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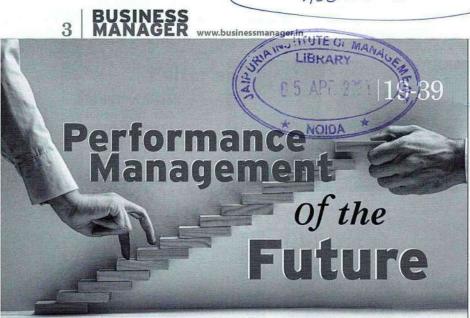


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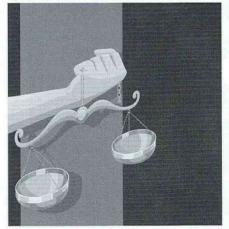
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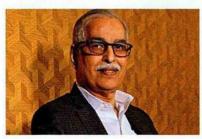
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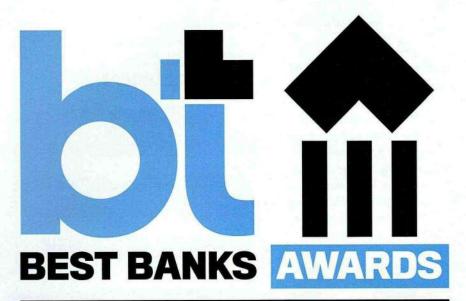
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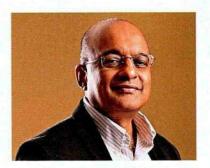
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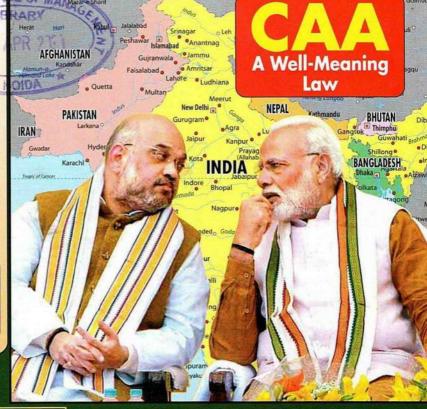














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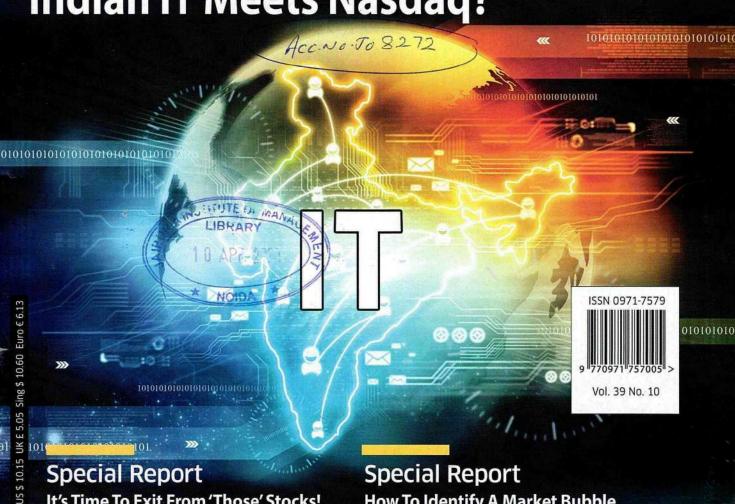
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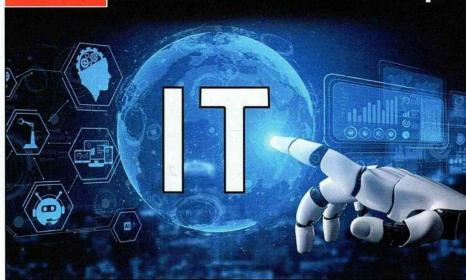
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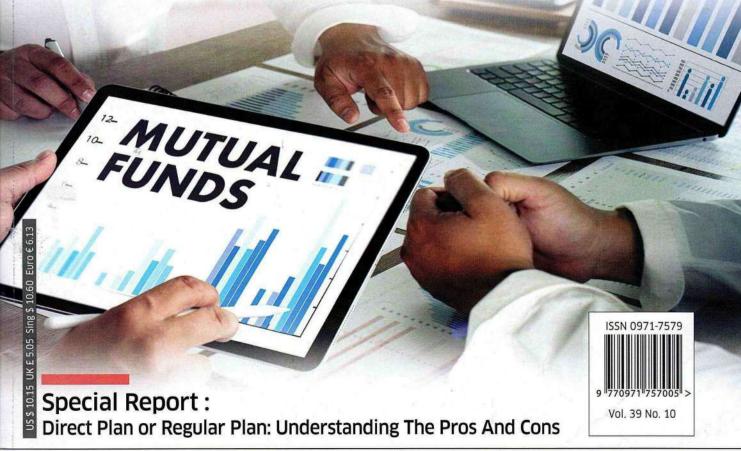
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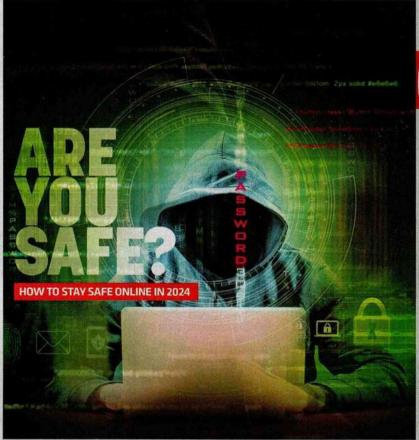
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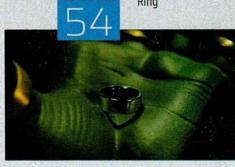


