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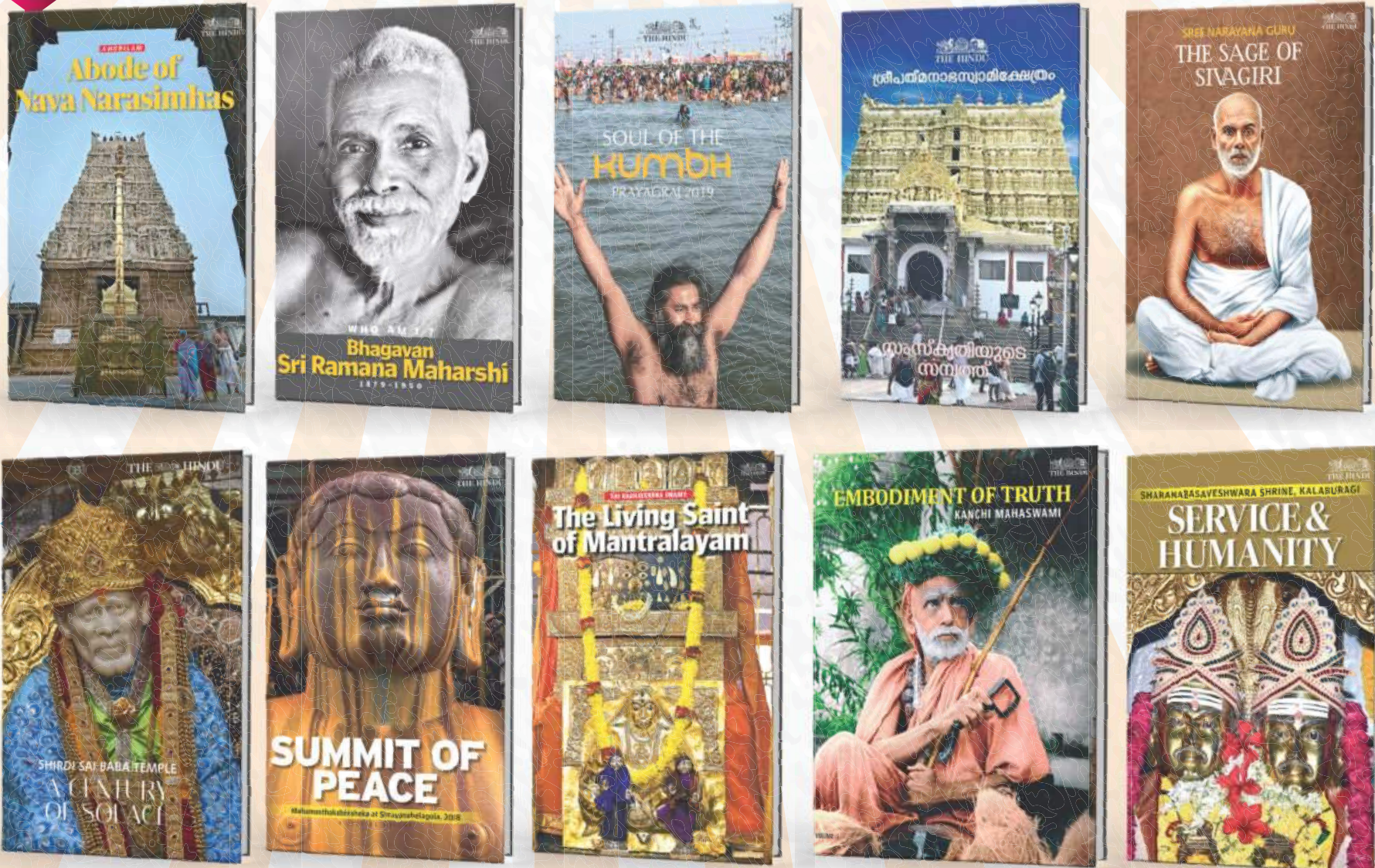




