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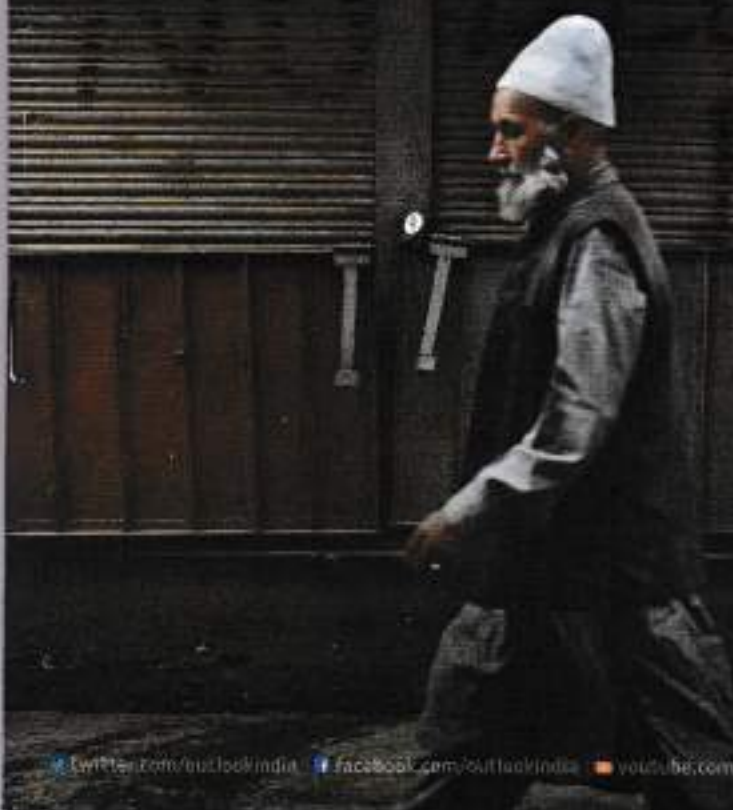