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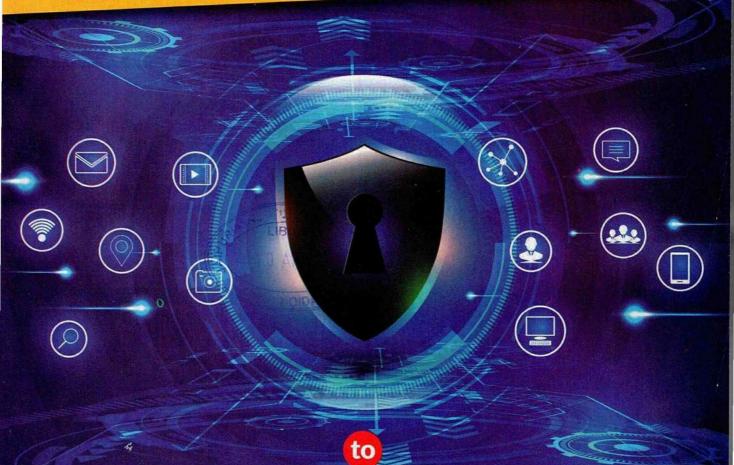
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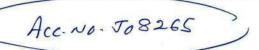
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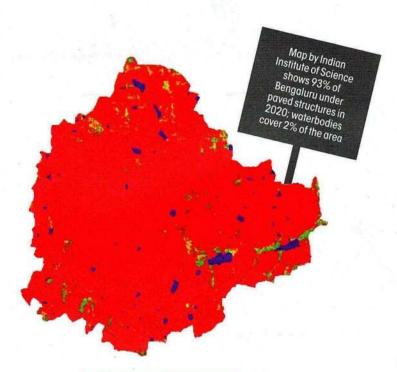
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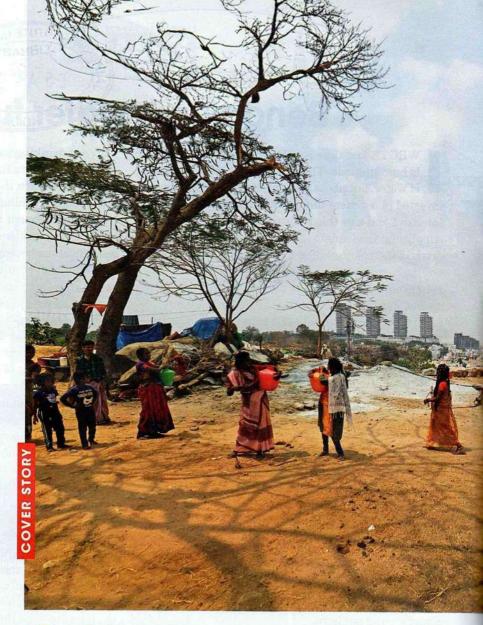


