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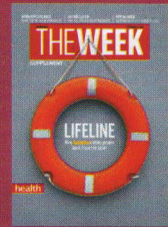
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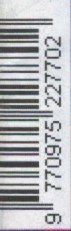


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The contribution of the founding mothers of the Constitution in the making of the republic remains exemplary and inspiring, writes **President Droupadi Murmu**.

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- ★ The fact that the Constitution has endured 75 turbulent years speaks volumes about its strength
- ★ The British laws that guided the founding fathers in conceiving and creating the Constitution

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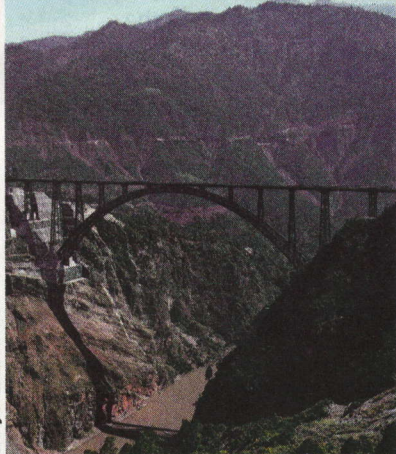
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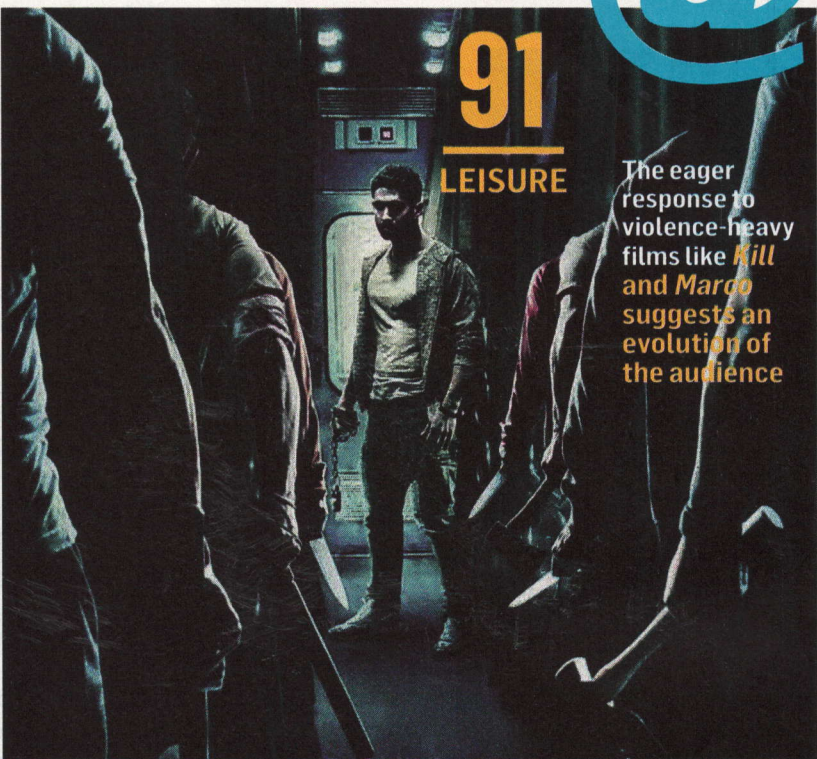


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