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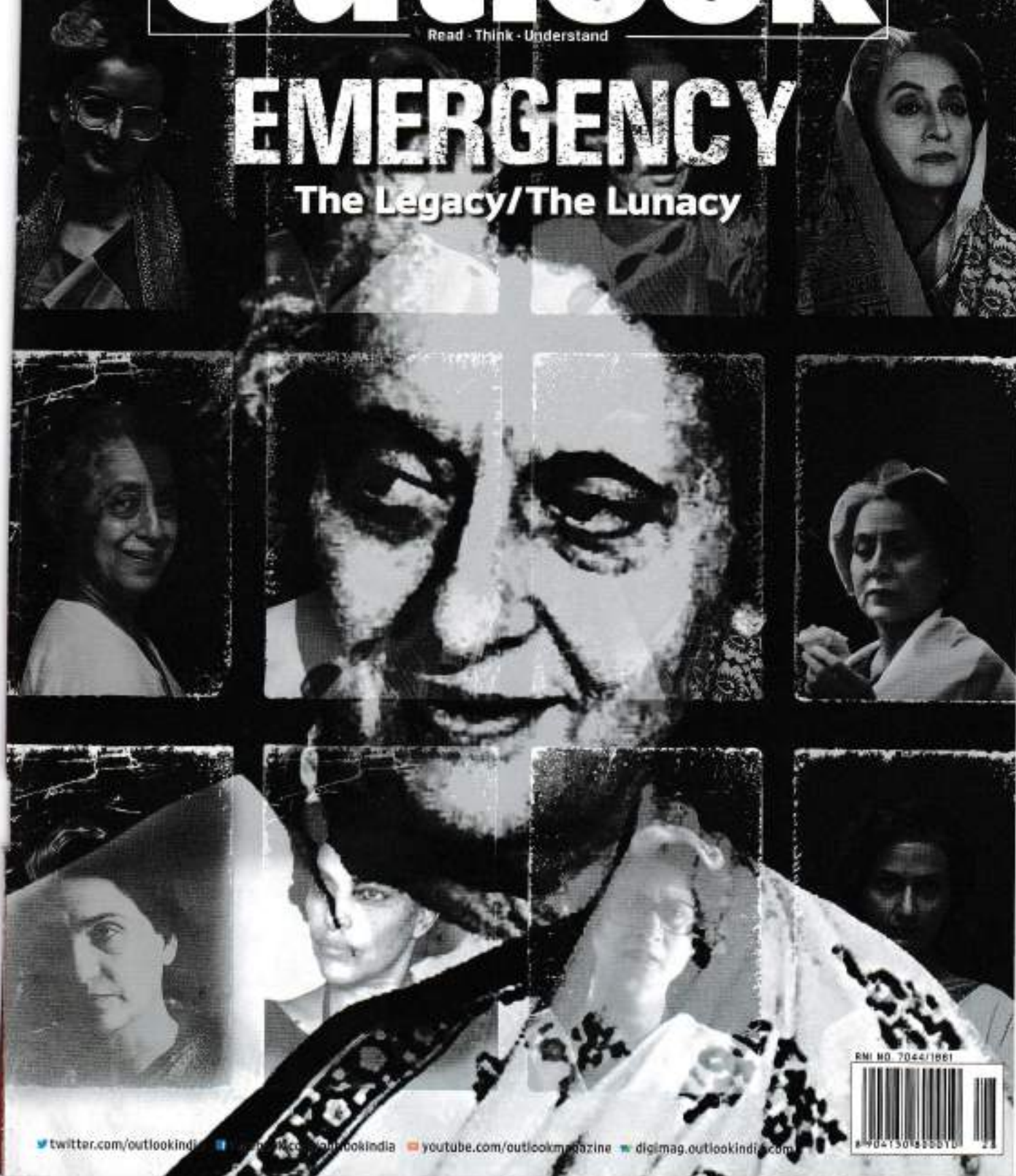
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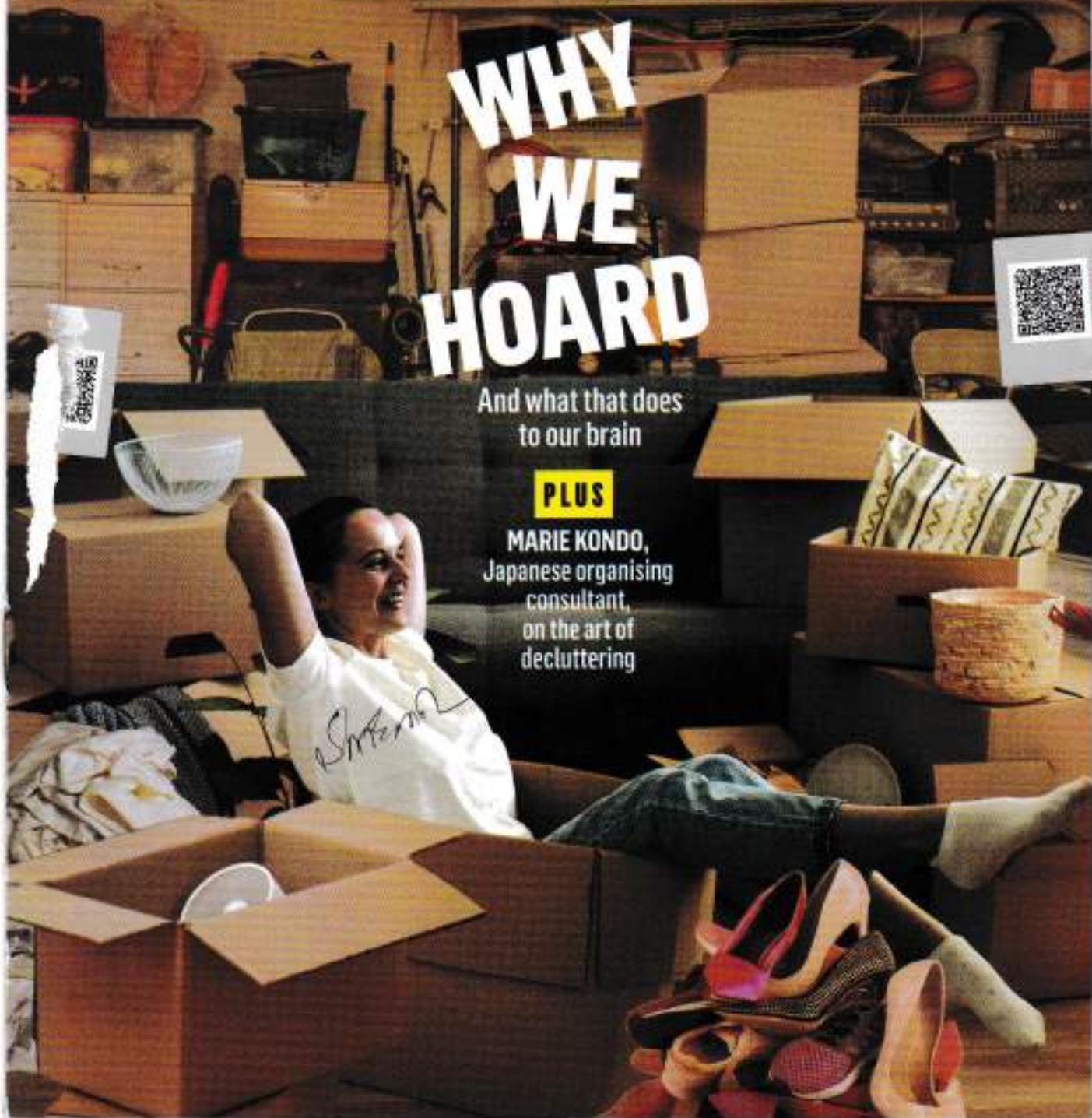
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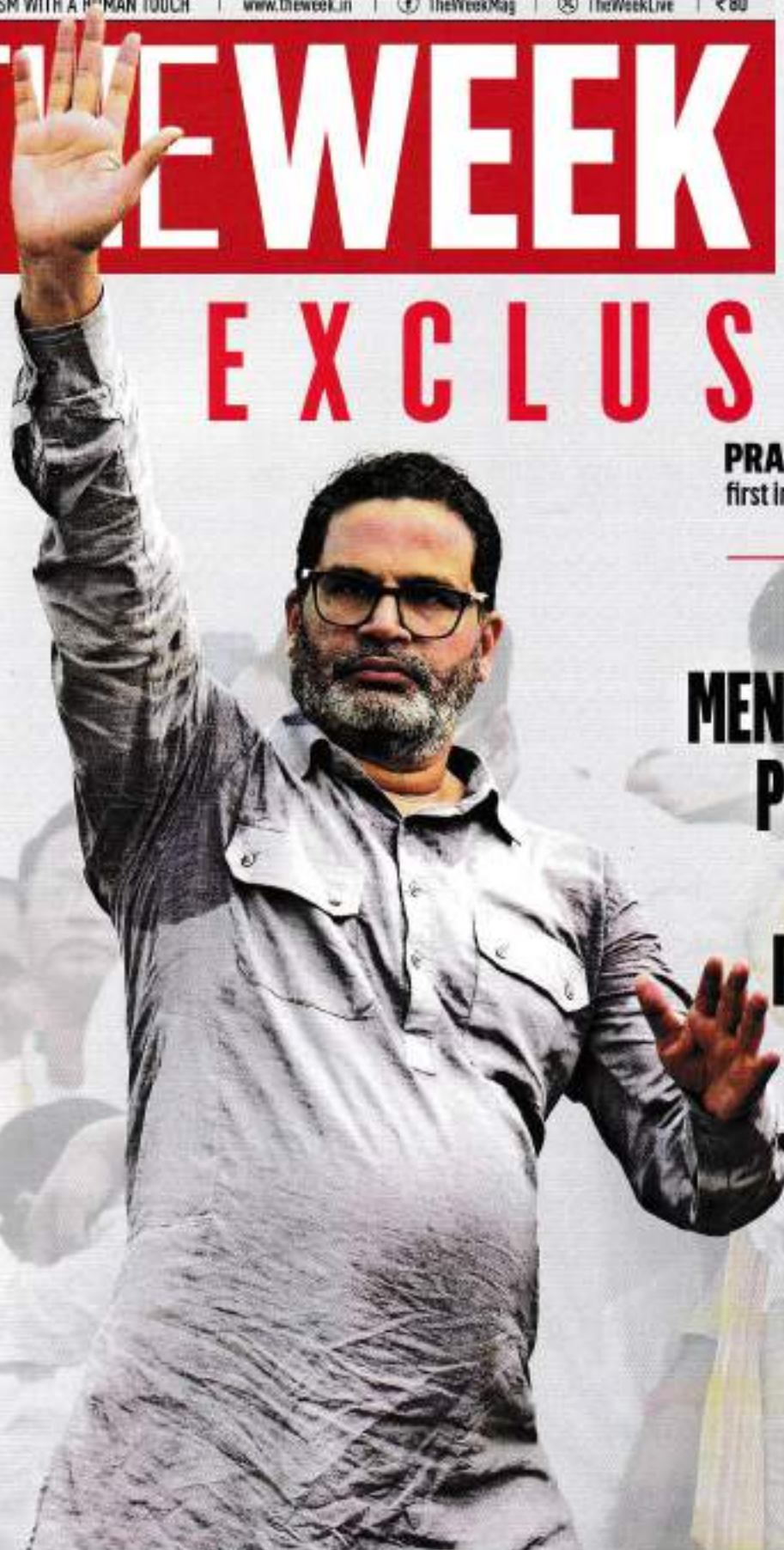
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“I have just kept my head down and worked hard,” says Wagh





Learn from Bhutan

I liked your interview with Bhutan Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay ('City of dreams', September 29). Bhutan is a beautiful country and a place that inspires us. Its leadership in the global happiness index is something the entire world can take note of.

I look forward to visiting Gelephu Mindfulness City once it is operational, as I believe there is so much I can learn from the experience. There is no denying that the GMC will serve as an economic gateway for the world to India. It will also help our northeastern states.

Bhutan has always had an optimistic approach to tackling its problems. It takes immense pride in its rich cultural heritage. The deep connect to its roots has played a significant role in contributing to the overall happiness of its citizens. We should not shy away from taking pride in our cultural heritage. That helps us and our country grow.