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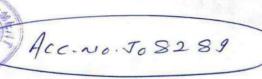
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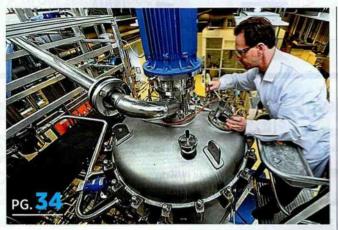
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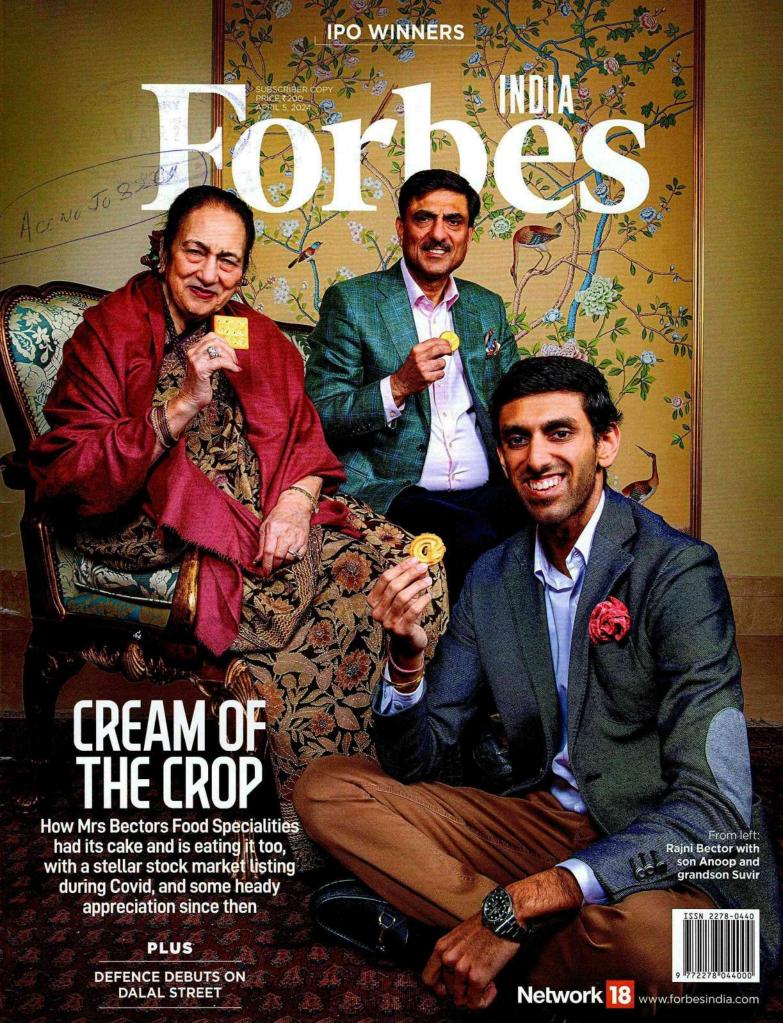
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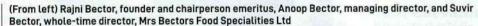
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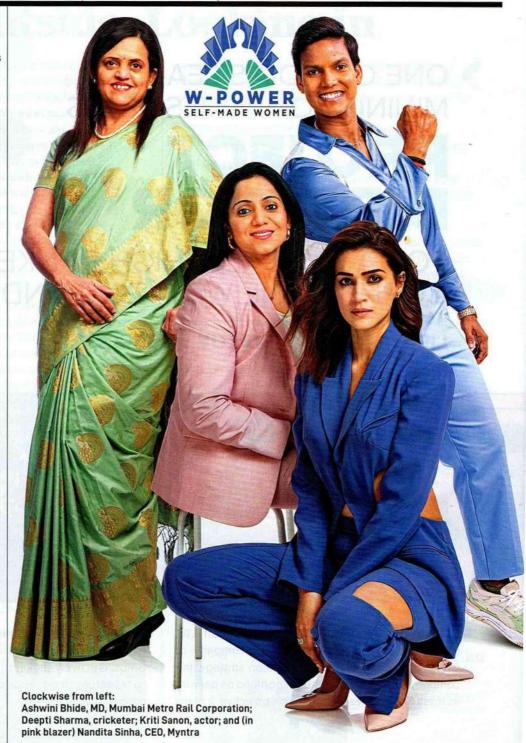
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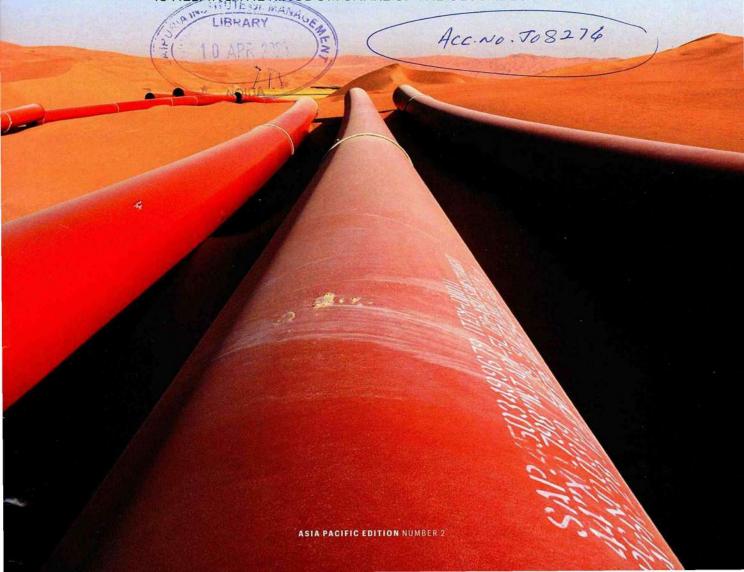
