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We are giving our forces a lot more muscle
DEFENCE MINISTER RAJNATH SINGH AT THE WEEK DEFENCE CONCLAVE

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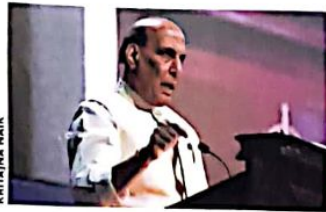
Chairs and tables are scattered at the site of the terrorist attack on tourists in Balsaran near Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district

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COMBINED FORCE

Counter-terrorism efforts are being strengthened by a government-led civil society outreach aimed at uniting the public against terrorism

At THE WEEK's Defence Conclave, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh spelt out India's military option at this critical juncture



KRISHNA NAIK

OUR DEFENCE CAPABILITIES ARE CREDIBLE DETERRENCE
Rajnath Singh

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Winning this battle requires more than punishing perpetrators
Lt Gen D.S. Hooda (retd)



This is a fight in which India has to do the heavy-lifting
Lt Gen S.L. Narasimhan (retd)



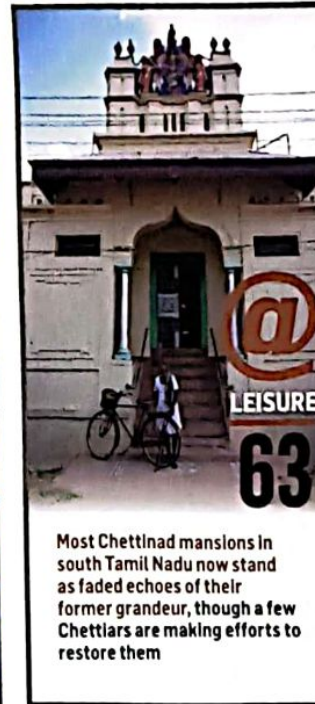
Pakistan's democratic decline has worsened under Gen Munir
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Smell of flowers in the air, shuffle of pilgrims' feet, sweat of bodies under the Roman sun—witnessing Pope Francis's final journey



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SHANU PRAKASH CHANDRA



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A special jackfruit variety, planted by and named after his father, fetches S.S. Paramesha over ₹1 crore annually

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