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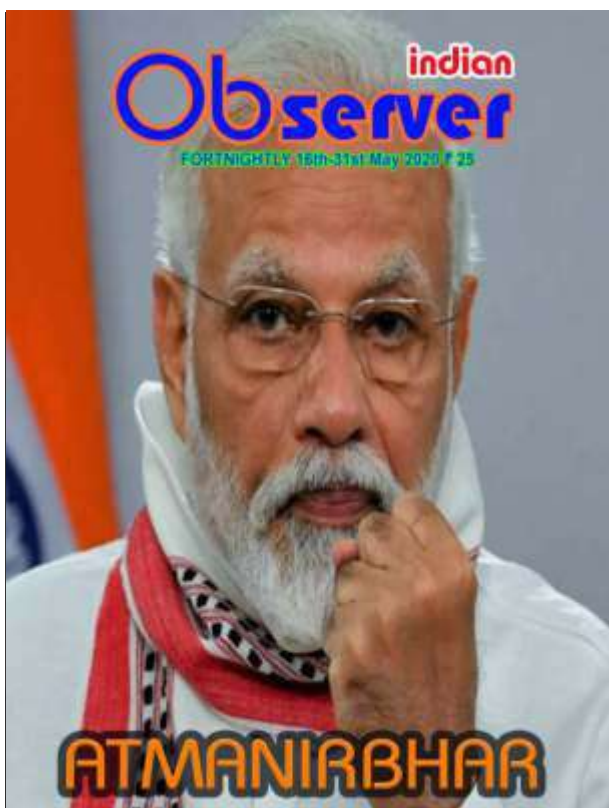
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Dear Readers,

On behalf of National Awareness Times (India's National Weekly), the editorial board and the team of our journal would like to wish all the readers a wonderful week ahead & Happy Independence Day to all.

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EMERGENCY IN WASHINGTON DC

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Trump said he declared a public safety emergency and invoked section 740 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, which gives the President of the United States the authority to commandeer DC's Police Department in "conditions of an emergency nature." Attorney General Pam Bondi is now in

charge of the Metropolitan Police Department, he said.

"It's time for dramatic action," Trump said at a press conference that stretched to over an hour as he took questions on a wide range of topics. He did not specify how long the federal takeover of D.C. would last, though the executive order signed on Monday declared the Administration would take over D.C. law enforcement "for the maximum period permitted" under the Home Rule Act, which is up to 30 days unless Congress authorizes an extension.

Trump is launching a rare expansion of presidential authority over local government, and said he would not stop with the nation's capital. In addition to Washington,

Trump also mentioned other major cities where he wants to put police under federal control, including New York City, Baltimore, and Oakland. "They're so far gone," Trump said. "This will go further. We're starting very strongly with D.C."

In recent days, Trump has deployed federal officers from the U.S. Park Police, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the FBI, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and the U.S. Marshals Service on night patrols in D.C., according to ATF's X account. On Monday, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth suggested "other" specialized units will be deployed in Washington, D.C., at Trump's direction.

"You will see them flowing into the



streets of Washington in the coming week,” Hegseth said, without specifying how many. Trump added that he is prepared to send the military into D.C. “if needed,” a move some critics warn may be a prelude to the President declaring martial law, which involves military rule over a civilian population in times of crisis or emergency. Trump on Monday declared a “public safety emergency” in D.C., even though violent crime in the city is at a 30-year-low, and said that 800 National Guard members will soon be stationed in the city.

Trump’s deployment of the National Guard in Washington, D.C. is a rare use of military forces on U.S. soil and a potential violation of the Posse Comitatus Act that restricts the military from being used as a police force for domestic law enforcement. During racial justice protests in June 2020, Trump sent uniformed National Guard troops to Lafayette Park in front of the White House to help clear the park of protestors. Earlier this summer, Trump ordered nearly 5,000 National Guard troops to the Los Angeles area to quell immigration protests and protect federal agents. Crime in D.C. is down 7% so far in 2025 compared to the year before, and down significantly more from a recent peak in 2023, according to city police data. Violent crime, in particular, is down by 26%, while property crime is down 4%. In 2024,

crime in D.C. was down 15% compared to the year before.

