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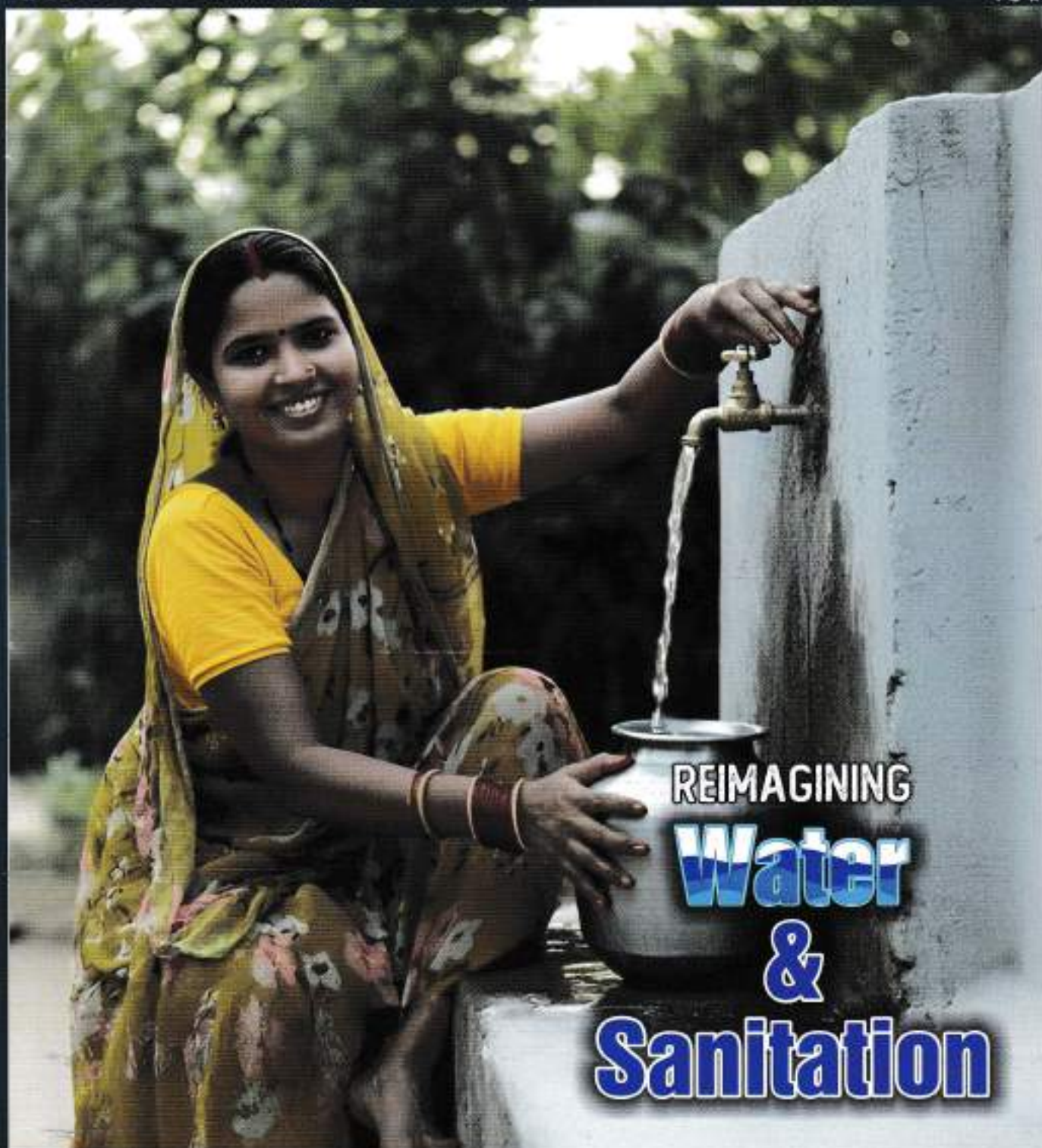


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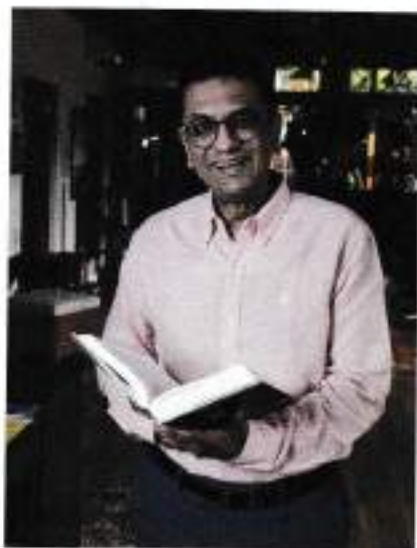


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—Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union minister for tourism and culture

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—Ratish Nanda, India CEO of the Aga Khan Trust for Culture

Tourists want experiences, not just monuments. We need better guides, light-and-sound shows and digital outreach. At the same time, sites must be made more open and accessible to the differently abled."