Tarun Chalia,
On email.

I liked it when Tobgay said that India is not a controlling big brother. India has never sought to control its neighbours and has always believed

in peaceful coexistence. It is only when countries engage in wrongdoing that such perceptions arise.

Pakistan, in particular, faces challenges not

because India seeks to dominate it, but due to its own actions.

Akanksha Tripathi,
On email.

The relationship between India and Bhutan is undoubtedly a model for friendly and harmonious neighbourly relations. Both nations have consistently treated each other with respect while also prioritising their own interests.

Praveen Thimmaiah,
On email.

'Du' in Duryodhan

The phrase "Arrogant Duryodhan" caught my attention ('Powerdrive', September 29). The Mahabharat, which dates back over 5,000 years, is reinterpreted in fascinating ways in Anand Neelakantan's novel *Ajaya: Roll of the Dice*. Neelakantan notes that the prefix "Du" in Duryodhan carries a negative connotation, and no parent would knowingly name their child that.

What is present today will become history tomorrow.

Perhaps, in the future, history might record that

we gained true freedom 2014.

Prakash Joshi,
On email.

Trump, a better choice

It is inaccurate to suggest that most India Americans support Kamala Harris ('United in the states', September 29). A significant number of Indian Americans do support Donald Trump. Many do not align with Harris because of her liberal views.

Trump is, without a doubt, a better choice for the US, India and the world.

Bindu Ramkrishna,
On email.

Hung assembly

The National Conference and the Congress are not likely to form an alliance government in Jammu and Kashmir ('Two-horse race', September 22). While the Congress may win more seats than before, the National Conference leaders appear to be struggling. A hung assembly seems probable which could result in President's rule (essentially BJP rule).

Prahlad Nagarkar,
On email.