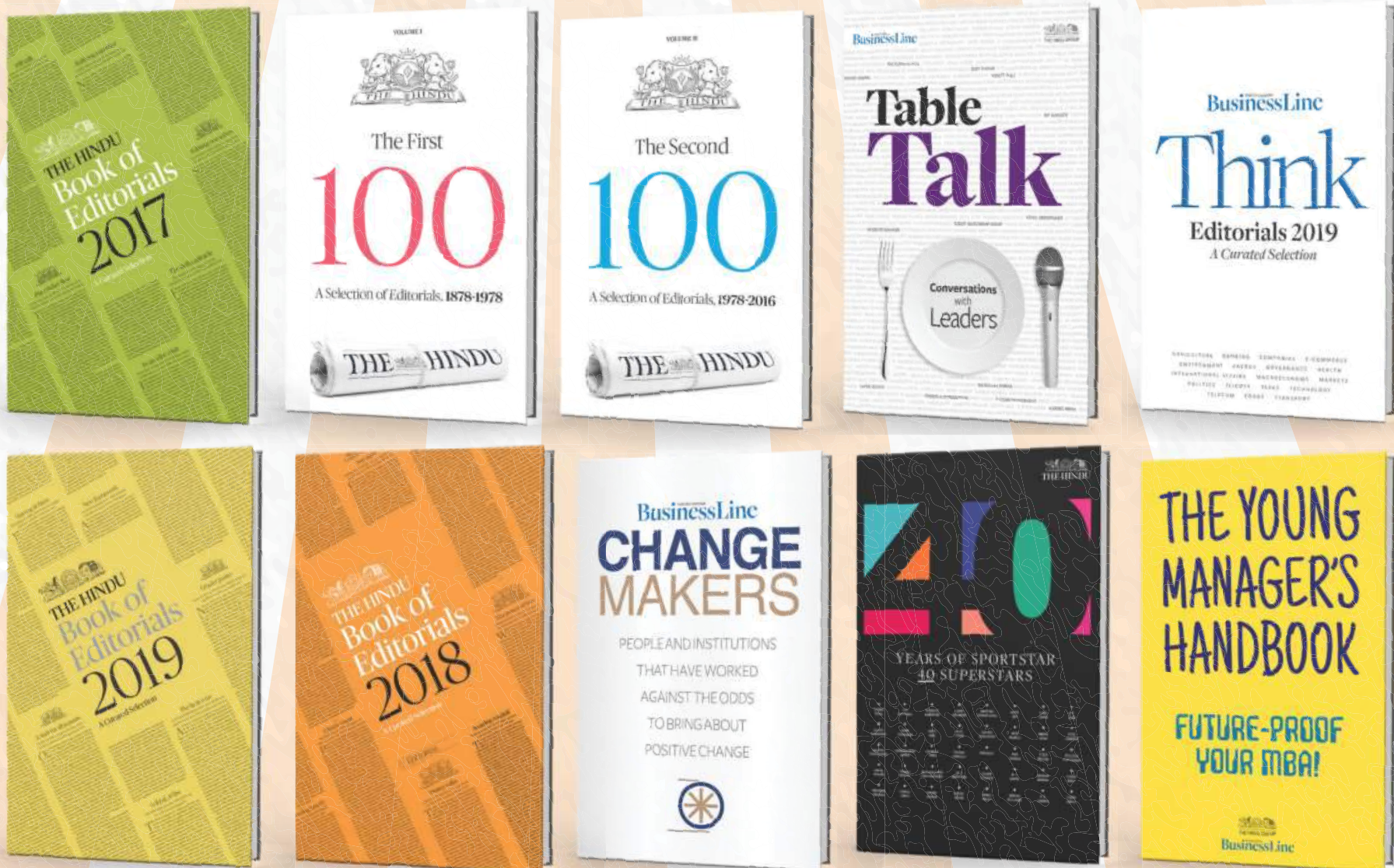
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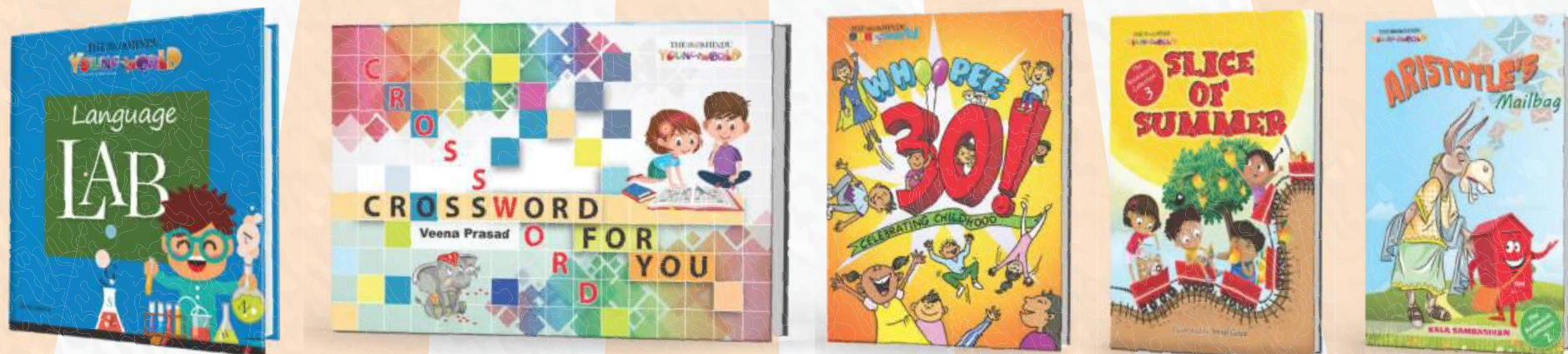
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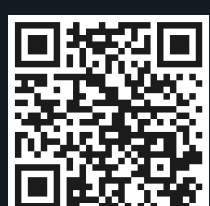