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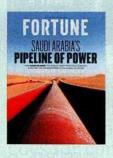
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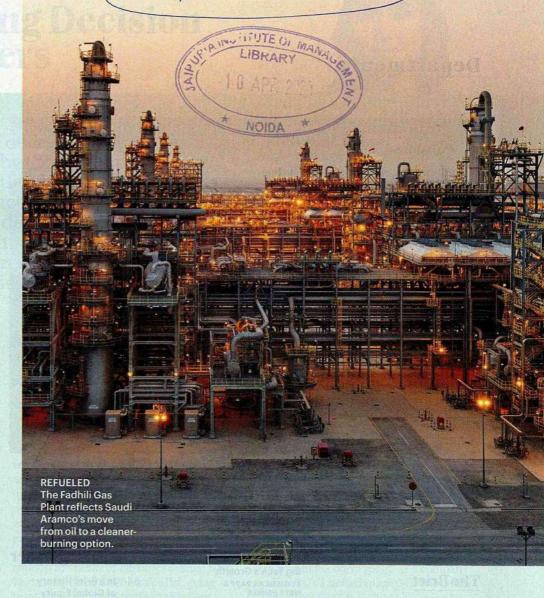
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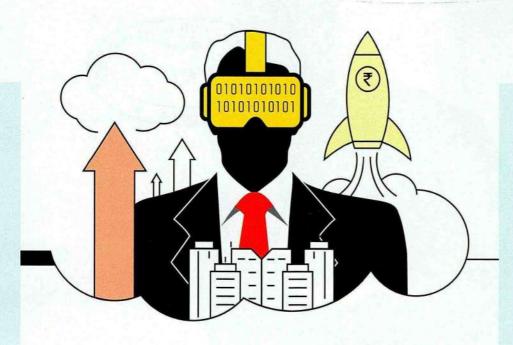
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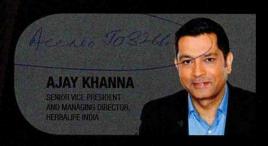
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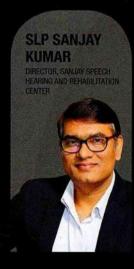






