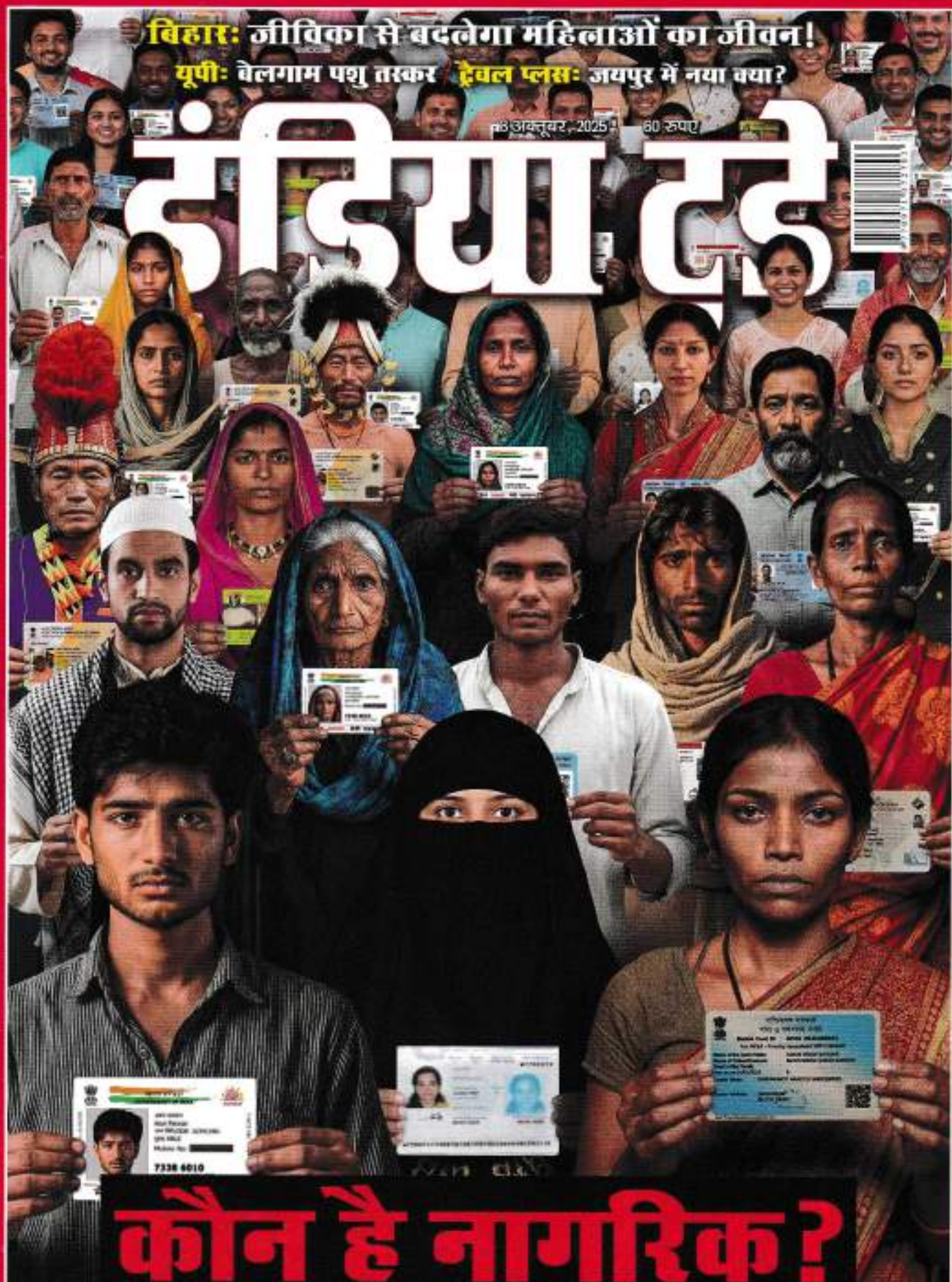
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राजस्थान में जहाँ पुराने अफीम तस्करों के
आर्थिक साम्राज्य पर राजस्थान पुलिस का मजबूत
प्रहार चल रहा है, अंतराचार साबित होना?

▶ **दीर्घा**

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विचारों का मंथन

राज्य की राजनीति से लेकर अंतरिक्ष अन्वेषण तक, इंडिया टुडे कॉन्सेप्ट-सुबॉर्ड में विभिन्न क्षेत्रों की शक्तियाँ हैं जो आज के भारत की चिंताओं, आकांक्षाओं और संभावनाओं पर किया जाय विमर्श.

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सद्यो को क्या कहें? जहाँ है कि पत्रिका में प्रकाशित किसी भी लेख का व्यक्ति के विज्ञान और धर्म से संबंधित ज्ञानों से सम्बन्धित व्यवसाय करने, पैसा कमाने का स्वार्थ करने से पहले उचित पक्ष-व्यवसाय कर ले। विज्ञान-धर्मवादों के किसी भी धर्म का उत्तरदायित्व ईश्वर तुझे चुका का नहीं है। ऐसे किसी भी तरह के धर्मों को विज्ञान-धर्मवाद जगह नहीं पूरा करता है। ऐसे धर्मों तुझे धर्म के प्रकाशनों के मुद्रक, प्रकाशक, एडिटर-कम-रिप और एडिटर इसके लिए जिम्मेदार नहीं होने।

