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MUM'S THE WORLD

This Women's Day, THE WEEK pays tribute to the countless mothers who have moulded their children, stood behind them like a rock and channelled their womanhood to raise them in the best way they knew how.

Six eminent figures, including former Union minister P. Chidambaram and writer Amish, write about the role their mothers played in their lives



Devdutt Pattanaik



Sudarshan Shetty



Amish



Maria Goretti



Nidhi Razdan

PLUS

EXCLUSIVE President Droupadi Murmu writes on the need to remove obstacles from women's path for the society to progress

TRAILBLAZERS A clutch of women who have scaled uncharted heights in the past one year, including SEBI chair Madhabi Puri Buch, Captain Sandhya Mahla and cavady V. Bellie



Congress leadership sticks with Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. For now.

Interview: 'My government will last its full term,' says Sukhu







The BJP, with no allies or grassroots reach, could draw a blank in the Lok Sabha elections in the state



The seizure of 'nuclear' cargo bound for Pakistan, which THE WEEK first reported. has raised concerns about China's continued assistance to Pakistan's nuclear and ballistic missile programmes

SPECIAL REPORT

Amir Hussain Lone's

journey from losing both arms in an accident to becoming captain of the Jammu and Kashmir para-cricket team



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"There has not been one case of rape in my memory that has been discussed without it being reduced to the lowest common denominator of leftwing vs rightwing or Congress vs BJP or some other framework of competition."

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In pastry-making, women rarely reached the position of chef. It pushed me to prove people wrong when they told me I could not do it."

> Nina Métayer, world's best pastry chef



DOCUMENTARY



A film about a fatherdaughter duo's fight for justice silence around rape in India

BOOKS



Interview **Author Nikhil** Alva on his debut novel If I Have To Be A Soldier