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Leaders from politics, business, entertainment, sports and more outline their wish-list

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WOMEN'S WISH-LIST

Women have shattered many a glass ceiling in their fight for equality. But have they broken through every barrier put in place by patriarchy? They have come a long way, yes, but they still have some way to go to build a truly equal society. THE WEEK spoke to eight women on what they want for women in their respective fields

Sagarika Ghose on women in media Aruna Roy on women in activism Rima Das on women in cinema Anju Bobby George on women in sports Daisy Chittilapilly on women in business Meena Kandasamy on women in literature Kanimozhi Karunanidhi on women in politics Dr Praveen Kumari Singh on women in workforce

The jury is out on who will be the saffron party's next president. Will it be someone from the south? Or, a dalit? Or, a woman?



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The problem with personal diplomacy is that the odium is greater if things go wrong, as it happened last week in the White House. As Dean Acheson, who was Harry Truman's secretary of state, cautioned, "When a chief of state or head of government makes a fumble, the goal line is open behind him."



The Brutalist cements concrete's place in cinema



Trump's snub of Zelensky points to a break with Europe, realignment with the Sino-Russian axis and the outsized influence of Vice President Vance

♦ The public dressing down of Zelensky is a reminder that India should zealously protect its strategic autonomy in external affairs

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Student protesters have launched a political party, but can the country move beyond its binary political landscape

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Society has to give athletes a safety net: Pullela Gopichand, chief national coach, Indian badminton team

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