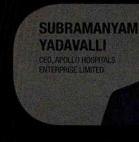


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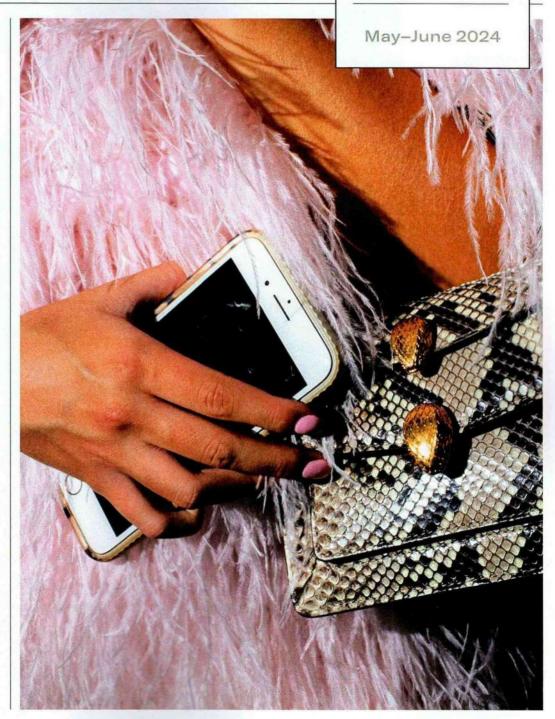
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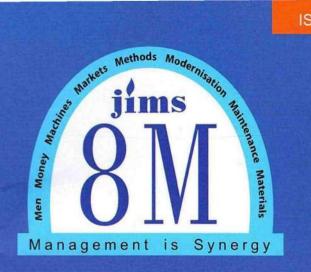


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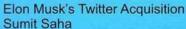
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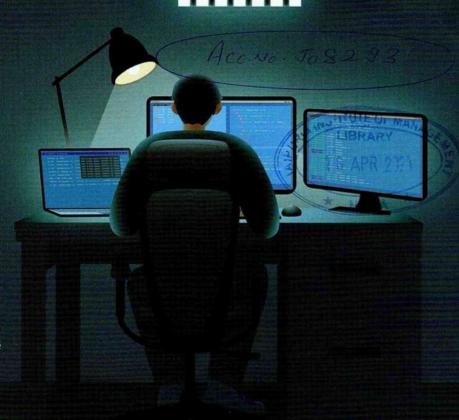
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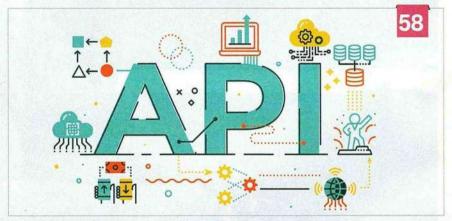
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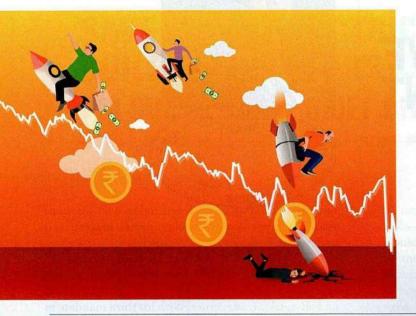
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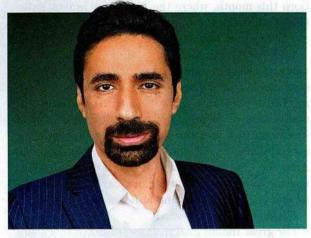
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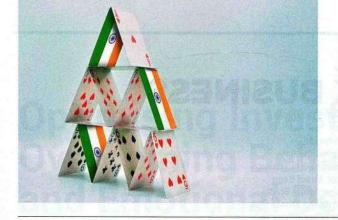