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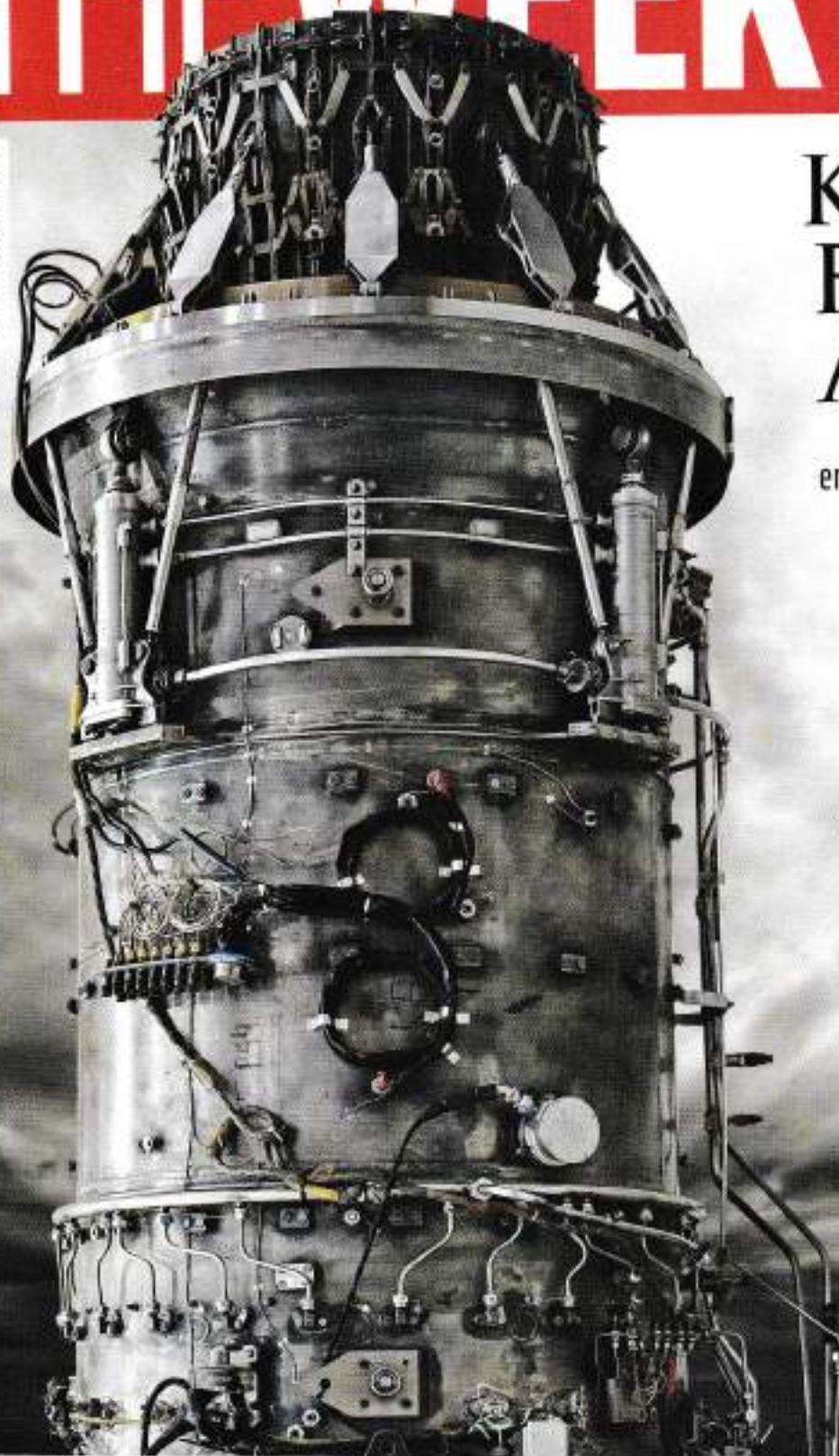
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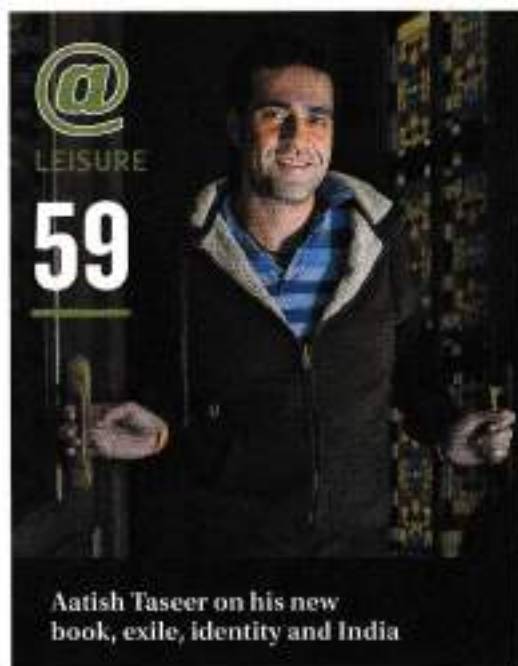
