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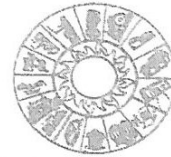
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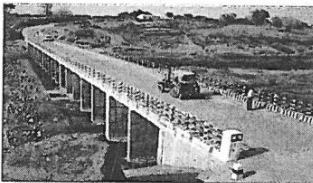
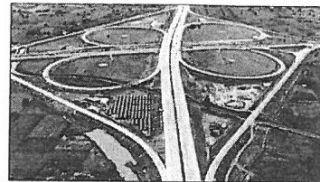
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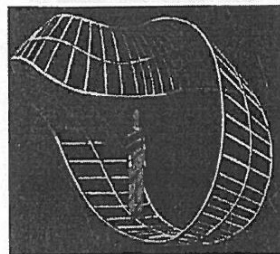
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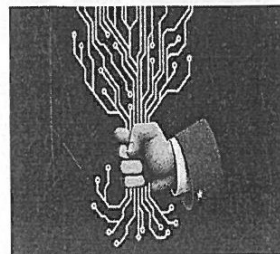
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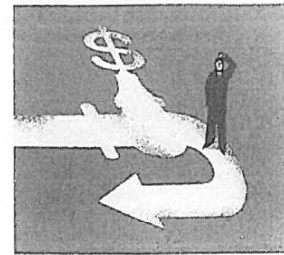
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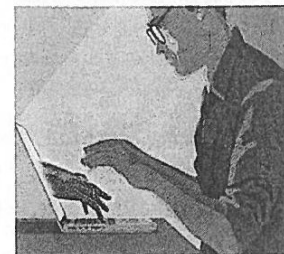
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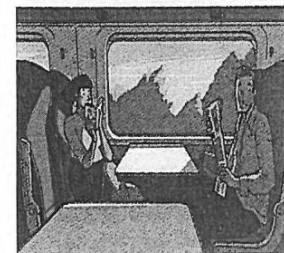
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India maintained leadership in economy, education and military power in the world for long period of three millennia till British regime was started. The world renowned Takshashila University was established in this country in 6th century B.C. Subsequently several universities like Nalanda and Odantapuri, Vikramashila, Mithila and Telhara (Bihar), Somapura (Bangladesh), Jagaddala, Bikrampur, Nadia (Bengal), Nagarjunakonda, Amravati (A.P.), Sharada Peeth (Kashmir), Vallabhi (Gujrat), Kanchipuram, Sala and Kanthalloor (Tamil Nadu), Manyakheta (Karnataka), Pushpagiri and Ratnagiri (Orissa), Morena Golden Triangle (Madhya Pradesh), were established. They offered education to students from all countries.

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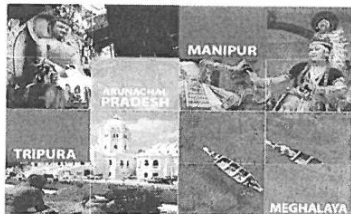
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