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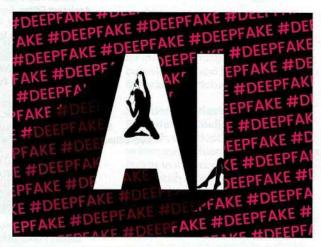
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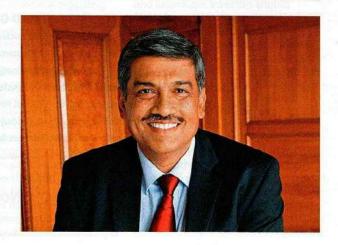
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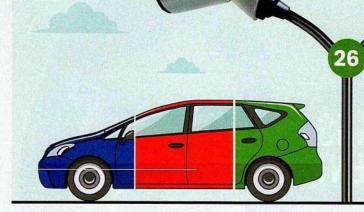
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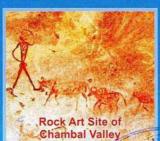
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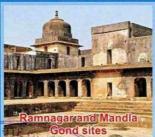
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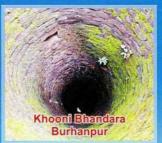
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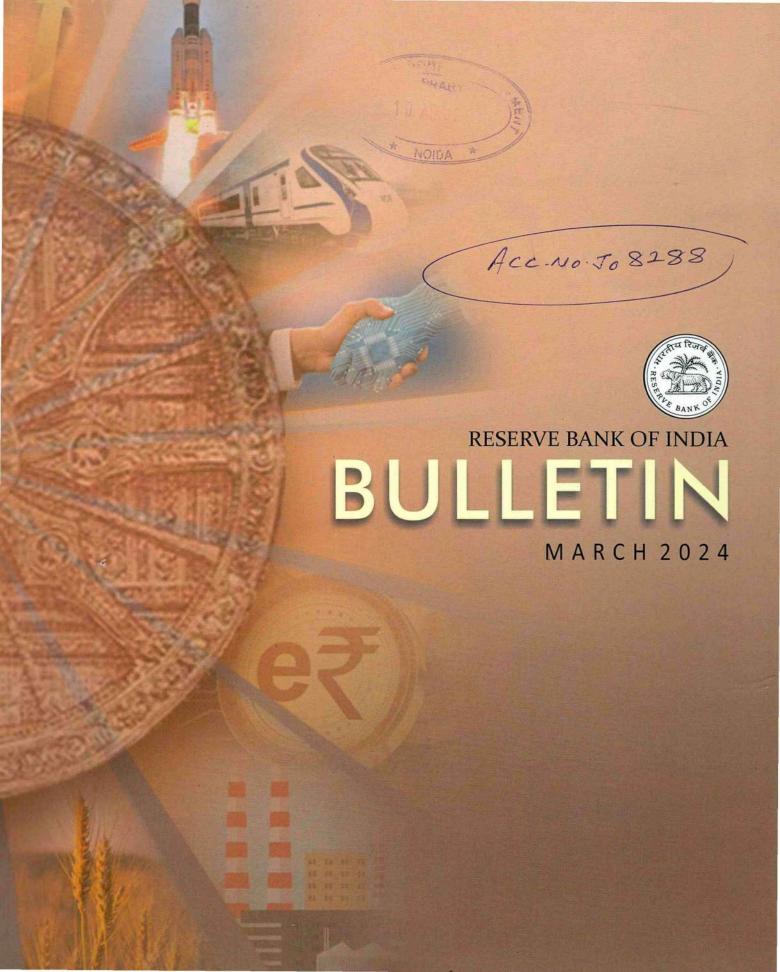


