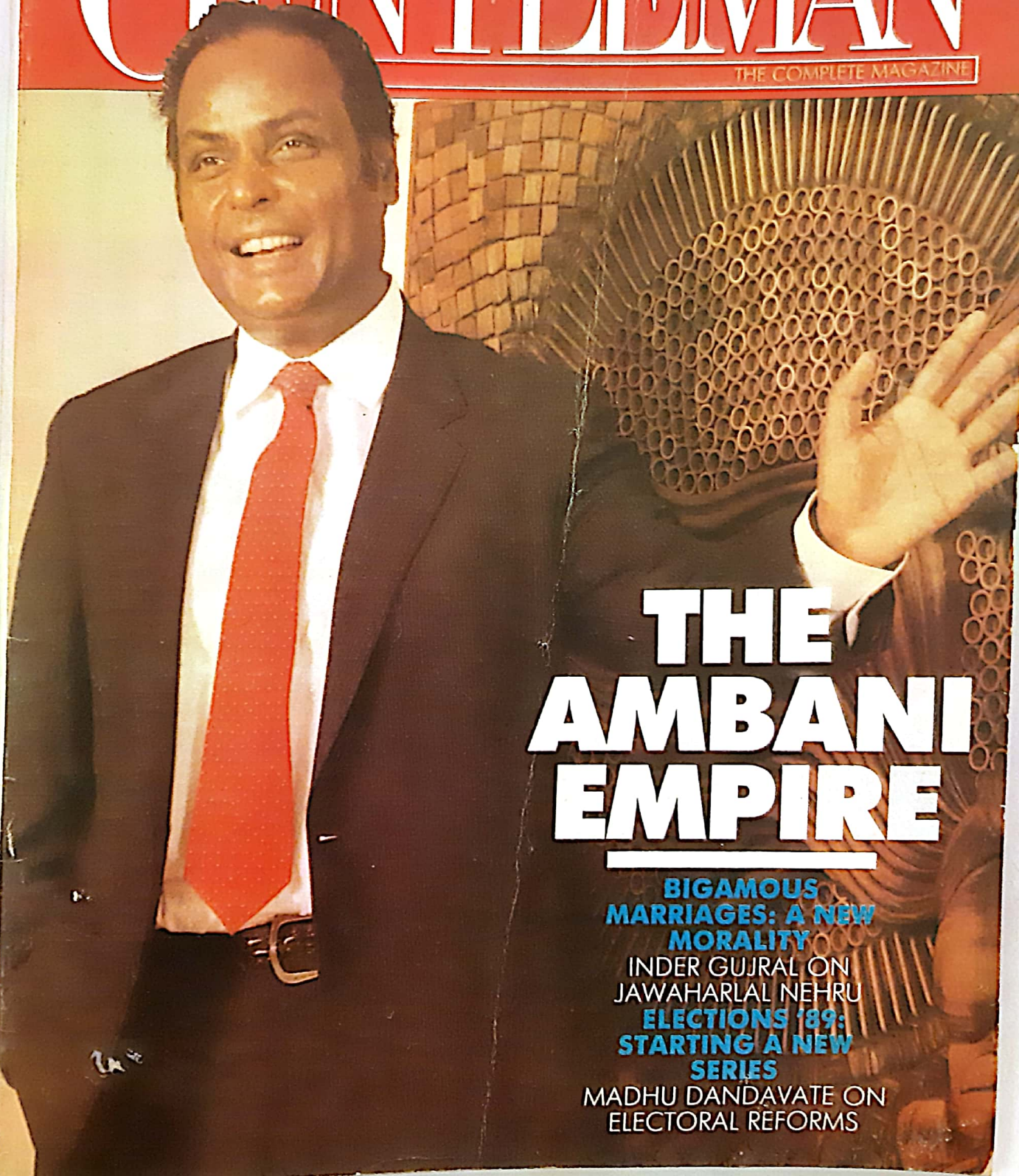


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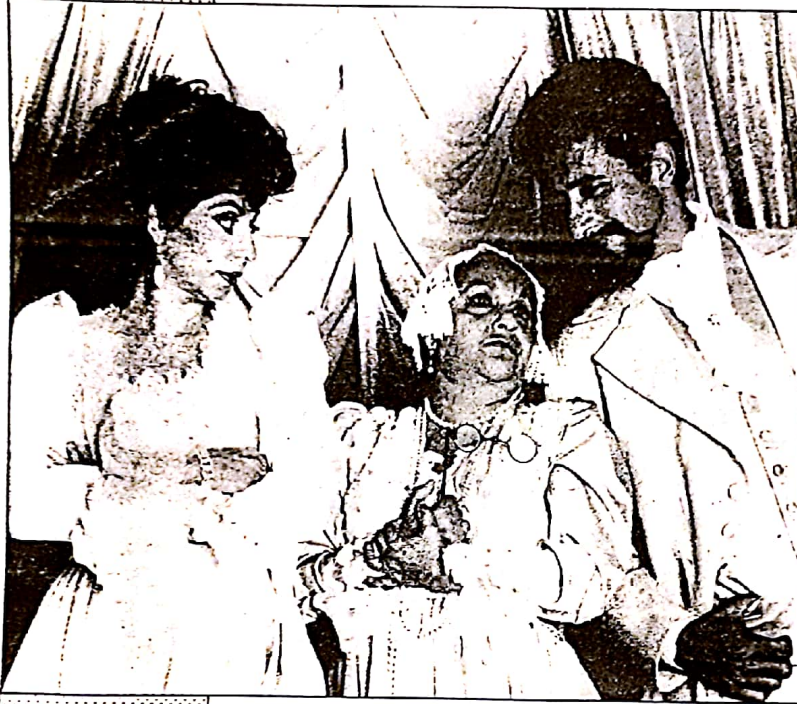
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■ Sabira, Pearl and Naseeruddin in *Deceptions*.

After the decline and fall of the much-touted *Kabaret*, one more Padamsee production is revving up for action, this time round from the stable of whom many would acknowledge as the better Padamsee — Pearl.

Deceptions, directed by Pearl and produced by daughter Rael's Magnum Productions, is due to open on November 25, and is already making waves, thanks to its protagonist — the incomparable Naseeruddin Shah.

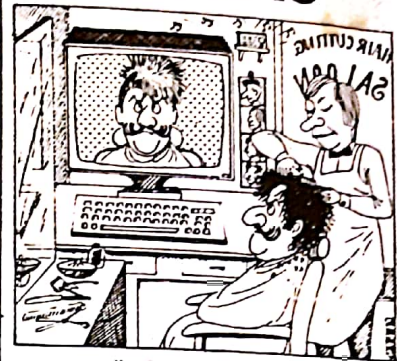
Playing the role of a fiendishly fascinating French nobleman whose diet consists primarily of female hearts, preferably minced, Shah is looking forward to his role with relish.

"It's a wonderful change of pace," he enthuses, "and there are some lovely scenes in the play, particularly one where I fence, which I'm thrilled about."

"The play is about the control of people through passion and power. And of manifold relationships," pontificates Pearl. Talking of which, how did the Pearl-Naseeruddin relationship come about?

"It just happened," beams Pearl. Shah, however, has the last word, "I've always wanted to act with Pearl. The trouble was, she never asked me."

HAIR RAZERS



Talk about hair-razing experiences! This one can wipe the hair off your head, and, in minutes, put you face to face with the bald truth. Salon Services of Toledo, Ohio, has developed a new computer programme that offers those wanting a change in hairstyle, the chance of looking before they leap.

The New Image Salon System, as it is called, enables hair-dressers to project their client's image onto a colour screen, and to 'erase' the existing hair. A new style, picked by the client from a catalogue, can then be superimposed on the image and electronically fine-tuned to give a realistic impression. Hair-colour and make-up options can also be projected. A photograph of the final 'product' is given to the client to help him decide — to change or not to change.

A basic, 15-minute session costs only \$9; for those who wish to explore the possibilities thoroughly, the damage is \$35, in America. It won't be long before exclusive salons start offering similar opportunities to women and men in India. The question is when and for how much.

A Gym For Toddlers

Yes, it's true. Special exercise classes for babies six to 12-months-old have been started in Bombay by Manjula Sawwala. There are classes for children over the age of one also. Children are actually made to exercise (this is not a play-school). Babies exercise to music, and after a while, they begin to associate certain exercises with certain music. Mothers who take their kids there say that the classes are worth the Rs 360 they have to pay (this amount is for 12 classes). The classes are held twice a week.