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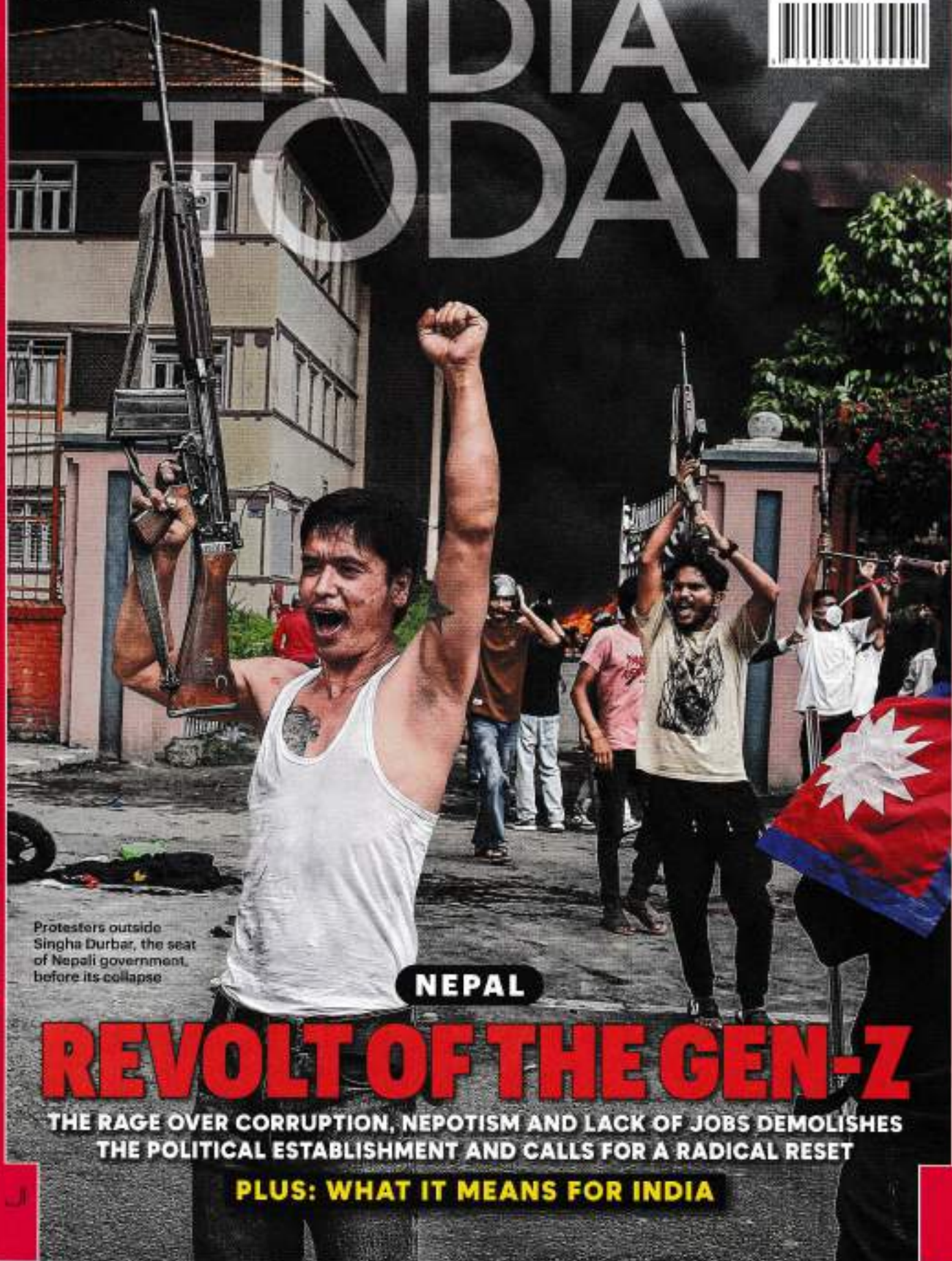
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