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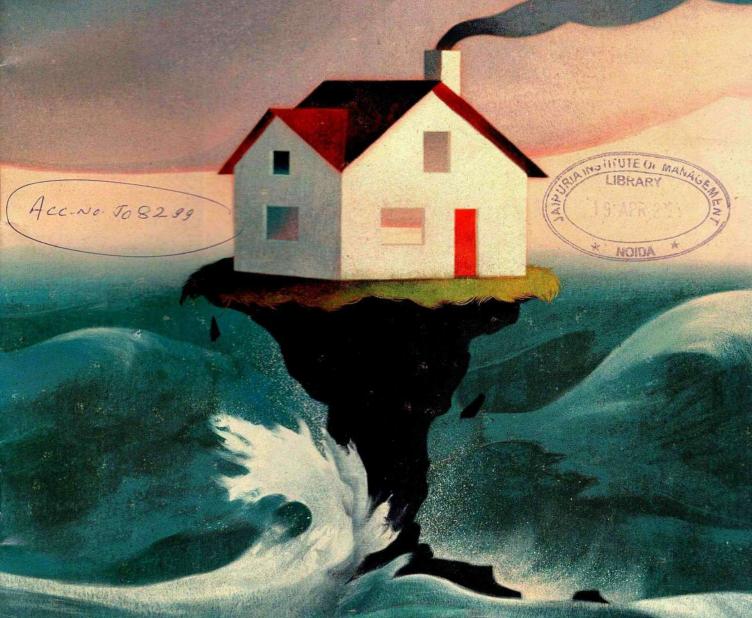
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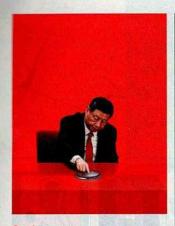
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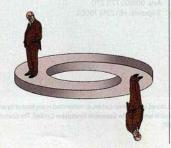
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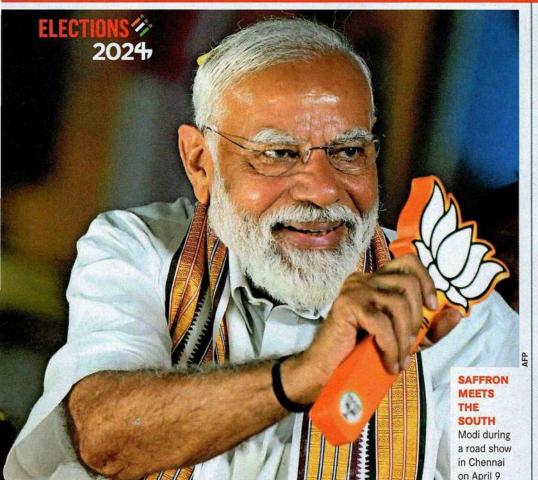
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Unlike in 2014 and 2019, the focus of the BJP's blistering poll campaign has shifted from north India to the southern states. The party's no-holds-barred battle against opposition parties in the south is being framed as a fierce contest of competing ideas of India. Will an aggressive campaign led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi help the BJP clinch its target of winning 50 of 130 seats in the region?



SIDDARAMAIAH, Karnataka chief minister: I don't see Modi wave anywhere in Karnataka or south India

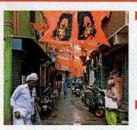


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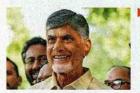


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- In the murky, shifting, swirly landscape of Karnataka politics, the only thing that seems to look dependably solid is Modiji, writes Anuja Chauhan
- Factors favour an increase in the BIP's vote share in Kerala
- The BJP seems to be slowly finding acceptance in Tamil Nadu



The Congress may have an edge in Telangana, while Chandrababu Naidu and Jagan Mohan Reddy are locked in a bitter battle in Andhra Pradesh, writes senior journalist M. Somasekhar

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Amitabh Kant

Manifestos ought to be taken seriously. Ask the CIA. They looked foolish when A.B. Vaipavee made the bomb.

They wouldn't have, if they had read the BJP's 1998 manifesto where the bomb option was mentioned in plain English.

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The Congress has made attempts at finding remedies to what were seen as its problem areas. As it seeks to instil positivity into its poll campaign and focuses on the perceived economic and social distress that people are in, there are numerous challenges that the party has to surmount.

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When BJP asks 'Modi vs who', the answer is 'Modi vs common man'.

Congress president



The main thrust of the manifesto is to reverse the damage done in the past 10 years, especially in the past five vears.

Congress veteran



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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi at

THE WEEK reports from Sandeshkhali, which has become a source of embarrassment for the **Trinamool Congress**

"Mamata Baneriee has no respect for us, the mothers and sisters of Sandeshkhali, and our dignity."

-Rekha Patra,

Sandeshkhali Survivor and BIP candidate in Basirhat

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A four-cornered fight could decide the main battle between the two major dravida parties

"People have already decided that they don't need Modi any longer."

-M.K. Stalin

"Modi has legalised corruption."

-Kanizmozhi Karunanidhi





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- Raj Shukla Lieutenant General (retired)

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"Age never worried me. We set our limitations ourselves. When you change limitations into opportunities, you have a better perspective."

-Rohan Bopanna, at the THE WEEK Sportsroom event presented by HSBC

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How a cattle specimen with Indian roots became Brazilian cattle industry's billion-dollar jewel "It reflects historical connect between India and Brazil."

> -Ambassador Suresh Reddy, Indian envoy to Brazil



Actor Vidya Balan on her latest film and more

"Sari is the sexiest garment ever it is the most versatile garment and the only garment that embraces you."

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SCHIZO-NATION Anuja Chauhan

Botswana has already sent 8,000 elephants to neighbouring Angola and offered 500 to Mozambique.

