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open, inclusive
culture at
the heart of
Catholicism will
be difficult for
a new pope to
uproot and defy*



On the cover A brazen attack in Kashmir that
killed 26 tourists has sent relations between
India and Pakistan into a downward spin. The
nuclear-armed neighbours have fought two wars
over Muslim-majority Kashmir, which is divided
between them but claimed fully by both. As
public fury in India rages over the attacks, can
politicians find a way to dial down tensions?
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