But Trump has long painted a different picture, with the President describing Washington as “one of the most dangerous cities anywhere in the World” in a post on Truth Social Saturday. On Sunday, Trump wrote, “I’m going to make our Capital safer and more beautiful than it ever was before. The Homeless have to move out, IMMEDIATELY. We will give you places to stay, but FAR from the Capital.”

Read more: [The Secret Presidential Crisis Powers Trump Could Deploy in a Second Term](#)
Washington, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser called the President’s police takeover “unsettling and unprecedented” but added that she isn’t “totally surprised” by the move.

“I think I speak for all Americans—we don’t believe it’s legal to use the American military against American citizens on American soil,” Bowser said at a press conference after Trump’s declaration. On MSNBC on Sunday, she said that Trump’s statements comparing the capital to a “war-torn country” are “hyperbolic and false.”

In a statement, the D.C. council warned that the National Guard has no public safety training or knowledge of local laws, and that its role does not include investigating or solving crimes. “Calling out the National Guard is an unnecessary deployment with no real mission,” the statement said, referring to Trump’s move as a “manufactured intrusion on local authority.”

Trump’s takeover of the Metropolitan Police Department comes four years after the department’s officers were violently attacked by Trump supporters on Jan. 6, 2021. More than 140 police officers were injured during the seven hours that a mob laid siege to the Capitol demanding Congress overturn the results of the 2020 election. When Trump took office, he pardoned many rioters who had been convicted of assaulting D.C. police officers defending the Capitol building and lawmakers inside.

Since Washington, D.C. does not have statehood, the President of the United States has broad leeway





Several Democrats on Monday said they would introduce legislation to address Trump's announcement, including one measure by D.C.'s non-voting delegate Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton and Maryland Sen. Chris Van Hollen that would repeal the president's authority to take temporary control of the D.C police and give the city's mayor authority over the D.C. National Guard. The measure faces an uphill battle in the Republican-controlled Congress.

Trump's focus on public safety in the capital comes after former U.S. DOGE Service software engineer Edward Coristine, who is known by the nickname "Big Balls," was injured during an alleged carjacking in DC early in the morning on Aug. 3. Two 15-year-old suspects were arrested in connection to the incident.

Jeanine Pirro, the U.S. Attorney for Washington, D.C., said that she wants to "change the law" so that early teens can be prosecuted as adults, claiming that juvenile offenders face little consequences in D.C., where the prosecution of juveniles is handled by the locally elected attorney general. "I can't touch you if you're 14, 15, 16, 17 years old and you have a gun," she said. "They go to family court and they get to do yoga and arts and crafts. Enough.

to deploy the National Guard. Democrats have often criticized Trump for not calling the National Guard to stop the violent attacks on Jan. 6, 2021. Trump has claimed without evidence that he did authorize sending the National Guard to the Capitol that day.

Soon after Trump's announcement on Monday, several hundred people had gathered outside the White House to protest Trump's plans to take federal control of the police department.

Bowser, said on MSNBC on Sunday that Trump's statements comparing the capital to a "war-torn country" are "hyperbolic and false." According to city police data, violent crime in D.C. is down by 26% so far in 2025 compared to the year before.

Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, the New York Democrat and minority leader, excoriated Trump's move on social media. "Violent crime in Washington, D.C. is at a thirty-year low," he wrote. "Donald Trump has no basis to take over the local police department. And zero credibility on the issue of law and order. Get lost."



EVENTS



PM at the inauguration of Kartavya Bhawan-3 at Kartavya Path, in New Delhi.

The Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari addressing at ICEMA Annual Session 2025, in New Delhi.



The Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri addressing the Pioneer Biofuels 360 Summit, in New Delhi.



The Union Minister for Defence, Shri Rajnath Singh addressing at the laying of foundation stone of BEML's Greenfield Rail Manufacturing facility (BRAHMA) at Umaria, in Madhya Pradesh.

The Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat chaired a Press Conference on 'Har Ghar Tiranga' Campaign organised by Ministry of Culture at National Media Centre, in New Delhi.



The Union Minister of Minority Affairs & Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Kiren Rijiju participated in the 'Tiranga Bike Rally' under the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign at Bharat Mandapam, in New Delhi.