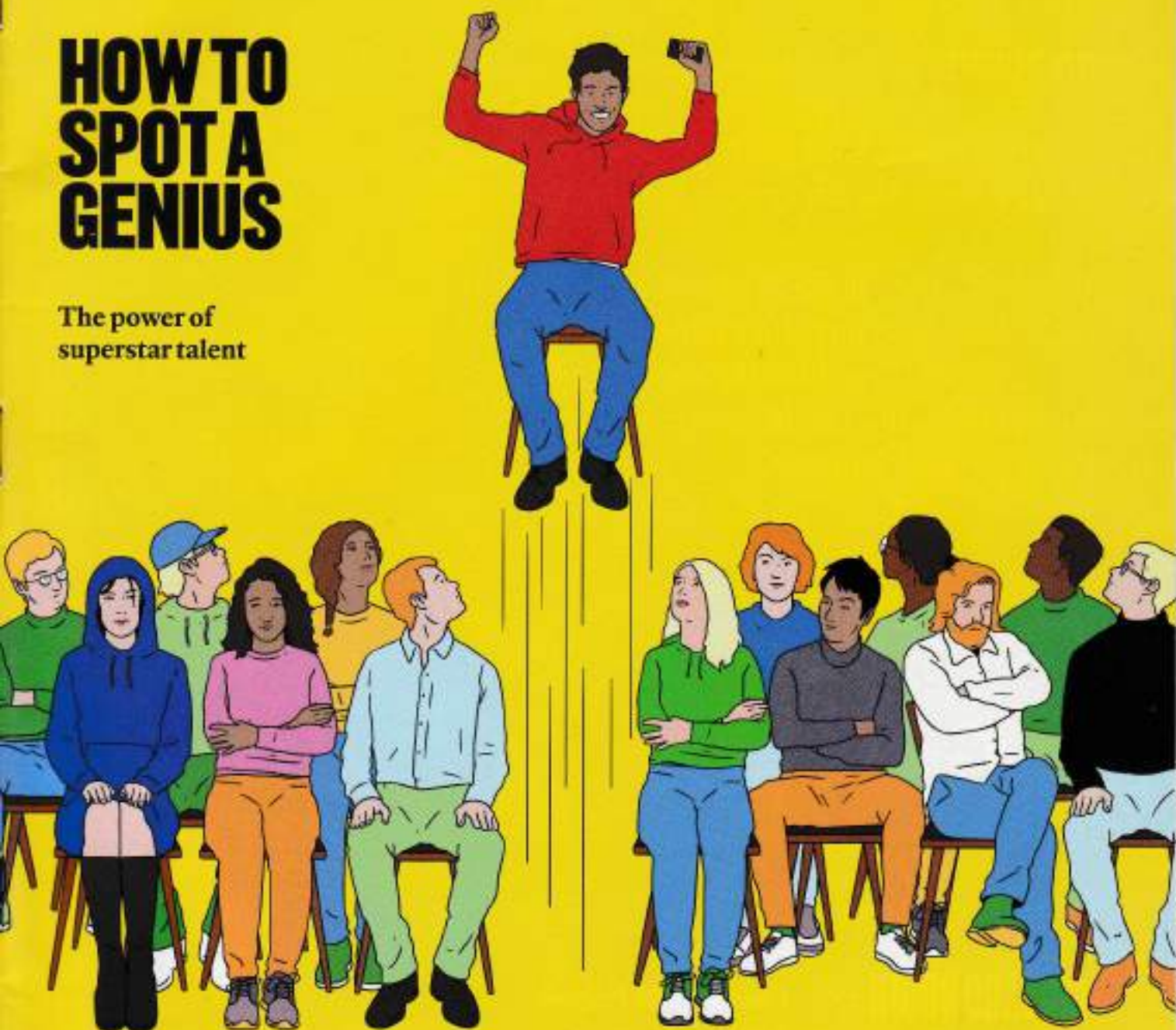
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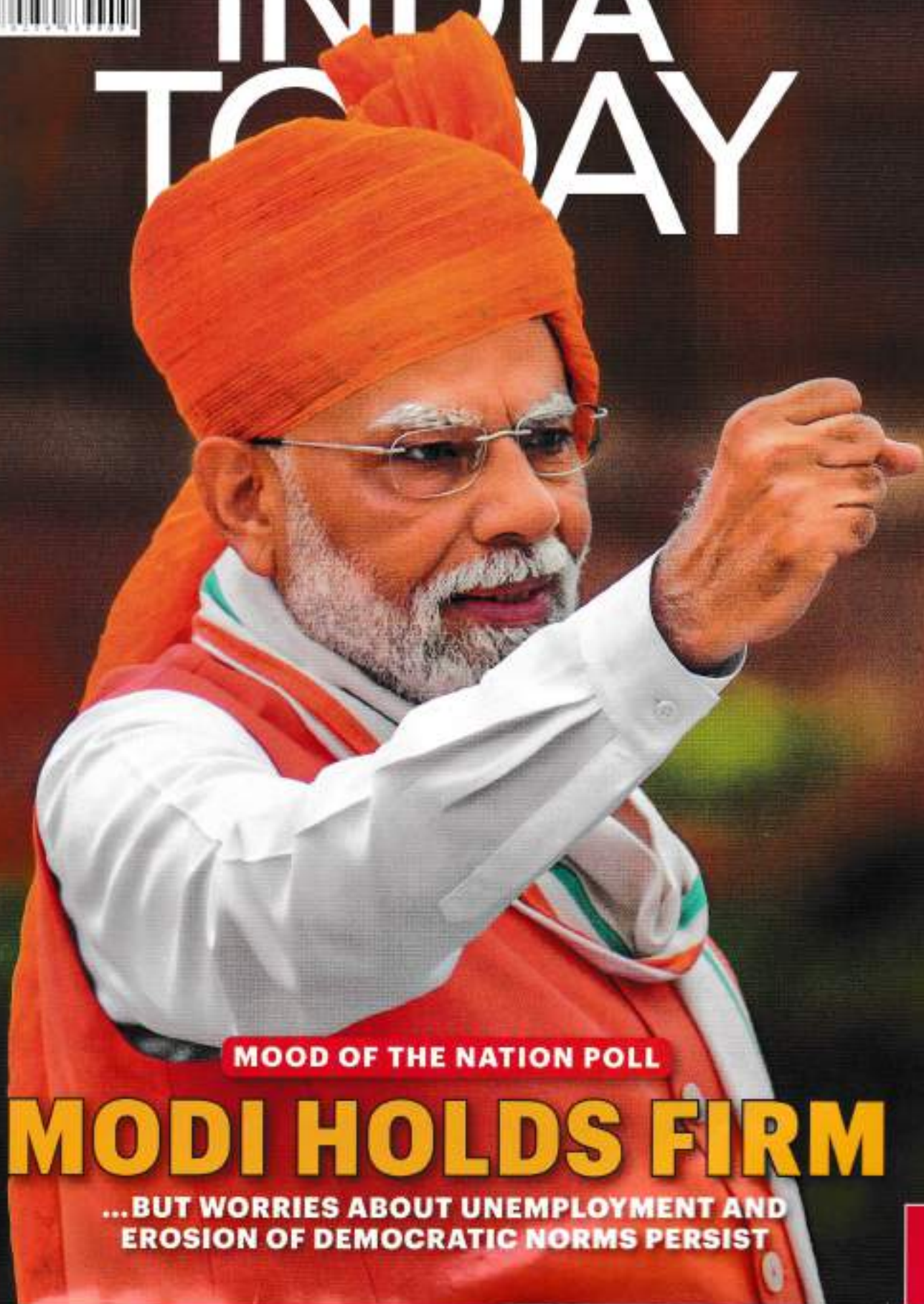
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