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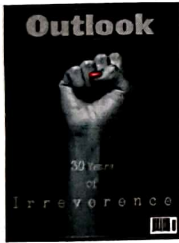
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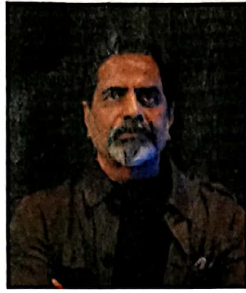
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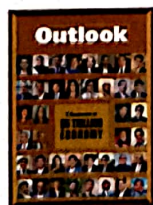
LET'S GO ELSEWHERE



ON THE COVER

'Party is Elsewhere' by artist Sudarshan Shetty was first shown in 2005 in a Mumbai gallery that was gutted by fire in the same year. Located on a street that comes alive each evening with transient gatherings. The guests at the event and the vendors and the eaters on the street morphed into one as the demarcation between the inside of the gallery and the street dissolved. Two long tables were laid out with hundreds of empty wine glasses into a choreography of breakage and dystopia, while mechanically driven hammers periodically crashed down onto the tables, shattering the glasses at sharp intervals converting festivity into a relentless rhythm of ruin, suggesting how pleasure economies in the city feed on exhaustion, waste, and the slow erosion of bodies and spaces. Above this fragile, repetitive violence, a glowing neon sign that announced: 'Party is Elsewhere' suggesting both promise and refusal: an unreachable invitation that keeps desire circulating while denying arrival—theatre-like mirroring of urban life, where the scene is always shifting to another venue, another night, another elsewhere.

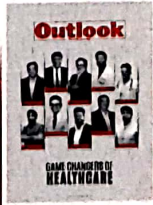
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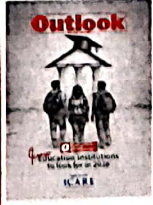
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