CSIR-CRRI'S MSS+ TECHNOLOGY PAVING THE WAY FOR GREEN ROAD CONSTRUCTION



The Council of Scientific & Industrial Research – Central Road Research Institute (CSIR-CRRI), New Delhi, has developed an innovative MSS+ technology which is being utilized by the Uttar Pradesh Rural Road Development Authority (UPRRDA) for the construction of green roads in the state. Using this eco-friendly technology, approximately 202 kilometres of roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) are planned for construction in Uttar Pradesh during the current year.

MSS+ technology eliminates the need to heat aggregate and bitumen, enabling road construction in all weather conditions. Roads built with this technology have demonstrated superior quality parameters compared to conventional hot mix roads, informed CSIR-CRRI Director and President of the Indian Roads Congress, Dr. Manoranjan Parida.

As part of the project review, Secretary, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Government of India, and Director General, CSIR, Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, inspected the road constructed with MSS+ technology along the Mankapur–Nawabganj Road to Baksra via Ambarpur in Gonda district.

She was accompanied by Dr. Manoranjan Parida; Senior Principal Scientist, CRRI, and inventor of MSS+ technology; Mr. Satish Pandey;

Director, Central Building Research Institute; Dr. P. Pradeep Kumar; Director, CSIR-SERC, Dr. N. Anandavalli, Head, CSIR Science Communication and Dissemination Division, Dr. G. Mahesh; Chief Engineer, UPRRDA, Mr. Brijesh Kumar Dubey; State Technical Officer UPRRDA, Mr. D. D. Pathak; officials from the Rural Engineering Department, Gonda; and technology provider Mr. Ravi Shankar Jaiswal of M/s J.M.V.D Industries.

After the inspection, Dr. Kalaiselvi commended the road quality and

highlighted that MSS+ technology significantly reduces carbon emissions during road construction—making it a key enabler of green infrastructure in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She noted that the adoption of this technology under PMGSY in Uttar Pradesh will pave the way for similar initiatives across the country.

Chief Engineer, Mr. Brijesh Kumar Dubey, informed that with incentive funds allocated by the Government of India, 38 PMGSY roads—covering a total length of 202 kilometers—are being constructed with 30 mm thick MSS+ technology. He further stated that plans are underway to expand the adoption of the technology in future projects across the state.

Senior Principal Scientist, Mr. Satish Pandey, explained that MSS+ technology was developed by CSIR-CRRI in collaboration with J.M.V.D. Industries in 2021 after two years of intensive research. The first road using this technique in Uttar Pradesh was built near Lucknow in 2022, and has performed exceptionally well over the last three years. Currently, roads in six districts of the state are being constructed using this innovative method.



STEPS TAKEN TO STRENGTHEN THE PUBLIC HEALTHCARE SYSTEM



The Government of India has taken multiple steps to strengthen the public healthcare system in the country to provide accessible and affordable health services to all citizens.

The National Health Mission (NHM) envisages achievement of universal access to equitable, affordable & quality healthcare services that are accountable and responsive to people's needs. NHM encompasses its two Sub-Missions, the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM). The main programmatic components include Health System Strengthening in rural and urban areas, Reproductive-Maternal-Neonatal-Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCH+A), Health Systems Strengthening, and Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases.

In February 2018, the Government of India announced the establishment of 1,50,000 Ayushman Arogya Man-dirs (AAMs), erstwhile Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs), across the country by December 2022. A total of 1,77,906 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs have been established and operationalized as on 30th June 2025, by transforming existing Sub-Health Centres (SHC) and Primary Health Centres (PHC) in rural and urban areas to deliver the expanded range of comprehensive primary healthcare services with

complete 12 package of services that includes preventive, promotive, curative, palliative and rehabilitative services which are universal, free, and closer to the community.

Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) with some Central Sector Components (CS), which has an outlay of Rs. 64,180 Crores for the scheme period (2021-22 to 2025-26). The measures under the PM-ABHIM focus on developing capacities of health systems and institutions across the continuum of care at all levels—primary, secondary, and tertiary— to prepare health systems in responding effectively to the current and future pandemics/disasters. Administrative approvals have been accorded to States/UTs for FY 2021-26 for an amount of Rs. 33,081.82 Crore for the construction /strengthening of 10609 Building less-AAMs, 5456 Urban-AAMs, 2151 Block Public Health Units (BPHUs), 744 Integrated Public Health Labs (IPHLs) at the District level, and 621 Critical Care Blocks (CCBs).

Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri-Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) is a flagship scheme of the Government which provides health cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to 12 crore families, constituting the economically vulnerable bottom 40%

of India's population. On 29.10.2024, the scheme was further extended to cover 6 crore senior citizens aged 70 years and above, representing 4.5 crore families, through the Vay Vandana Card, irrespective of their socio-economic status.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched various digital initiatives. One of the major initiatives is Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), launched in September 2021. ABDM aims to create an online platform enabling interoperability of health data within the health ecosystem. The aim of this mission is to create an Electronic Health Record (EHR) of every citizen. ABDM envisages developing the backbone necessary to support the integrated digital health infrastructure of the country. The core components of the Mission include Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) for citizens, Health Professional Registry (HPR), Health Facility Registry (HFR), and ABHA Application. The digital health ecosystem created by ABDM supports continuity of care across primary, secondary, and tertiary healthcare in a seamless manner.

The Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) aims to correct regional imbalances in the availability of affordable tertiary healthcare services and to augment facilities for quality medical education in the country. The scheme has two components, namely, (i) setting up of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), (ii) Upgradation of existing Government Medical Colleges /Institutions (GMCIs). So far, the setting up of 22 new AIIMS and 75 projects of upgradation of GMCIs have been approved under the scheme in various phases.

The government has increased the number of Medical Colleges, Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) seats. There is an increase in Medical Colleges from 387 to 780; UG seats from 51,348 to 1,15,900, and PG seats from 31,185 to 74,306 from 2014 to date.



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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA HOSTS NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CRITICAL MINERALS AT JABALPUR



The Geological Survey of India (GSI), as part of its 175th Foundation year celebrations, is organizing a two day long National conference on “Critical minerals: exploration and exploitation” at Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. The conference was inaugurated today by Prof. Rajesh Kumar Verma, Vice Chancellor, Rani Durgavati Vishwavidyalaya and chief guest of the event along with Shri Asit Saha, DG, GSI. The event was graced by Shri I. D. Narayan, CMD, Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL) and Shri Dheeraj Pande, Director, Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD) and saw participation of stake holders, policy makers, IITs/Universities, research institutions and academia.

This conference provided a comprehensive platform for exchange of ideas, experiences and deliberations on the roadmap for the future of critical mineral resource augmentation and utilization.

In his inaugural address, Prof. Rajesh Kumar Verma, VC, Rani Durgavati Vishwavidyalaya stressed the urgent need to

accelerate exploration efforts and reduce import dependency, underscoring the strategic role of critical minerals in achieving India's clean energy transition and technological self-reliance. He appreciated GSI's pivotal role in the field of critical mineral exploration and creating a robust foundation for mineral sector growth.

Shri Asit Saha, DG, GSI, in his address reflected on GSI's 175-year journey from its early focus on coal exploration to its emergence as a globally recognized institution in diverse geoscientific domains. He highlighted the pivotal role of the National Critical Mineral Mission and stressed the pressing need to secure critical mineral resources vital for technological growth and energy independence. Highlighting intense global competition in this domain, he called for collaborative efforts among GSI, stakeholders, and academia.

Shri I.D. Narayan, CMD, MECL, applauded GSI's pioneering contributions to critical mineral exploration and mineral block auctioning. He highlighted the collaborative efforts between MECL and GSI in the field of critical mineral exploration, including their joint

initiatives in base metal and critical mineral exploration in Zambia and underscored the need for such collaborative efforts to transform geological potential into strategic resources. He outlined the shared vision of achieving mineral self-reliance through innovation, strong partnerships, and focused efforts toward the augmentation of India's mineral resource base.

Shri Dheeraj Pande, Director, AMD, addressed the conference by highlighting the critical role atomic and rare earth minerals in ensuring India's energy security and digital growth. Applauding GSI's proactive efforts, he called for deeper inter-agency collaboration and strategic alignment to unlock the country's vast mineral potential. Speaking on this occasion, Shri Dinesh V. Ganvir, ADG & HoD, GSI, Central region outlined the key initiatives undertaken by GSI in the domain of critical mineral exploration.

The event featured technical sessions on diverse geoscientific themes such as geological frameworks, mineral system models, geophysical strategies, innovative exploration tools, sustainable mining practices, policy reform, and critical mineral recycling. Technical papers, posters, and research abstracts were presented and deliberated upon by domain experts, reinforcing the importance of geoscientific innovation in securing India's resource future.

