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The cover shows a polymer molecule before the Taj Mahal as symbol of the combination of tradition and progress.