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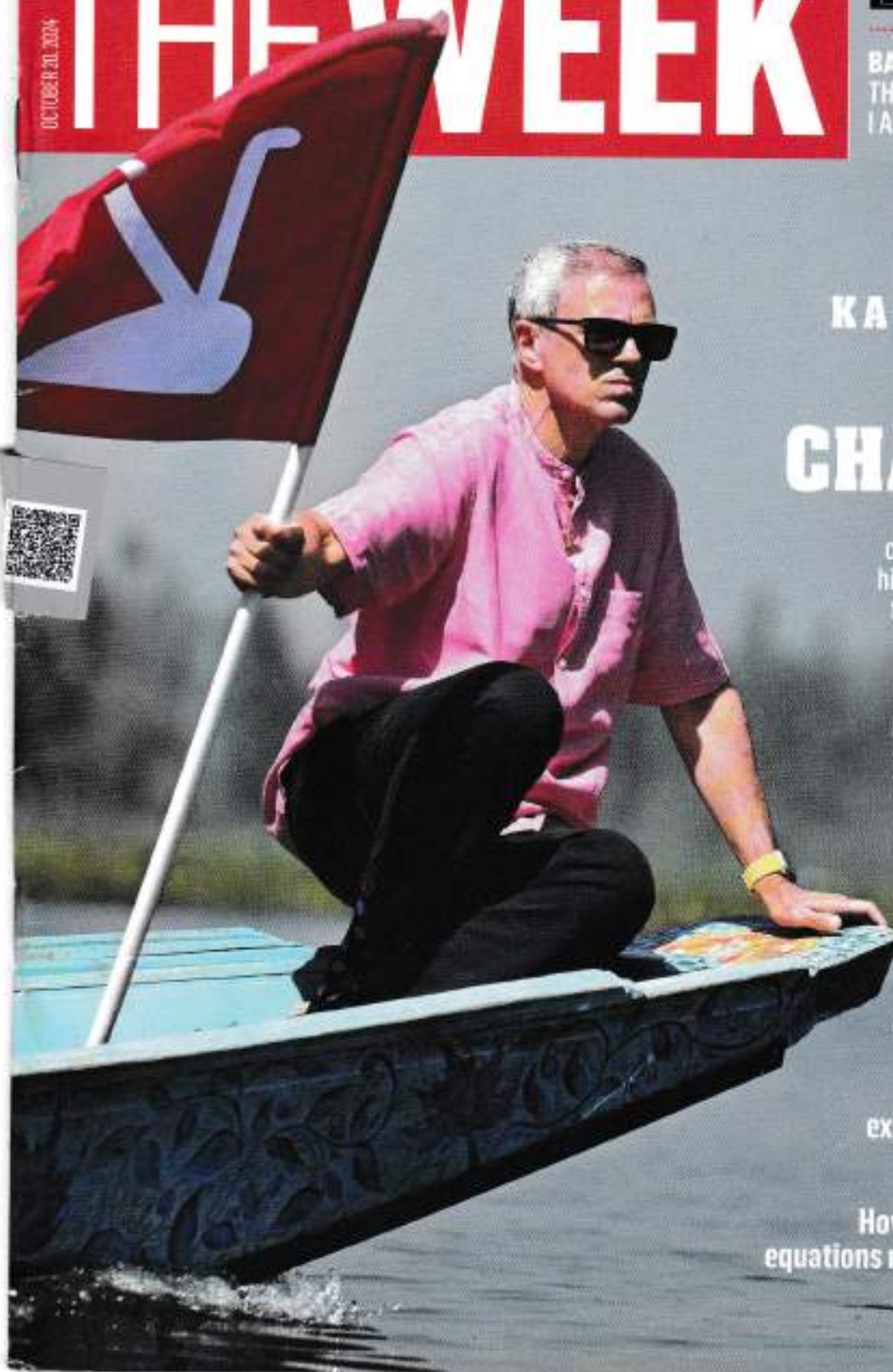
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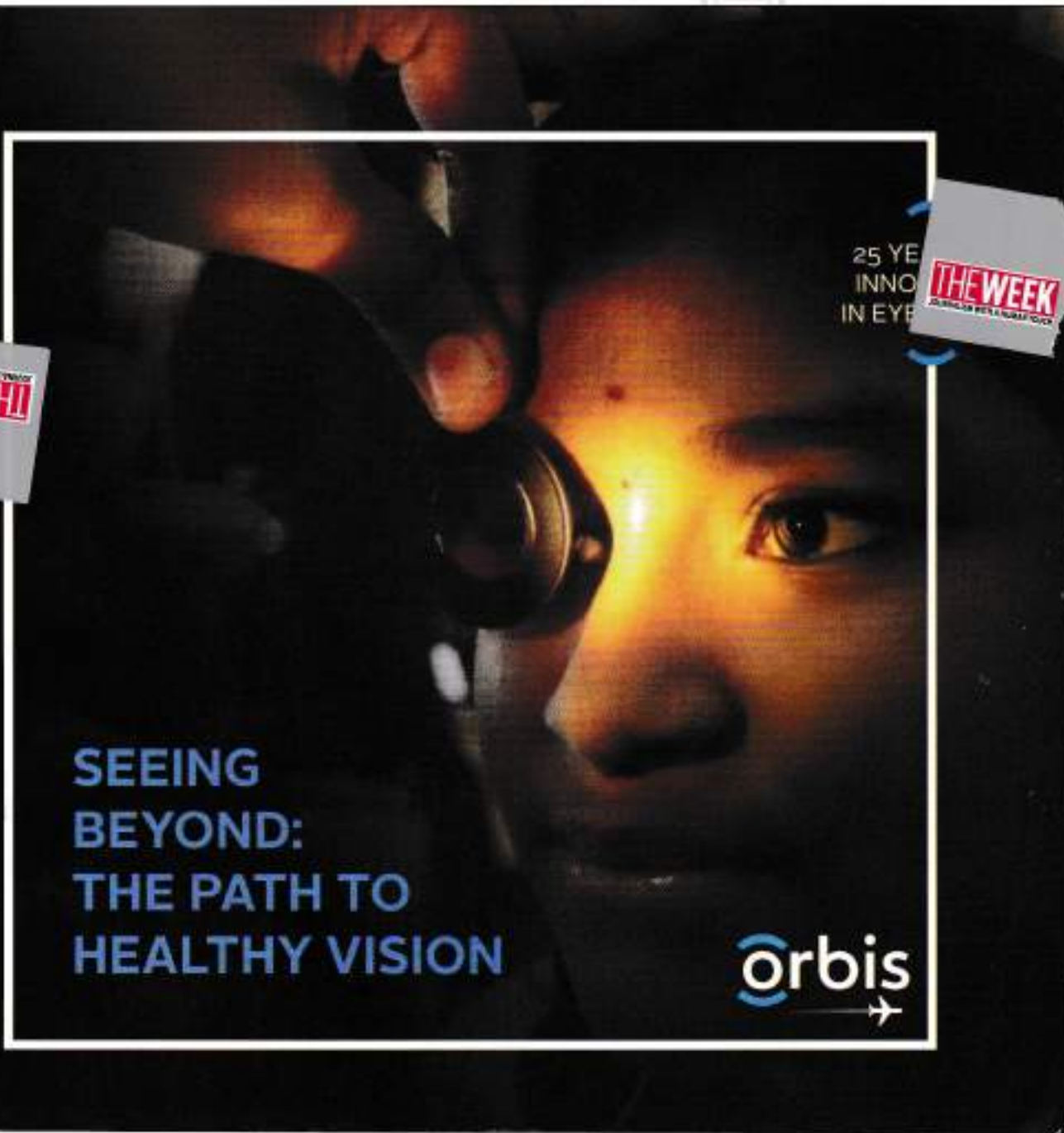
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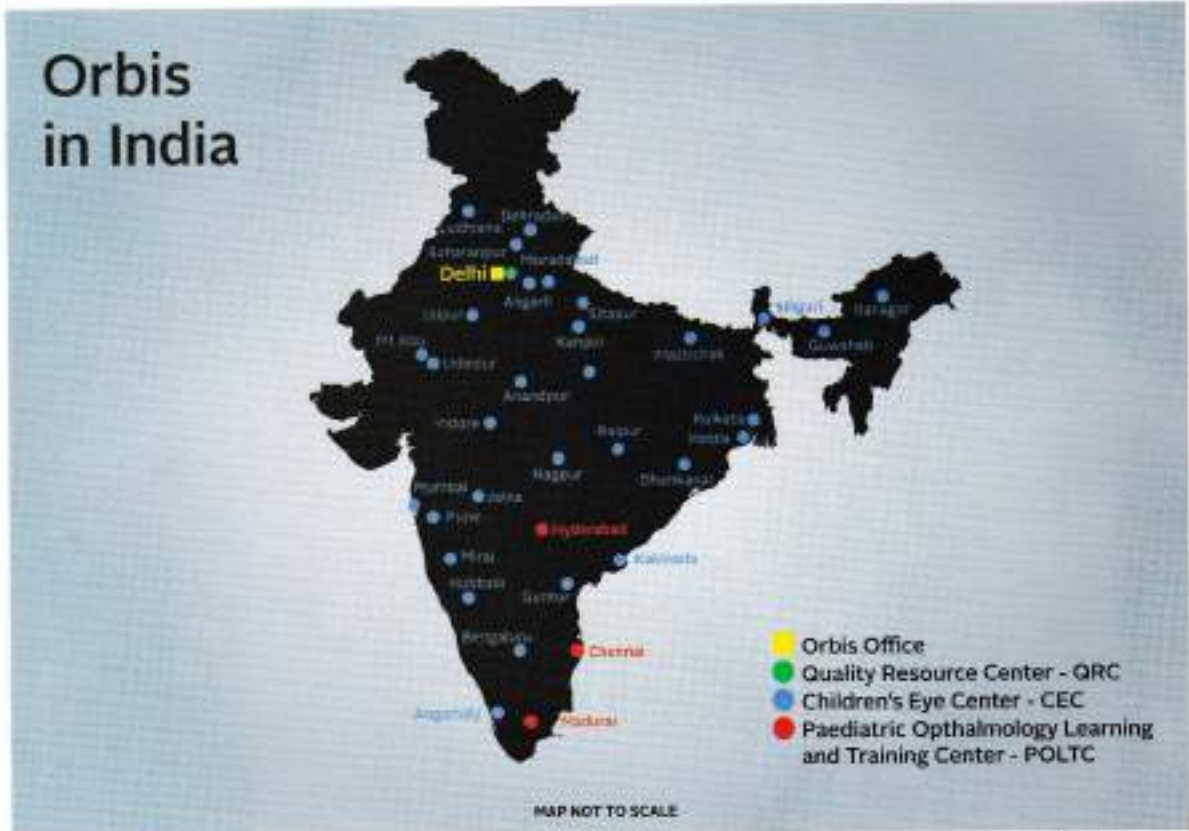
