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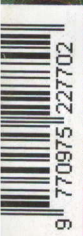
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Nearly 40 years after it was passed, the anti-defection law has proven largely ineffective in preventing large-scale defections and the toppling of governments. It often undermines the strength of elected governments.

**THE WEEK** takes a comprehensive look at the working of the anti-defection law through people who know it best.

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**M. VENKAIAH NAIDU**, former vice president of India

Anti-defection law proved to be a complete failure

**P. CHIDAMBARAM**, former Union minister

It is time to completely overhaul the system

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Political bias should be kept out of anti-defection law

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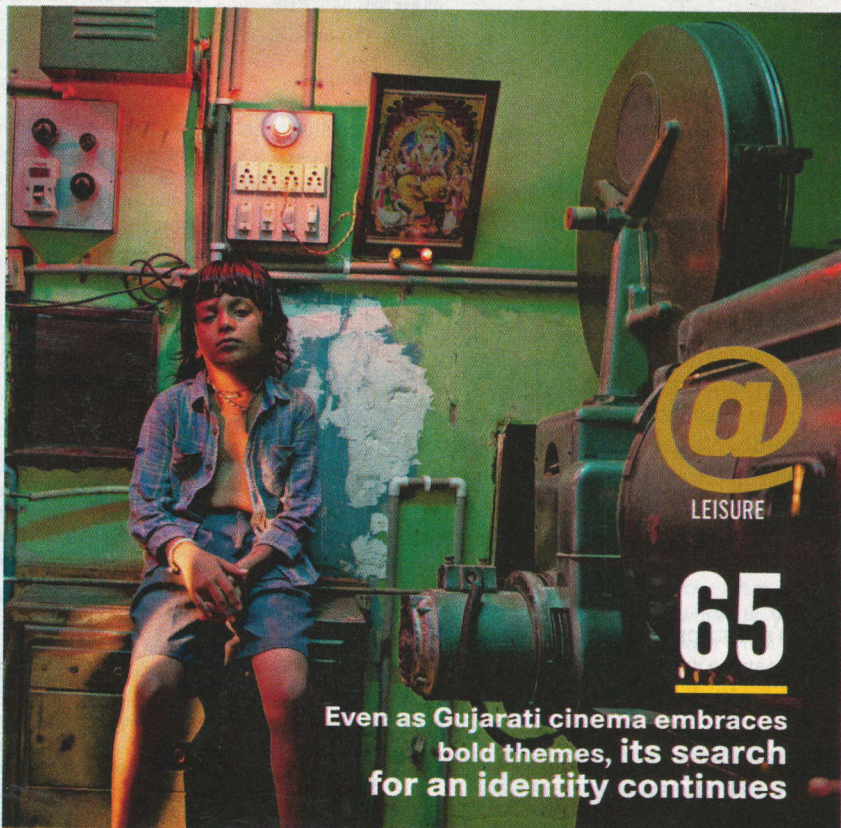
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