Day one of the conference served as a platform for meaningful knowledge exchange, fostering dialogue on emerging challenges, innovative approaches, and future directions in critical mineral exploration. It also reflected GSI's steadfast commitment to advancing geoscientific understanding in alignment with national priorities.

Aamir Khan and family responds to Faisal Khan after he accuses them of confinement



In a recent and deeply personal revelation, actor Faisal Khan has accused his family of confining him at home for a year, labelling him as mentally ill and claiming he was subjected to treatment against his will. After his statements have stirred significant media attention, a united response was issued by the Khan family. Aamir Khan, along with other family members, issued a heartfelt collective statement addressing Faisal's accusations.

Faisal was seen speaking to Pinkvilla wherein he said, "Mujhe qaid kar ke rakha tha ghar mein ek saal (I was confined in the house for a year) and they were saying I've got schizophrenia and I'm a mad person and I will harm society. JJ Hospital mein mujhe 20 din rakha gaya (I was kept at the hospital for 20 days), test kiya gaya, general ward mein, mental logon ke saath (I was tested in the general ward where I was kept with mental people)."

Meanwhile, Aamir Khan and his family expressed their distress over the "hurtful and misleading portrayal" of Zeenat Tahir Husain, Nikhat Hegde, and Aamir himself. They emphasized in the statement that all (these) decisions regarding Faisal's care were made with collective consent and medical guidance. "It is important to share that every choice regarding Faisal has been taken collectively as a family, in consultation with multiple medical professionals, and has been based on love, compassion, and a desire to support his emotional and psychological wellbeing," the statement reads.

The Khan family also revealed that they have avoided discussing these private matters publicly to protect the dignity and privacy of all involved. They made a sincere request to the media to handle the situation with sensitivity and avoid sensationalizing a painful period for their family. "We request the media for empathy, and to refrain from turning a private matter into salacious, inflammatory and hurtful gossip," they urged.

The statement was signed by several family members, including Reena Datta, Junaid Khan, Ira Khan, Farhat Datta, Rajiv Datta, Kiran Rao, Santosh Hegde, Seher Hegde, Mansoor Khan, Nuzhat Khan, Imran Khan, Tina Fonseca, Zayn Marie Khan, and Pablo Khan, reflecting a unified front amid the ongoing controversy.

Faisal Khan, once a promising child actor, has had a turbulent journey with mental health struggles that have often been in the public eye. His recent revelations shed light on the challenges faced within families when dealing with psychological disorders and the complexities that arise when private issues become public.

This episode highlights the crucial need for compassion and understanding towards mental health, especially when it involves loved ones. The Khan family's plea for privacy and empathy serves as a reminder to approach such sensitive matters with care, rather than judgment or sensationalism.

Udaipur Files hits theatres after Supreme Court greenlight: Report



Director Bharat Shrinat's Udaipur Files finally hit theatres across India on Friday, August 8, following months of controversy and a prolonged legal battle. The film is based on the Kanhaiyalal murder case of 2022, an incident that shocked the nation. Trouble began soon after the teaser's release, when Kanhaiyalal's family raised objections and filed a petition in the Rajasthan High Court. They argued that the film was causing them "mental agony" and could "spoil social harmony." This led to a temporary stay on the release.

In July 2025, the Supreme Court overturned the stay, ruling that making a film on a true incident is not illegal, as long as it does not violate constitutional

limits. The court's decision cleared the way for the movie to be certified by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) and released for the public.

Originally titled Gyanvapi Files: A Tailor's Murder Story, the film was initially scheduled for release on July 11, 2025. However, its debut was postponed due to the legal proceedings. The Supreme Court ultimately directed its release on August 8.

Produced by Amit Jani and featuring Vijay Raaz in the lead role, Udaipur Files brings to screen a dramatized depiction of one of the most disturbing crimes in recent years. The project has drawn attention not only for its sensitive subject matter but also for the legal precedent reaffirming filmmakers' right to portray real-life incidents within constitutional boundaries.