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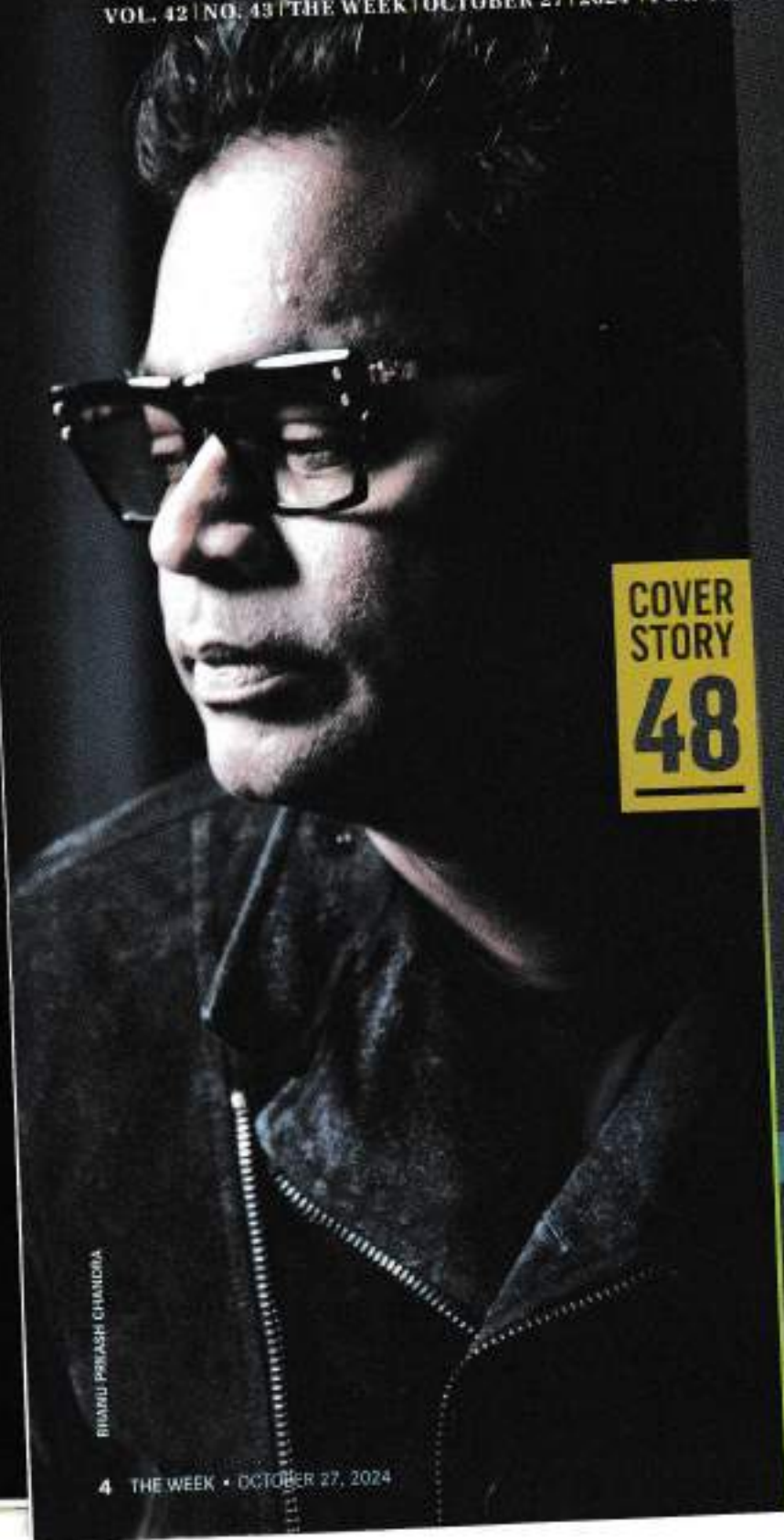
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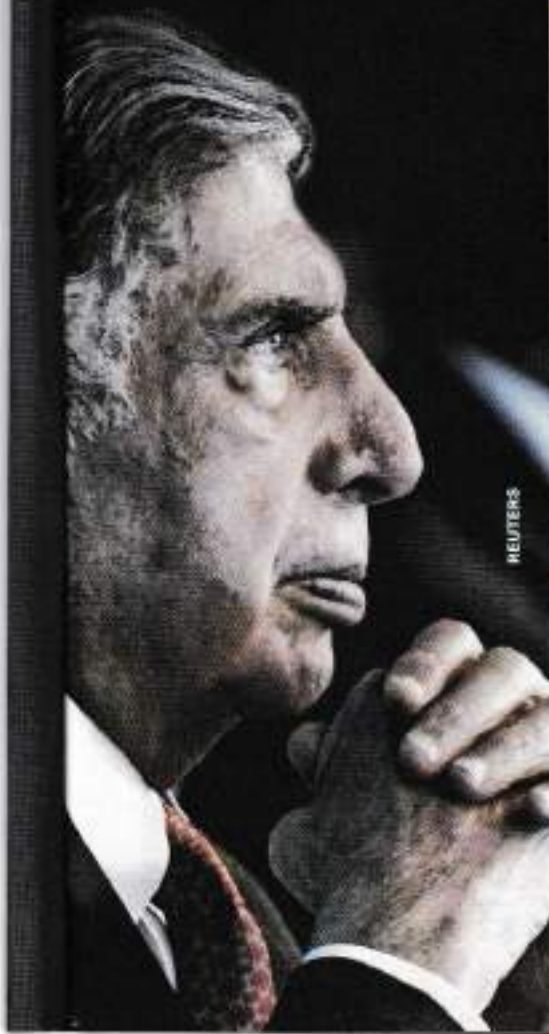
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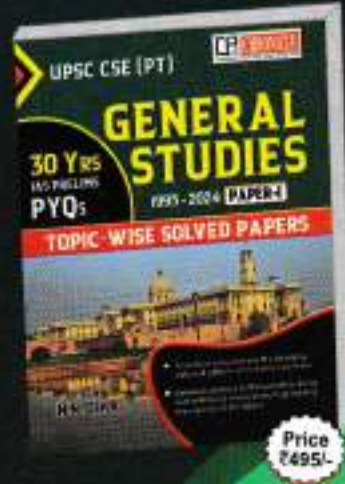