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Jantar Mantar incident: police identify 10 persons

NEW DELHI
The Delhi police have identified 10 persons involved in the incident wherein inflammatory slogans were raised at Jantar Mantar on Sunday. Raids are being conducted to nab them, said police sources. "There are also others whose names we have received. We will ask them to join the probe to ascertain their roles," an officer said.

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'Cow slaughter in secret doesn't stir public order'

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An act of slaughtering a cow in the secrecy of one's own house in the early hours — probably because of poverty, lack of employment or hunger — may be described as a case involving law and order but not a matter affecting public order, the Allahabad High Court has noted. The court made the observation while quashing a detention order dated August 14, 2020 under the National Security Act against three men in Sitapur district of U.P.

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'Outsiders brought inside House to manhandle MPs'

Opposition MPs march to Vijay Chowk

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A day after dramatic scenes were witnessed in the Rajya Sabha during the passage of the General Insurance (Amendment) Bill on the last day of the monsoon session, top Opposition leaders on Thursday charged that "outsiders" were brought in — in the guise of marshals — to "manhandle" MPs, including women members.

The Rajya Sabha Secretariat, however, denied the allegation, and sources told *The Hindu* that Parliament

Bunch of lies, says Goyal

Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha Piyush Goyal on Thursday called the Opposition's charges on Wednesday's Parliament proceedings "a bunch of lies", and said the latter

behaved like violent hooligans in India's "temple of democracy" to stop the passage of the insurance Bill. "I think it is a big blot on them," the Minister said at a CII conclave. PAGE 9

security staff of the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha were deployed, with their number being scaled up from 14 to 42 as the intensity of the protests increased.

The day saw intense political activity as Opposition leaders first gathered at the office of the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha,

ha, Mallikarjun Kharge, and then marched from the Mahatma Gandhi statue in the Parliament complex to Vijay Chowk, next to the Parliament building, where the leaders addressed media-persons.

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Kabul offers to share power

Proposal comes even as Taliban militants seize strategic cities of Ghazni & Herat

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DOHA/KABUL

Afghan government negotiators in Qatar have offered the Taliban a power-sharing deal in return for an end to fighting, a government negotiating source said on Thursday. "Yes, the government has submitted a proposal to Qatar as mediator. The proposal allows the Taliban to share power in return for a halt in violence in the country," the source said.

The Taliban seized the strategic city of Ghazni on Thursday, just 150 km from Kabul. Later in the day, the Taliban claimed that they had captured Herat, Afghanistan's third largest city.

In a week, the militants have overrun 11 provincial



Free run: Taliban fighters patrolling the city of Ghazni in Afghanistan on Thursday. AP

capitals. The Interior Ministry confirmed the fall of Ghazni, which lies along the major Kabul-Kandahar highway and serves as a gateway between the capital and militant strongholds in the south. "The enemy took control," spokesman Mirwais Stanikzai said in a message to media, adding later that the city's Governor had been arrested by the Afghan security forces. Pro-Taliban Twitter feeds showed a video of him being escorted out of

the city. "The enemy took control," spokesman Mirwais Stanikzai said in a message to media, adding later that the city's Governor had been arrested by the Afghan security forces. Pro-Taliban Twitter feeds showed a video of him being escorted out of

Ghazni by Taliban and sent on his way in a convoy, prompting speculation that the government was angered with how the provincial administration capitulated.