Even if rhetorical. Botswana's offer underlines that wildlife preservation is not always a zero-sum game.

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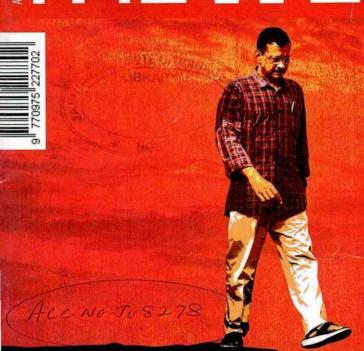
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Arrest will only benefit us **ATISHI**, AAP LEADER

Amend money laundering act **JUSTICE MADAN LOKUR**

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Only President's rule can bring down the AAP government."

-Atishi, AAP leader



NORTHEAST AND WEST BENGAL

The BIP and its allies have the edge in the perception war in the northeast.

Having said that, the Modi government, by implementing the CAA, has given INDIA bloc the opportunity of gaining new ground

"Bengal politics filled with substandard people," says Abhijit Gangopadhyay, former high court judge



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India's political history is replete with examples of leaders emerging stronger from their imprisonment. Will it be the same for Arvind Kejriwal? Or, will the party, in his absence, fall apart? From the face of anti-corruption movement to the first sitting CM in jail, Kejriwal's political voyage has come a full circle

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- Amend PMLA: Madan Lokur, former Supreme Court judge

Kejriwal's goal was not the nation's development, but acquiring power and status."

-Anna Hazare, activist

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"What is wrong if a girl stands on a street and



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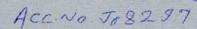
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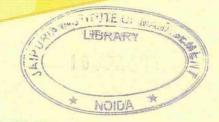




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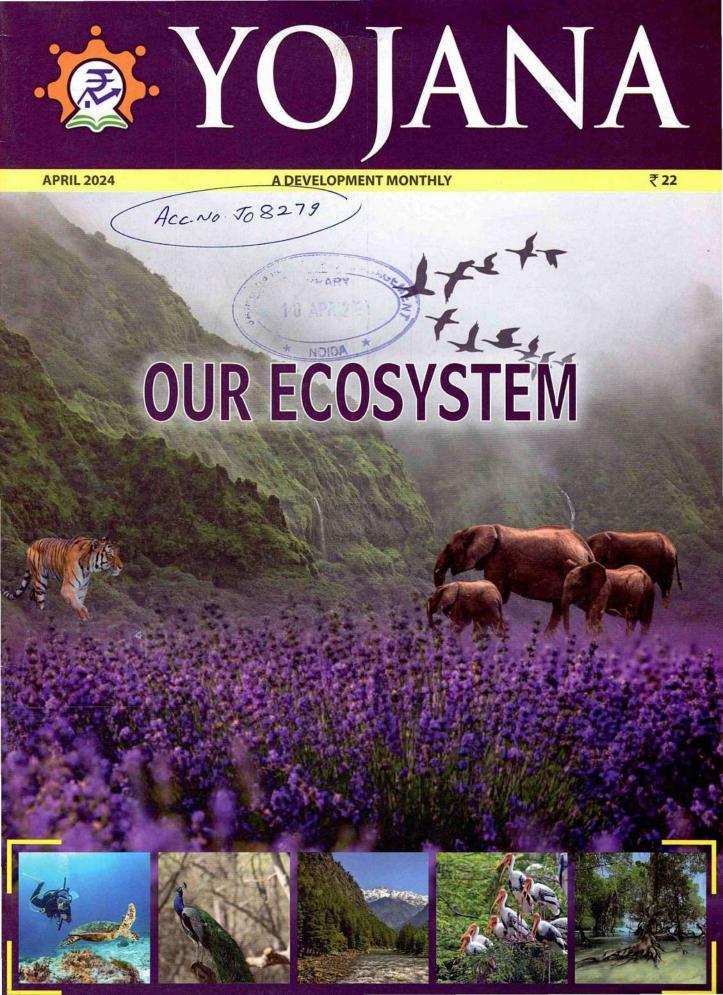
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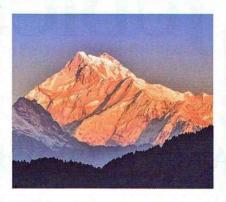
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