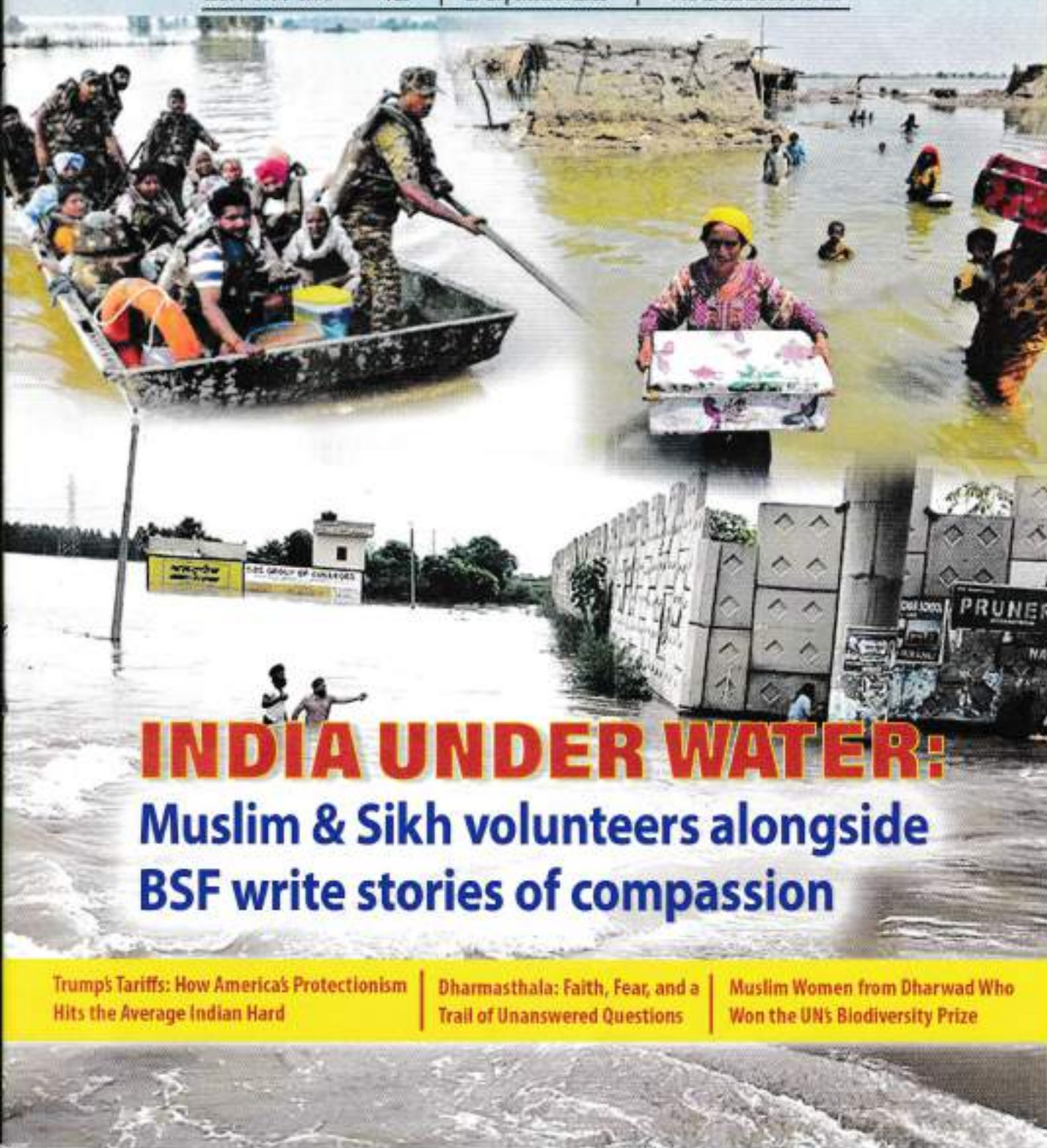
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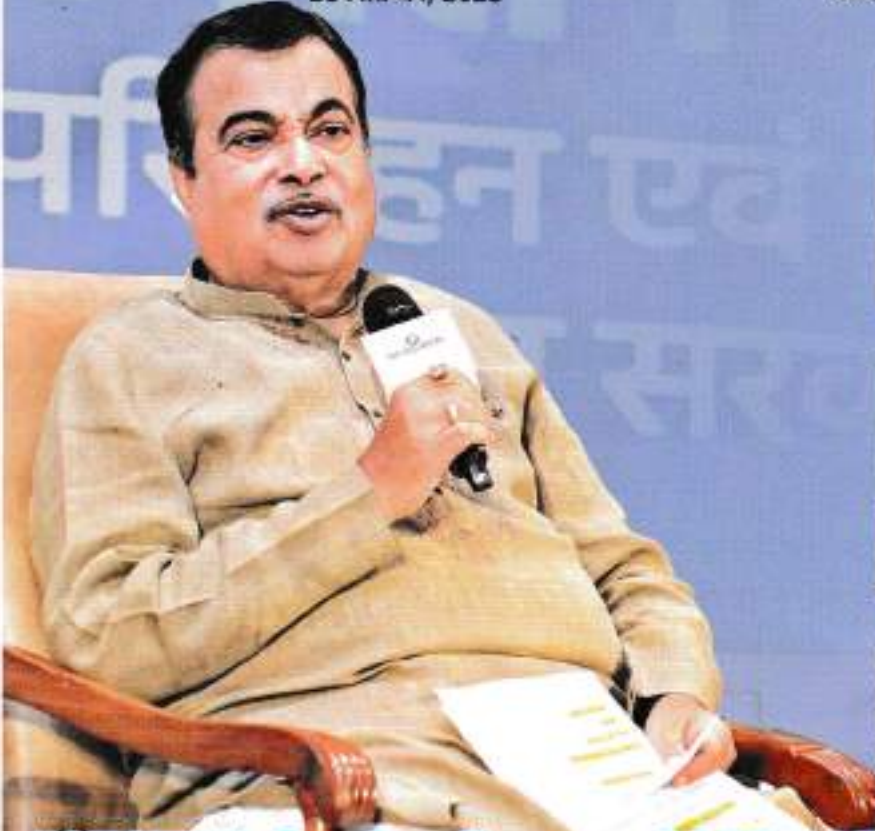
