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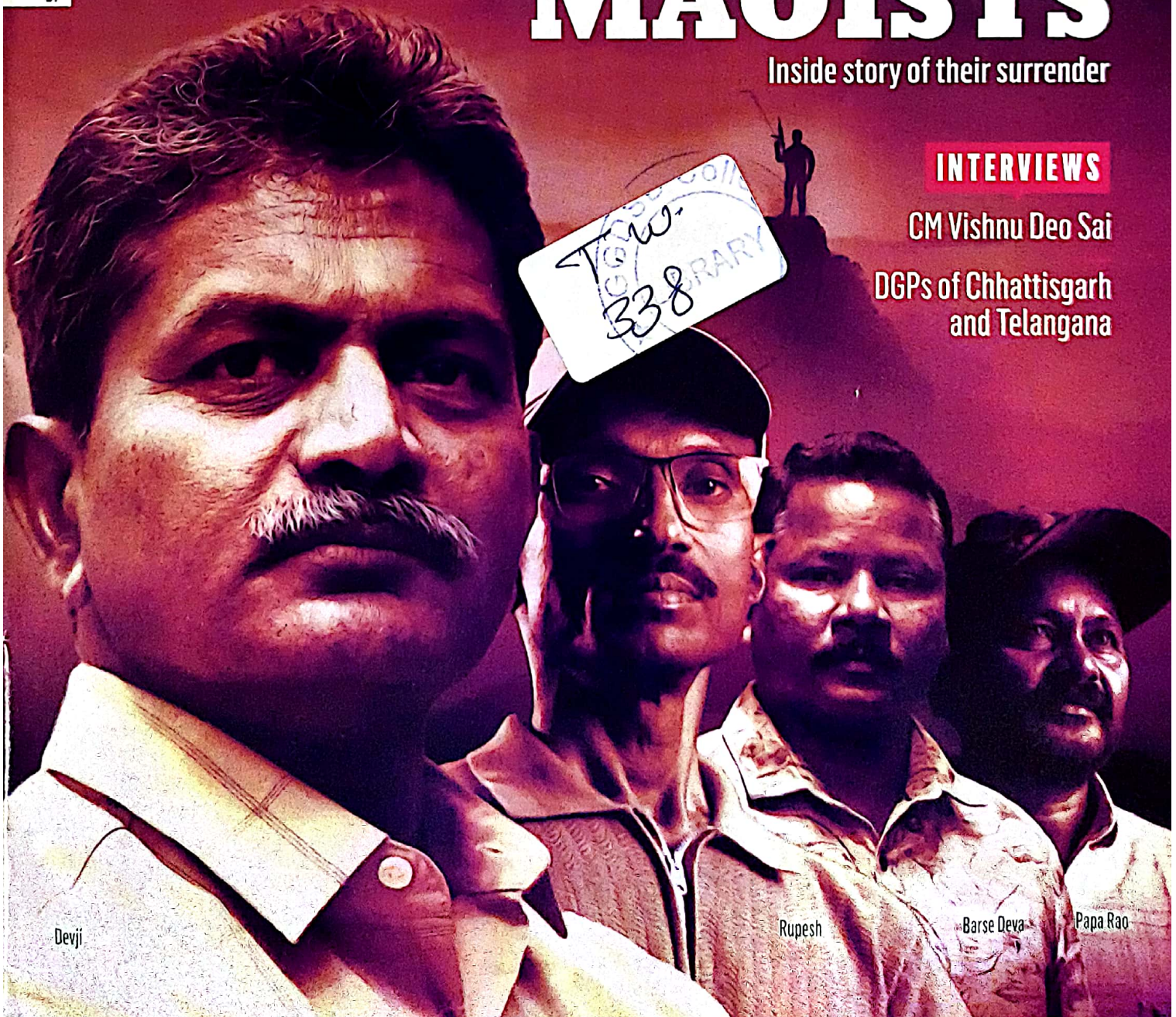
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Inside story of their surrender

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More than 600 Maoists have been killed in encounters in the past 26 months, and over 2,000 cadre have surrendered. For the Maoist insurgency, which originated with the Naxalbari uprising in West Bengal, it may be the end of the road. Through the eyes of top commanders and ideologues, **THE WEEK** analyses the failure of the Maoist revolution

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● What we are witnessing in Bastar is not a temporary shift—it is a structural transition: **Vishnu Deo Sal**, Chhattisgarh chief minister



● Violence has almost disappeared; ideology hasn't vanished: **B. Shrivardhar Reddy**, director general of police, Telangana



● Front organisations can function if they do not support armed insurgency: **Arun Dev Gautam**, director general of police, Chhattisgarh



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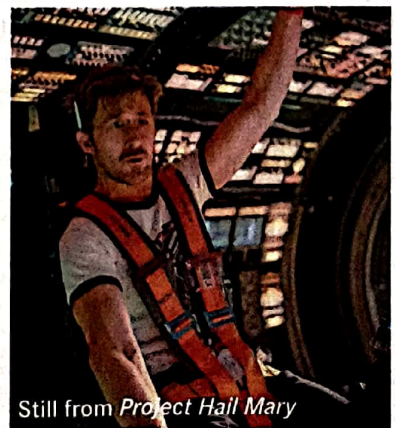


Maybe women's rights are something men are organically and nobly invested in. Like our

prime minister, for instance, who recently appeared so eager to advance women's representation that he attempted to pass the Women's Reservation Bill, again, this time elegantly wrapped within the Delimitation Bill and the Union Territories Law (Amendment) Bill. Alas... all three failed to pass. Women, clearly, can be so ungrateful.

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