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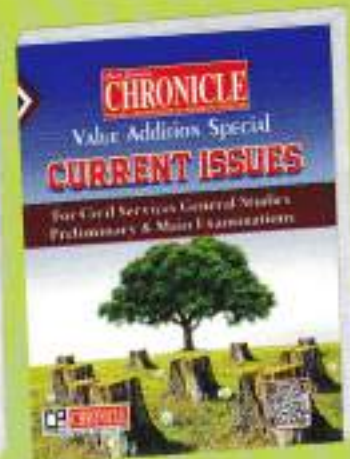
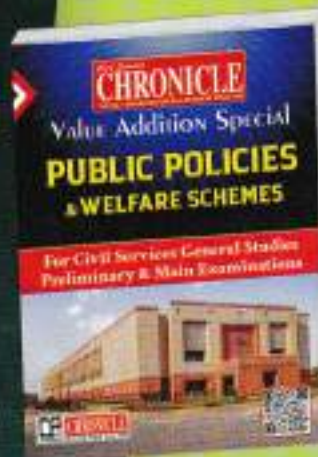
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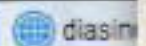
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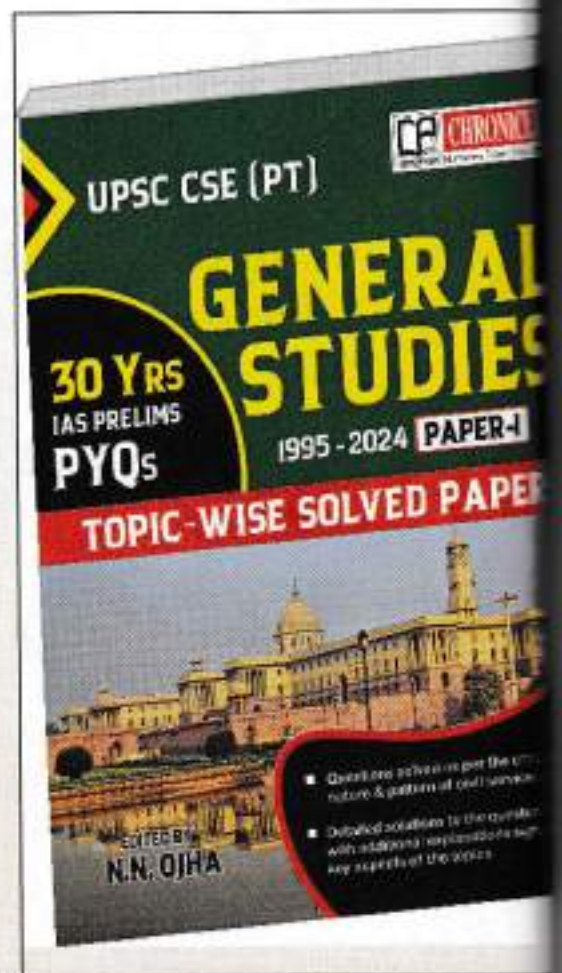
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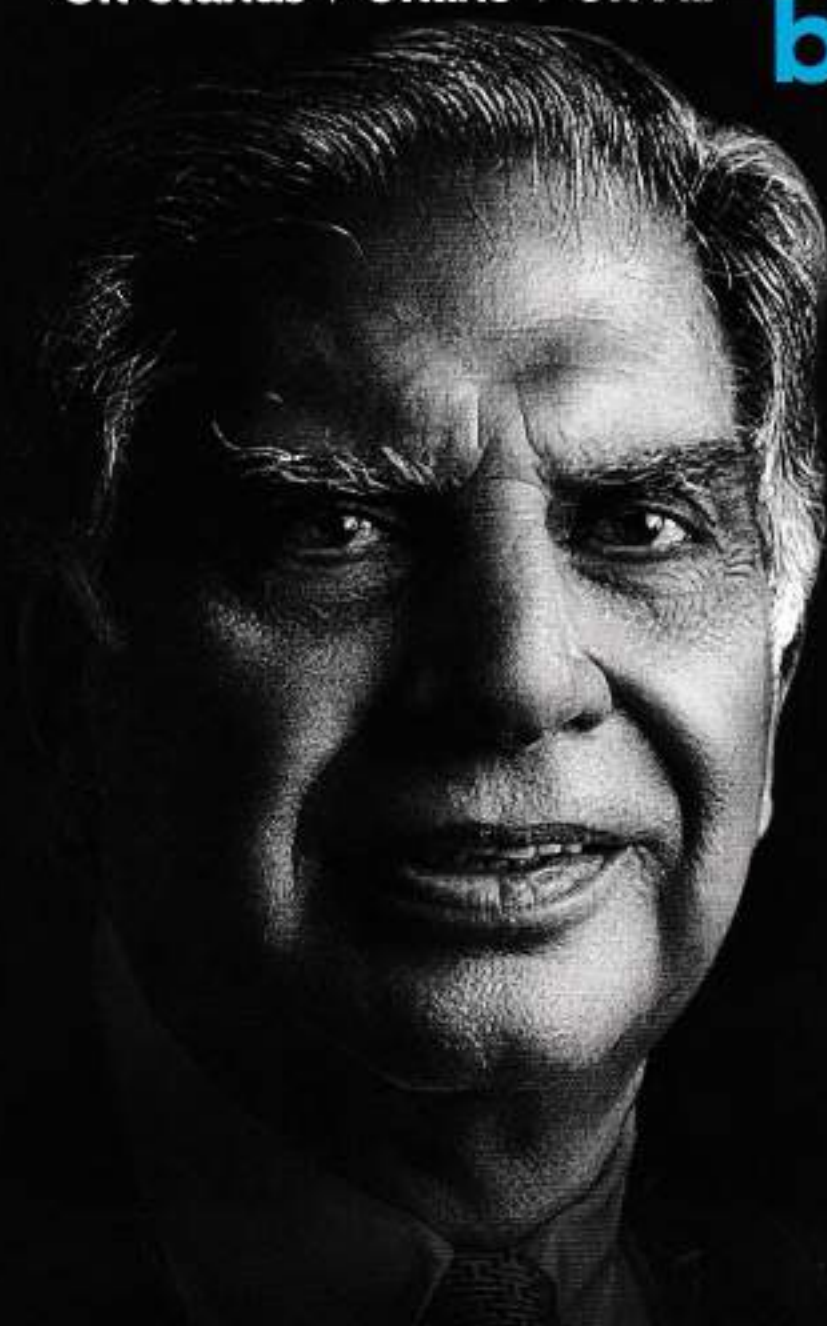


