

**D**id Jesus travel to India? Was Mary Magdalene from Maghada? Were Abraham and Brahma the same entity? These were just some of the questions that novelist Ashwin Sanghi sought to answer at an event to mark the launch of a new paperback edition of *The Rozabal Line*, a Da Vinci Code-style thriller that has had tourists flocking to the Rozabal shrine in Srinagar in recent months.

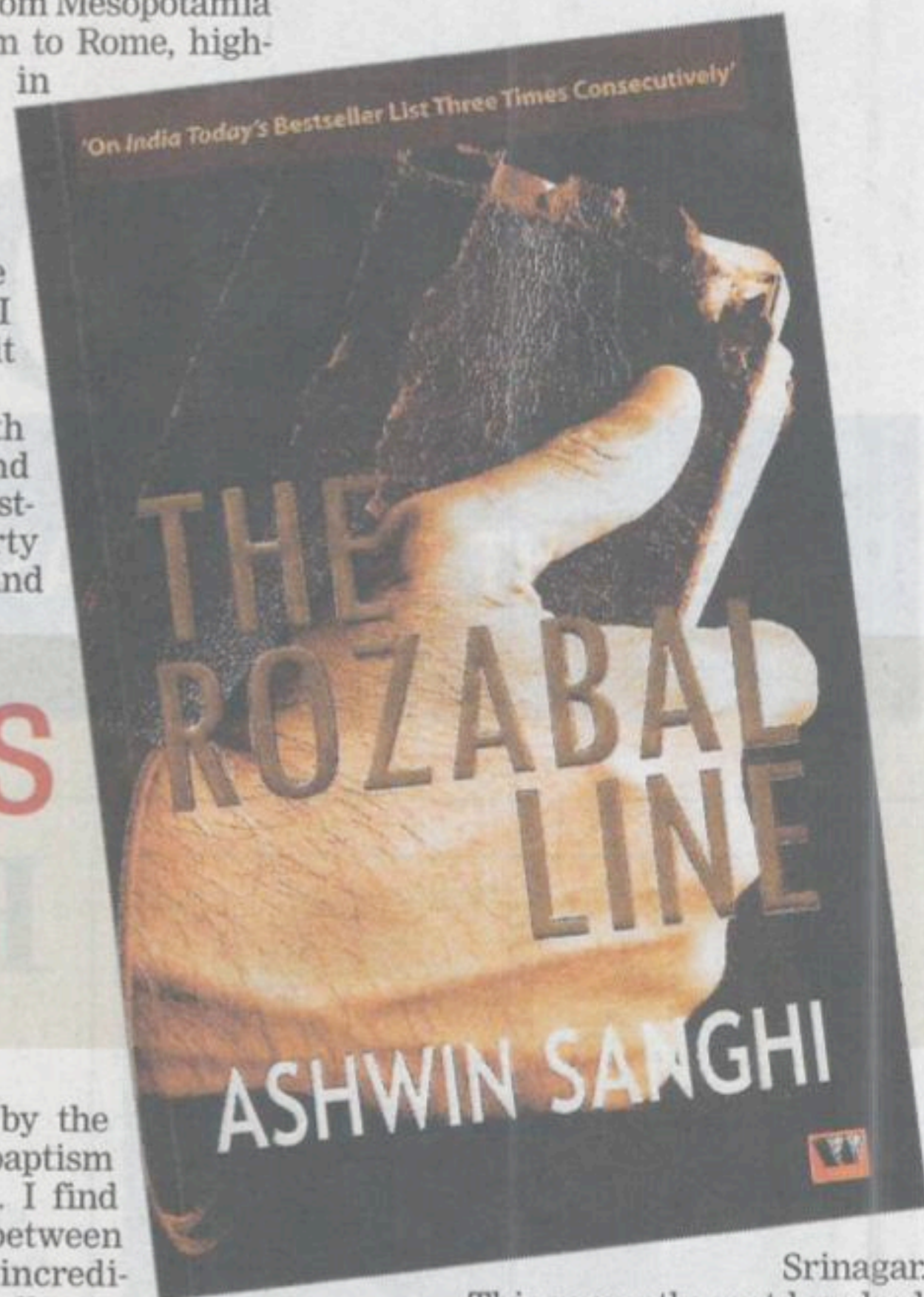
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chuckling in disbelief and amazement as they discussed nuggets from the novel, which has remained a national bestseller for several months consecutively. At the crux of Sanghi's fictional plot lies the possibility that Jesus survived the crucifixion and travelled to India. Sanghi's thriller shocks the reader at almost every page, but the author took pains to assure his audience that his book is a good old yarn and that they should read it as a story, not history.

*The Rozabal Line* is a thriller that is inspired by the author's obvious fascination with linkages between the world's religions. Sanghi's fascination was visible during his talk at Landmark store, where the discussion, like the

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Srinagar. This promptly sent hundreds of tourists flocking to the shrine until the caretakers were left with no alternative but to shut down the tomb to visitors.

Does he believe his own fiction? Sanghi smiles. "I have always loved fiction that sounds like fact and fact that sounds like fiction. The fun in this book is that you rarely know when you are switching from one to the other," he says, determined to leave us equally bewildered.