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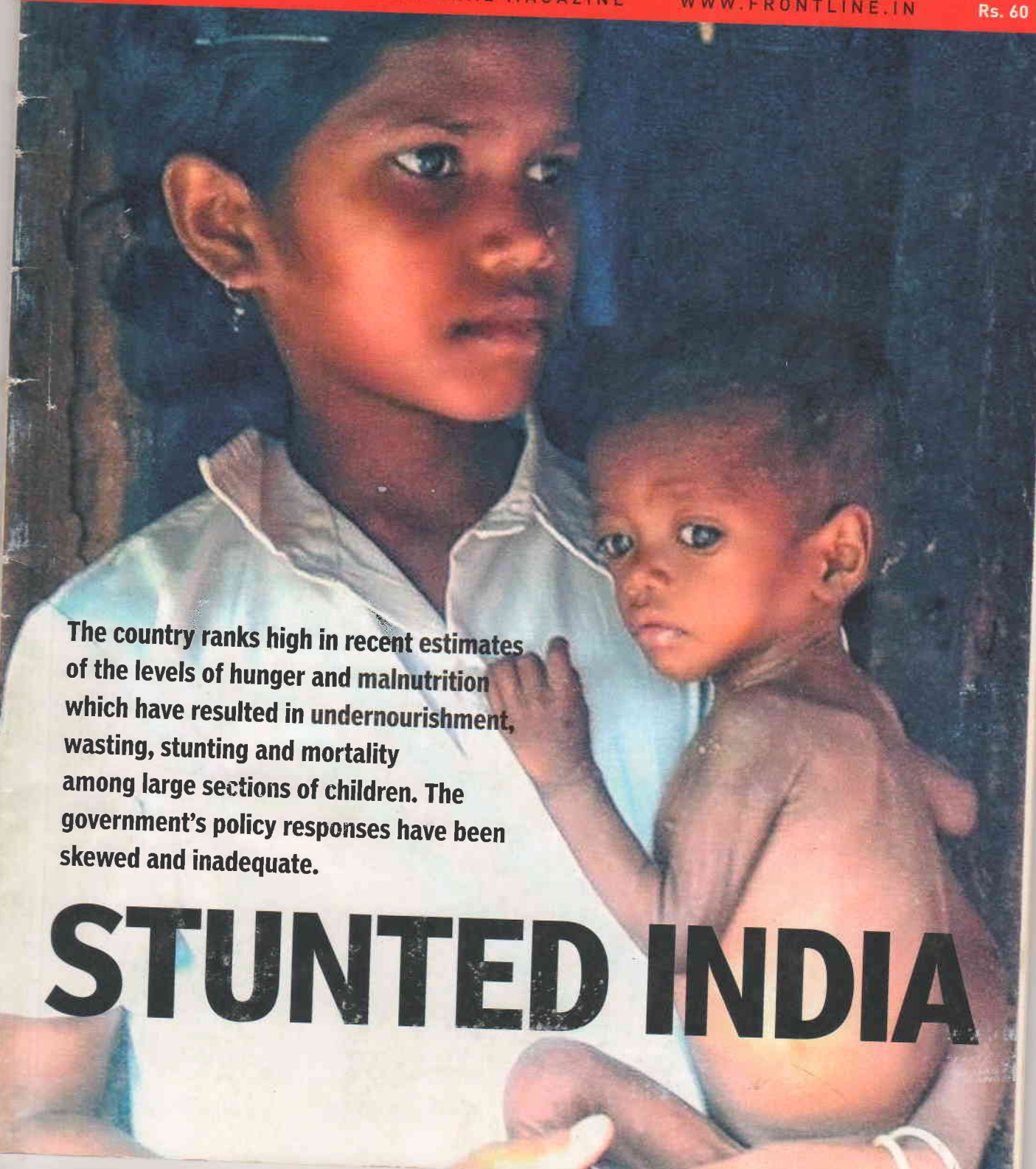
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DARIO FO at a campaign meeting for the election of Rome's mayor, on June 3.

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Minstrel of the downtrodden

Through his alternative theatre, Dario Fo (1926-2016) tirelessly targeted four entities: fascist nationalism, elitist Catholicism, corporate capitalism and parliamentary communism. BY VELLIKKEEL RAGHAVAN

THE exciting news of Bob Dylan winning this year's Nobel Prize in Literature was followed, on the same day, October 13, by the sad news of the demise of Dario Fo, the Italian winner of the prize in 1997. The most striking commonality between these two laureates, apart from their avow-

ed anti-imperialist commitment, is that they are primarily performers rather than authors, both trying to politically engage the world with their body and voice rather than with their "texts". By honouring Dylan, almost two decades after honouring Fo, the Nobel Committee once again

problematizes the stage/page binary. Fo had been a permanent rebel and a provocative anarchist in the Italian public sphere since the 1950s. Through his alternative theatre, he tirelessly targeted four entities: fascist nationalism, elitist Catholicism, corporate capitalism and parliamen-

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