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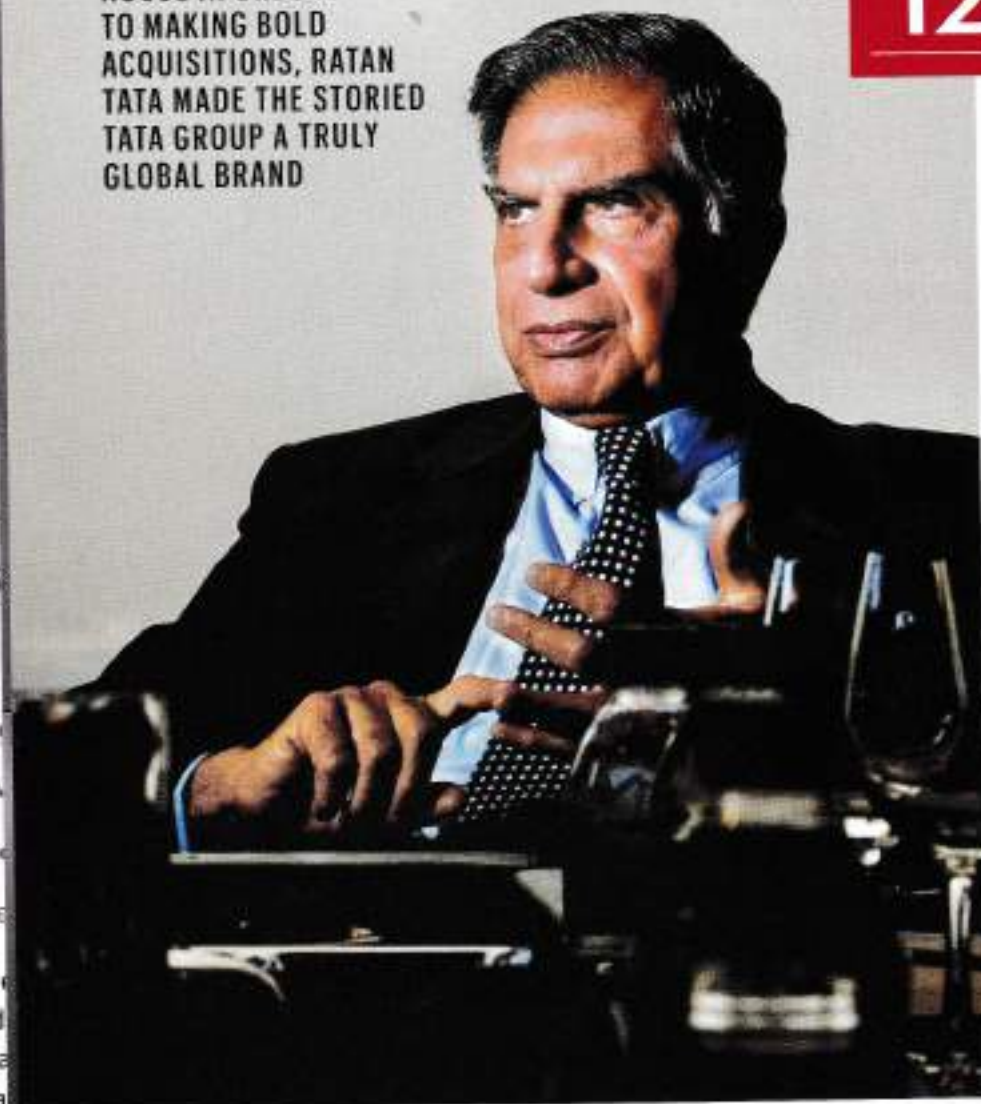