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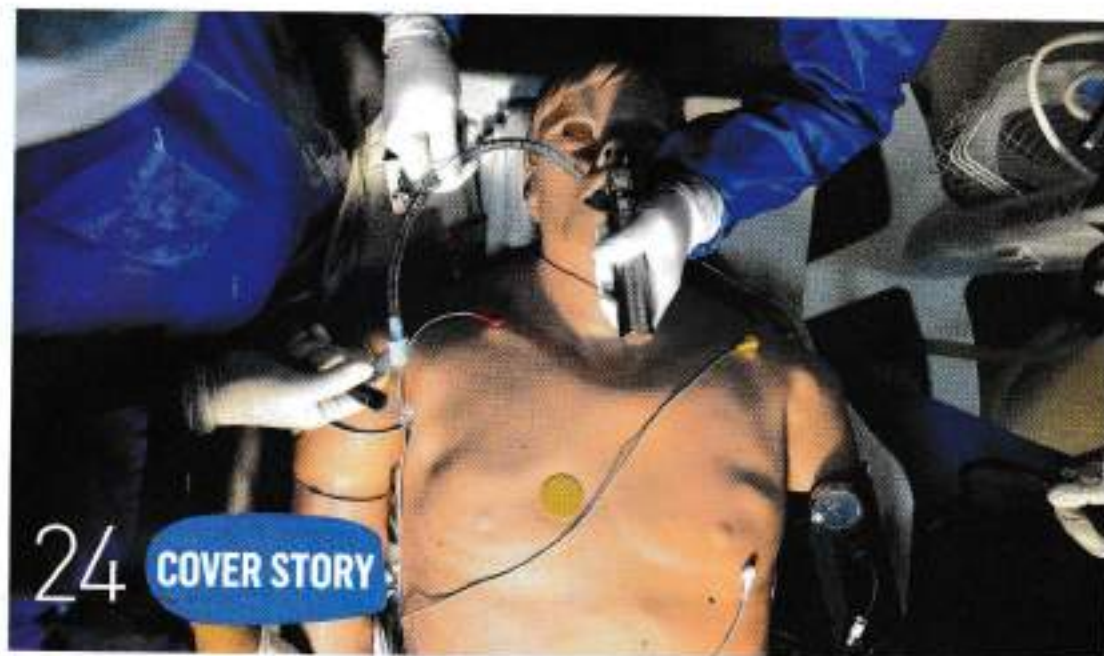
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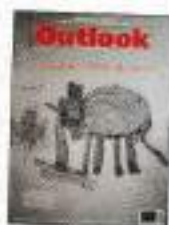
