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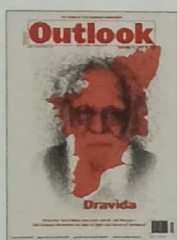
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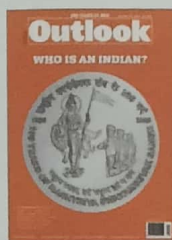
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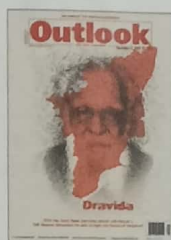


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"No to the violence of Islam, yes to safer borders, no to mass immigration, yes to work for our people," says Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni. US President Donald Trump calls immigrants aliens; says climate change is a hoax and terms the LGBTQ community 'Left-wing gender insanity'. From Italy to many countries in Europe, from Japan to Argentina and from the US to India, the world is in a rightward lurch. Ultra-nationalism, fear of the other, gender conservatism are washing over most parts of the globe. In such a scenario, where does the Left thought fit? Why is it on the wane even as the world is becoming a more unequal

place? Is a rare win for a Zohran Mamdani, New York's mayor-elect, enough to rekindle some hope of a Left-liberal revival? More specifically, a 100 years after the Communist Party of India was formed, the Left parties in India face the most irrelevance in the face of a robust and muscular Hindutva. In our series on the 100 years of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, the Dravidian Movement and the Communist Movement, in this issue we look at the Left. What can they do to keep the red flag flying? How can they connect with the youth? When will the cadres be revitalised?

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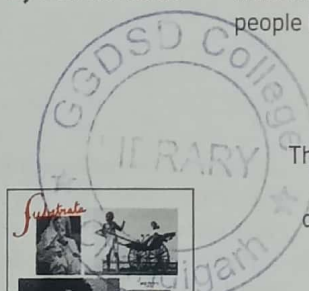
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