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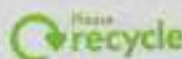
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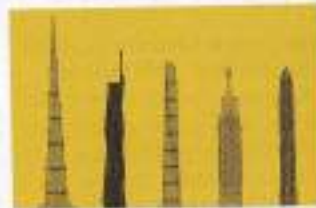
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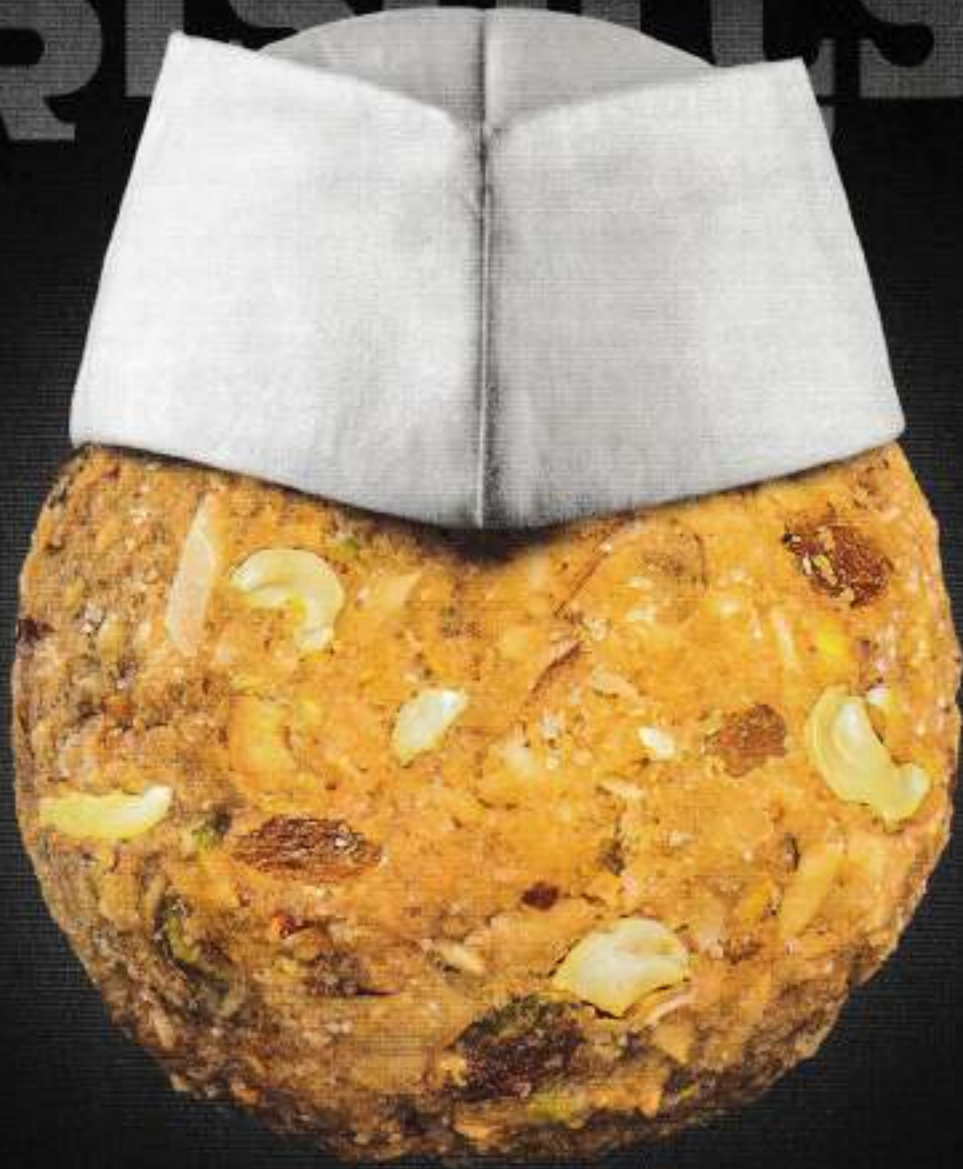
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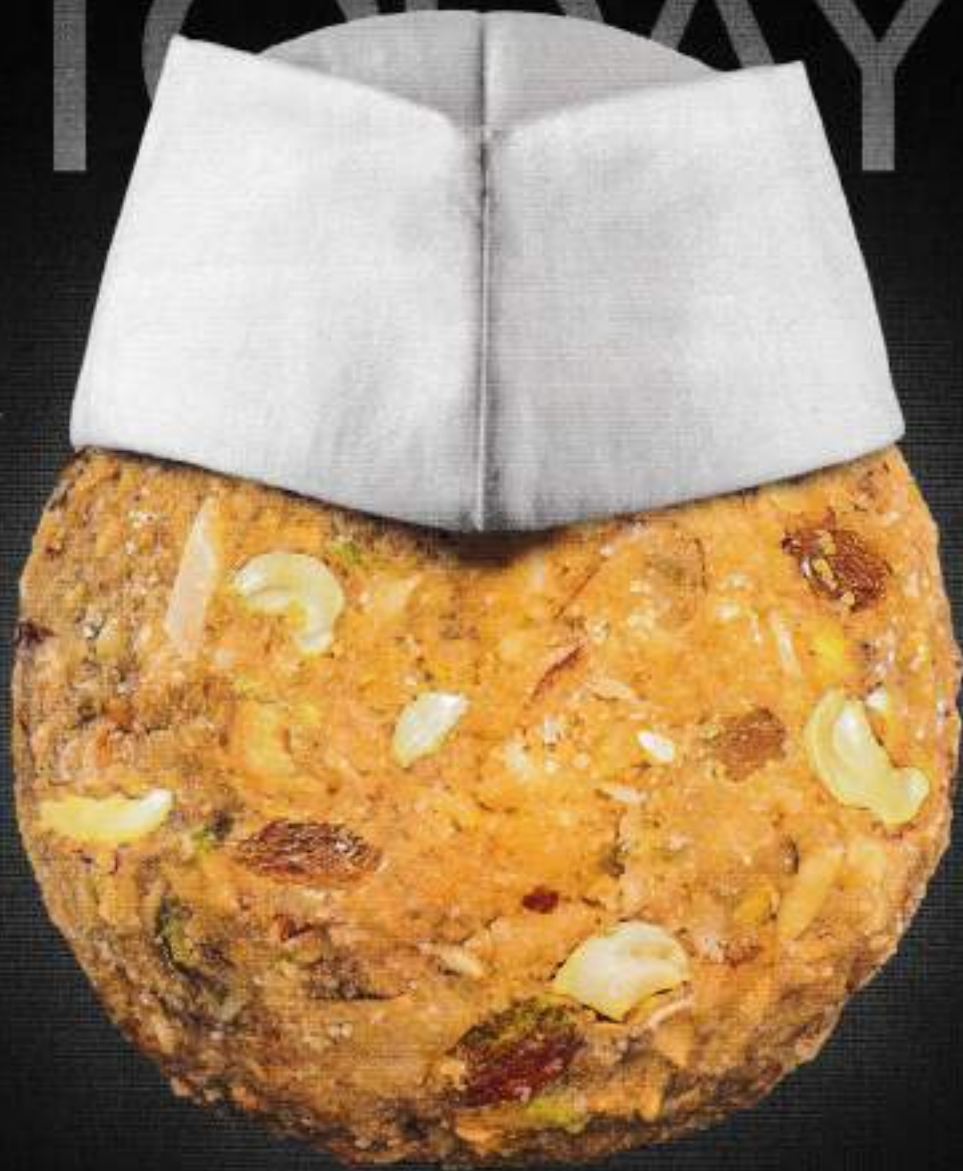
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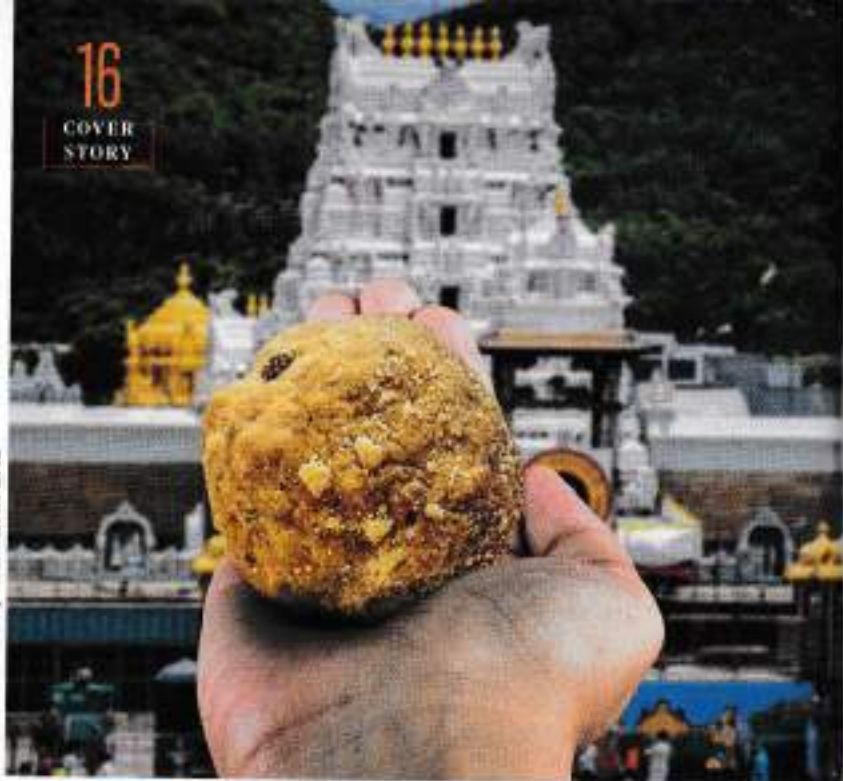
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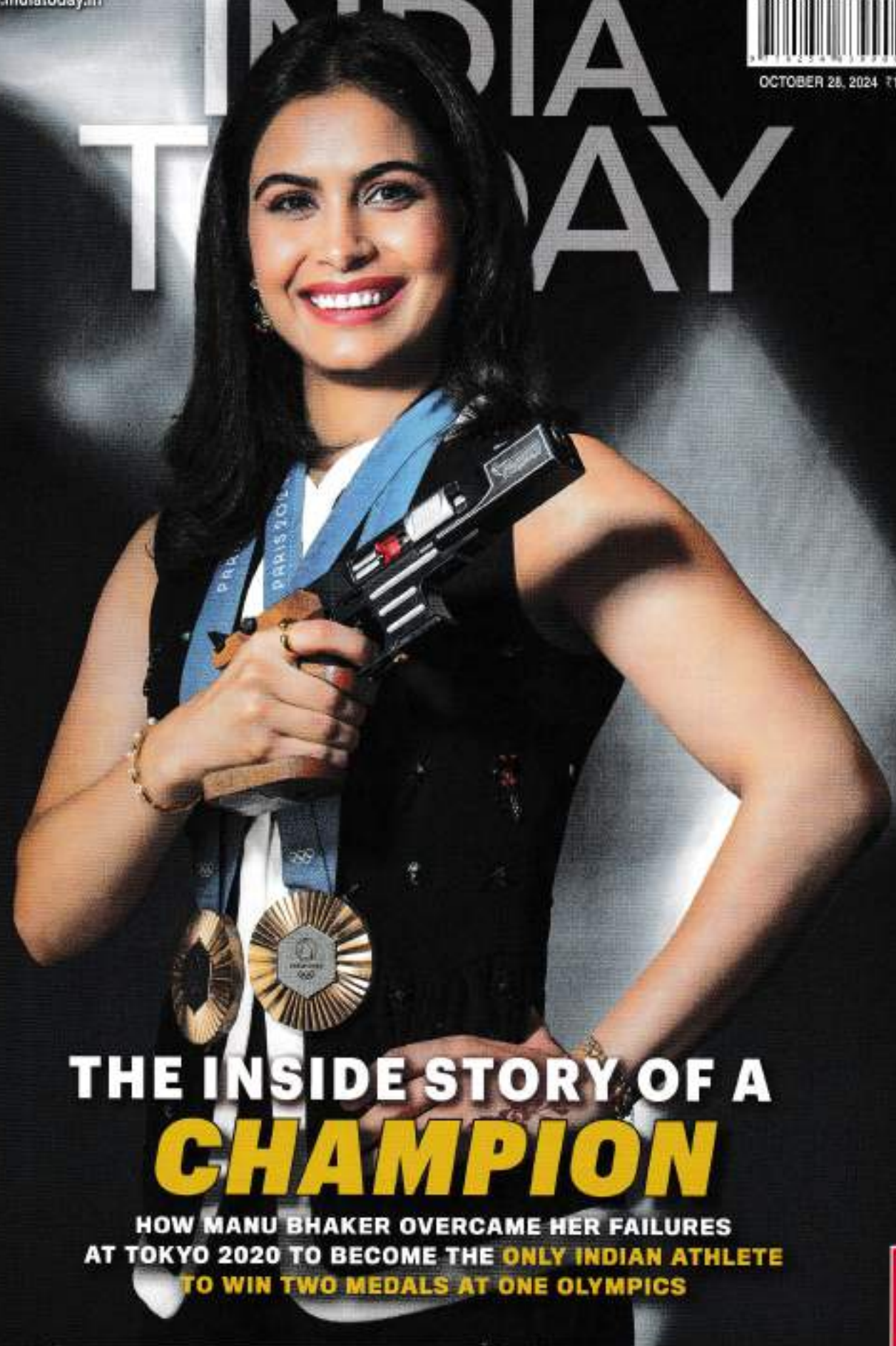
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