As security forces retreated across the country, Kabul handed the power-sharing proposal to Taliban negotiators. A second negotiator, Ghulam Farooq Majroh, said the Taliban had been given an offer about a "government of peace", without providing more specifics.

The conflict has escalated since May, when the U.S.-led forces began the final stage of a troop withdrawal due to end later this month following a 20-year occupation.

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GSLV-F10 fails to put satellite into orbit



The GSLV-F10 was launched from Sriharikota. PTI

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

A technical anomaly preventing the ignition of the GSLV-F10 rocket's cryogenic upper stage spelt disappointment for the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Thursday as the national space agency could not accomplish the mission to launch earth

observation satellite EOS-03 into the intended orbit.

Though the lift-off at the scheduled time of 5.43 a.m. from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota, some 100 km from here, was successful, the anomaly was realised after a few minutes.

"The performance of the first and second stages was

normal. However, cryogenic upper stage ignition did not happen due to a technical anomaly. The mission couldn't be accomplished as intended," the ISRO said in a statement. It did not elaborate any further.

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Kinnaur landslip toll rises to 14; 16 missing

VIKAS VASUDEVA
BHAWANAGAR

It has been a grim morning for Karam Singh outside the Community Health Centre at Bhawanagar in Himachal Pradesh's Kinnaur district. Sitting on a low wall outside the Centre, he has been trying to calm his anxious father as they wait for news of his brother, who was on the ill-

fated Himachal Road Transport Corporation bus that was hit by the landslip on National Highway 5 at Nigulsari on Wednesday.

With four more bodies recovered on Thursday, the toll has gone up to 14. Thirteen people have been rescued while 16 are still missing.

As an ambulance ferrying bodies approaches, Mr.

Singh and his father rush towards it to identify the body. Both of them take a thorough look, and see the clothes and other items of the victim. "It's not him," says Mr. Singh. Both move to the wall again, resuming their vigil for the next ambulance.

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SDM acts against rules, draws court's ire

Officer sent notices to families of interfaith couple, HC says he committed contempt

SOIBAM ROCKY SINGH
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has taken exception to the action of a marriage officer who, against the rules, dispatched notices to the residences of an interfaith couple who had applied for registration of their marriage under the Special Marriage Act.

Following the notice sent by the officer — a Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) — the father and brother of the woman, a Muslim, detained her and restrained her from con-

tacting the man, a Hindu. "The issuance of notice is in clear breach of this court's directions dated April 08, 2009. Prima facie, the court is of the view that the respondent (SDM) has committed contempt of court," Justice Nazmi Waziri said.

Show-cause notice
"Issue notice to the respondent (SDM) to show cause why contempt proceedings be not initiated against him for obstructing the administration of justice and for com-

mitting contempt," the court said in its August 10 order.

In its April 2009 judgment, the High Court had stressed, "Unwarranted disclosure of matrimonial plans of two adults entitled to solemnise it may, in certain situations, jeopardise the marriage itself. In certain instances, it may even endanger the life or limb of one or the other party due to parental interference." The court had ordered all marriage officers not to dispatch notices to the residence of applicants

seeking to solemnise their marriage under the Act.

It, however, said the marriage officer can display the notice on the office board. The interfaith couple had applied for registration of their marriage in February last year. After the woman was restrained from contacting the man, he moved a habeas corpus petition before the High Court seeking direction to produce the woman before the court.

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Retail inflation eases to 5.6% in July

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Retail inflation cooled slightly to 5.6% in July, slipping below the central bank's upper tolerance threshold of 6% for the first time in three months, even as industrial output growth halved from 28.6% in May to 13.6% in June, as base effects from the lockdown of 2020 begin to fade.

Food prices at the consumer level played a substantive role in moderating the pace of price rise in July, with the National Statistical Office (NSO) estimating an inflation of 3.96%, compared to 5.15% in June. Vegetables, fruits, oils and fats, pulses, sugar and spices experienced significant tempering in inflation, an indication that some of the government measures to correct edible oil and pulses prices are kicking in.

The respite notwithstanding, DBS Group Research economist Radhika Rao said that latent pressure points remained, as inflationary expectations had firmed up further as per the latest RBI survey.

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