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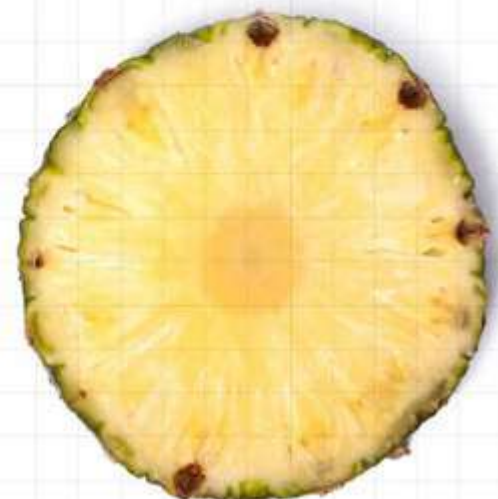
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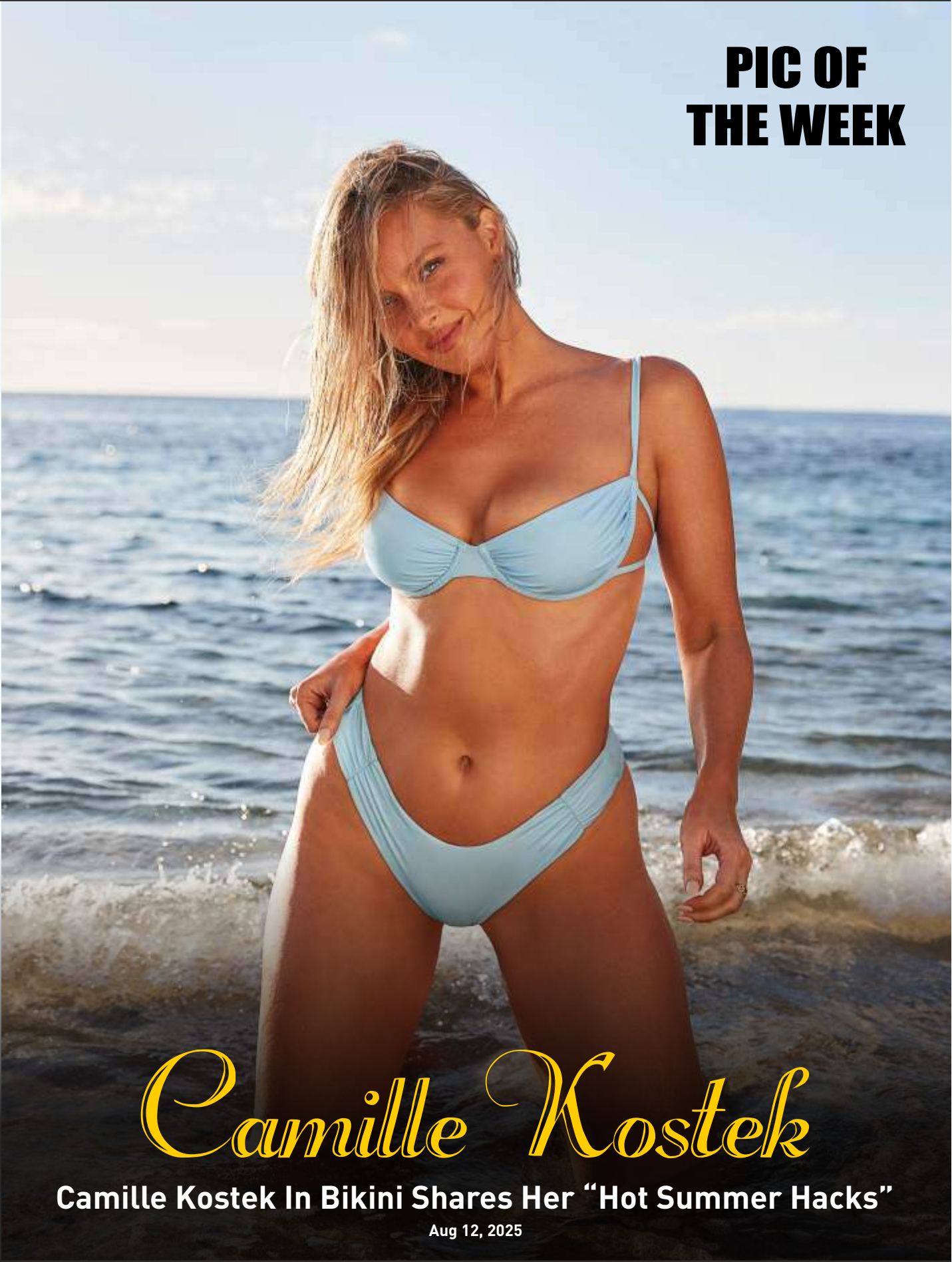
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A full-page photograph of Camille Kostek standing in the ocean surf. She is wearing a light blue, strapless, underwire bikini top and matching high-cut bottoms. She has long, wavy blonde hair and is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The background shows the ocean and a clear sky.

