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A NEW STATE



## THE UNMAKING OF SHEIKH HASINA

Revolution in Bangladesh  
Implications for India



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## TROUBLE IN NEIGHBOURHOOD

The uprising in Bangladesh, and how it is going to affect ties between Delhi and Dhaka. The scenes that have been evolving after the departure of Sheikh Hasina may take Bangladesh far from where its founders wanted it to be.

### PLUS

- ★ Voices from Bangladesh. Liberal ethos and secular values could be under threat if mob actions on streets continue
- ★ Students are often the first to observe and articulate the discontent of the larger society, says [Manoj Kumar Jha, RJD MP, Rajya Sabha](#)

### INTERVIEW

- ★ **Bangladesh is not turning into a fundamentalist country**  
[Mahfuz Anam, editor & publisher, The Daily Star](#)

### DEFENCE

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From working with the military to dabbling in stealth tech and semiconductors to selling systems to NATO and Mossad, India's defence startups are thriving

### PLUS

**Government aims to increase private sector participation in defence production, striving for a more balanced ratio, says [Samir V. Kamat, chairman, DRDO](#)**



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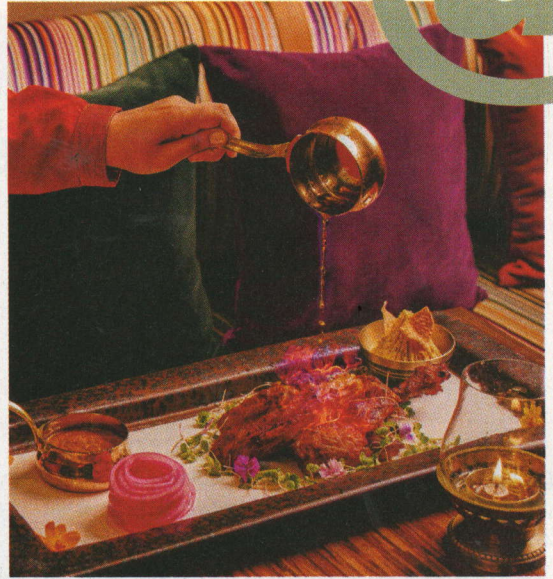
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**“The deep and emotional connections India has always shared with Bhutan will be continued smoothly by the next generation of royals. This was the sentiment I experienced once again while attending an arts and literature festival in Thimpu.”**



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As the Bhils' demand for a state gets louder, a new party—Bharat Adivasi Party—is challenging BJP and Congress

### ★ Interview

**“We took up the real issues of the people,” says Rajkumar Roat, BAP founding member and MP**



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