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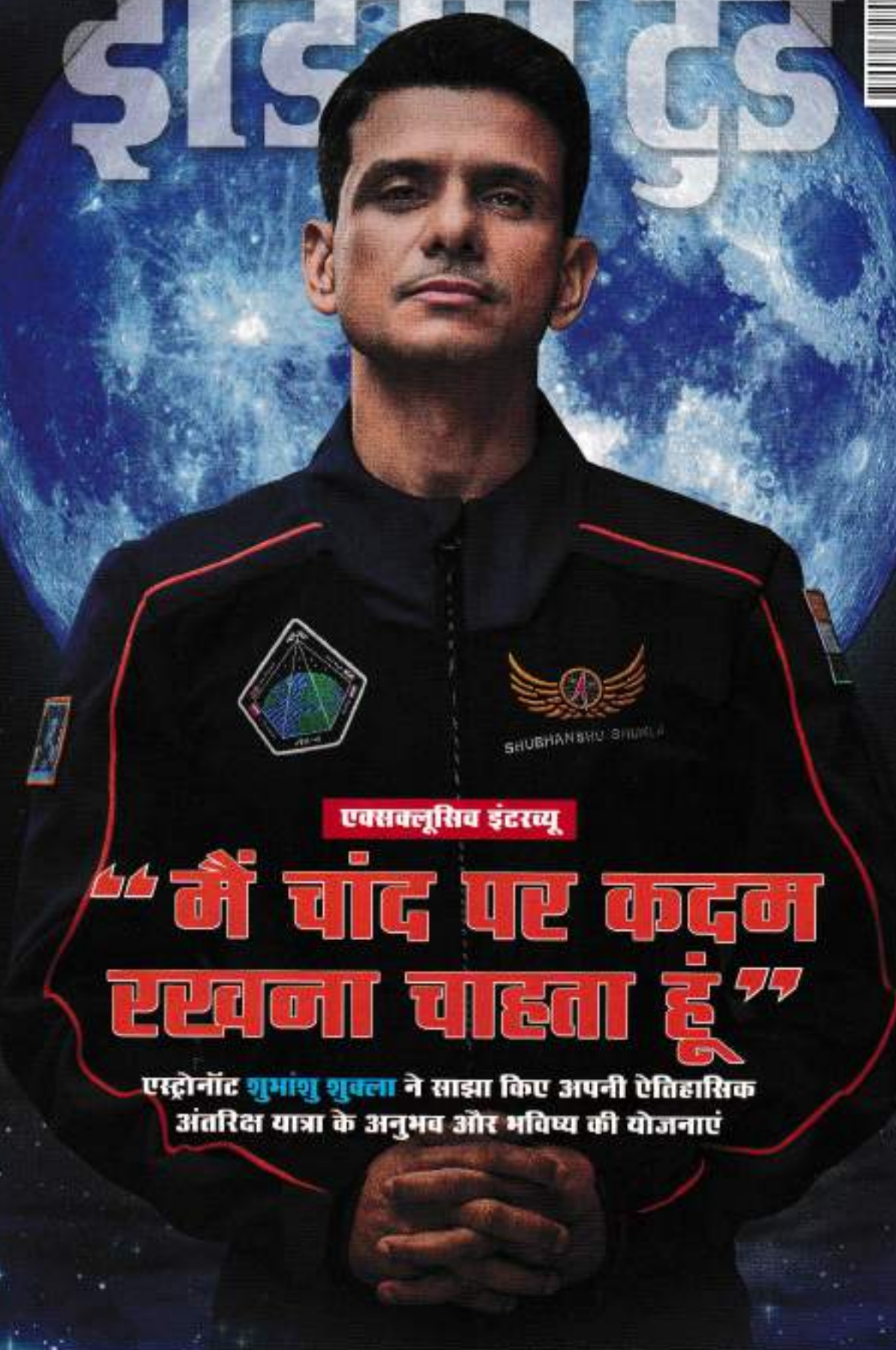
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ड्रॉम की जंग में साहिर इकट्ठाया तैयार करने और उन्हें स्वदेशी युएवी से लैस करने की योजनाएं साराहनीय, पर ड्रॉम उद्योग को मजबूती प्रदान करने के लिए।

▶ माया=समस्या

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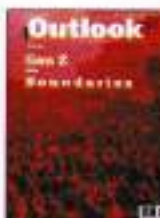
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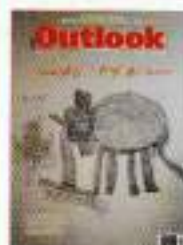


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—William Styron in *Darkness Visible: A Memoir of Madness*

In order to address this inability, we, at Outlook, have decided to commit to raising awareness about mental illness as part of our journalism. For our Independence Day issue in August (picture above), we looked at freedom from the stigma of mental illness, and as we prepare to observe World Mental Health Day on October 10, we once again focus on stories of those who feel too much and those who struggle with being understood.

We remain grateful to everyone who spoke to us, and those at Chennai-based The Banyan—which offers comprehensive mental health and social care services for the homeless and low-income populations—who helped us understand the issues regarding mental health, especially our guest editors Dr Vandana Gopikumar, the organisation's co-founder, and Dr Lakshmi Narasimhan, a mental health researcher at The Banyan.

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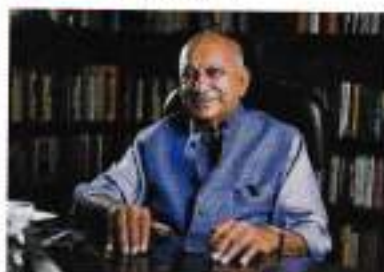
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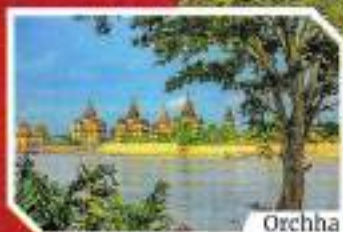
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