Camille Kostek

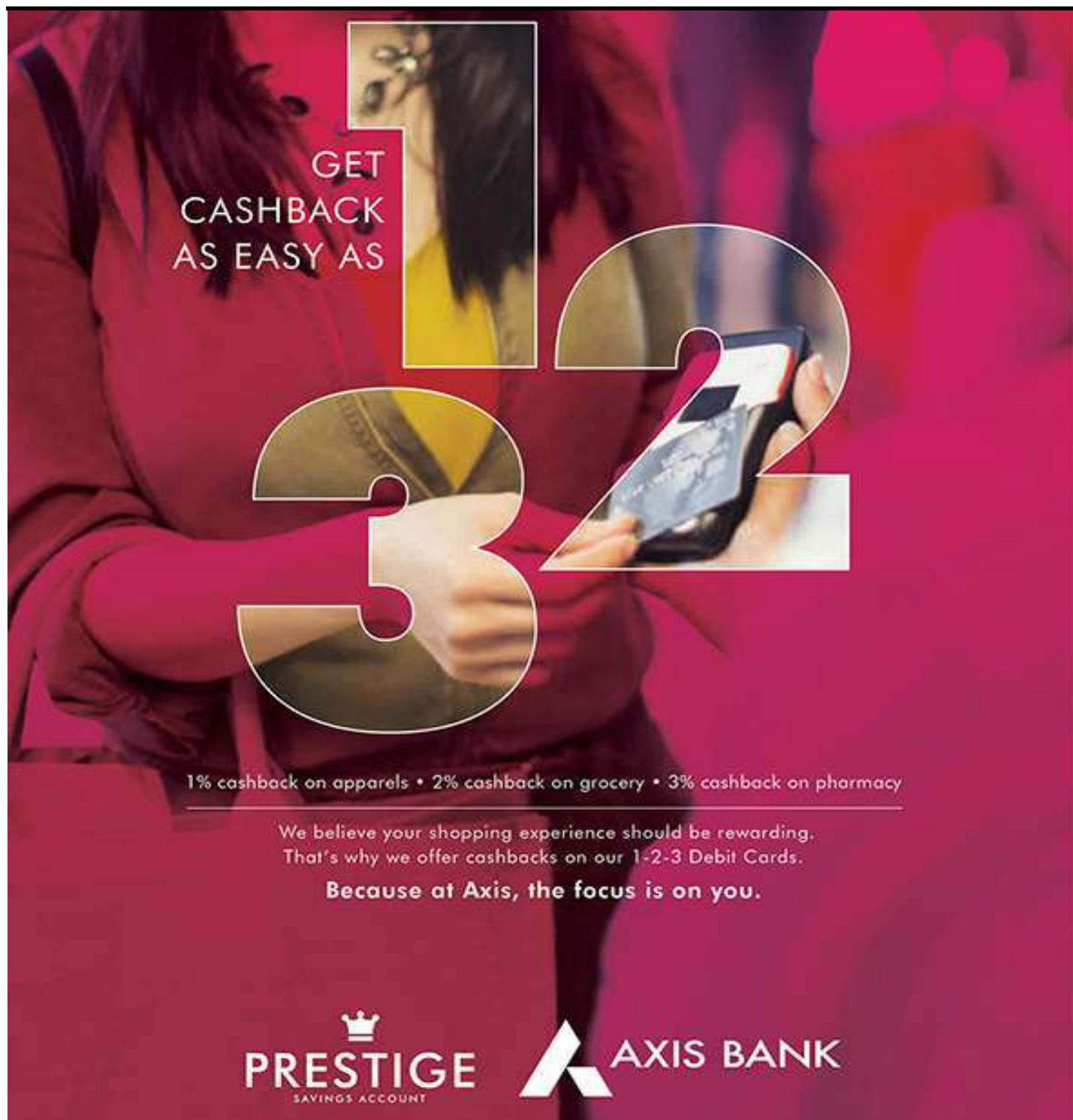
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