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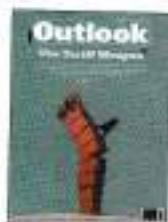
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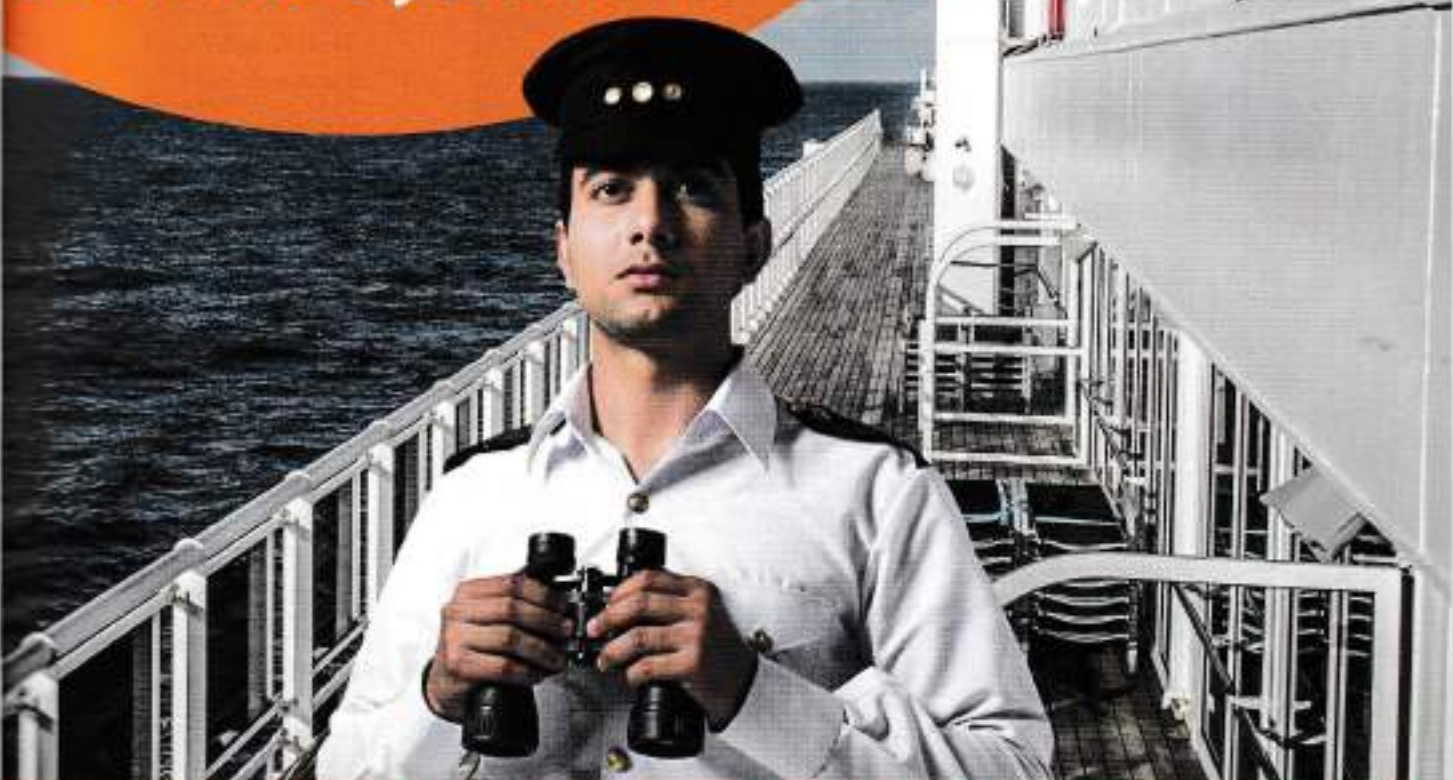
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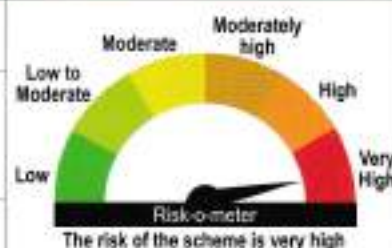


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