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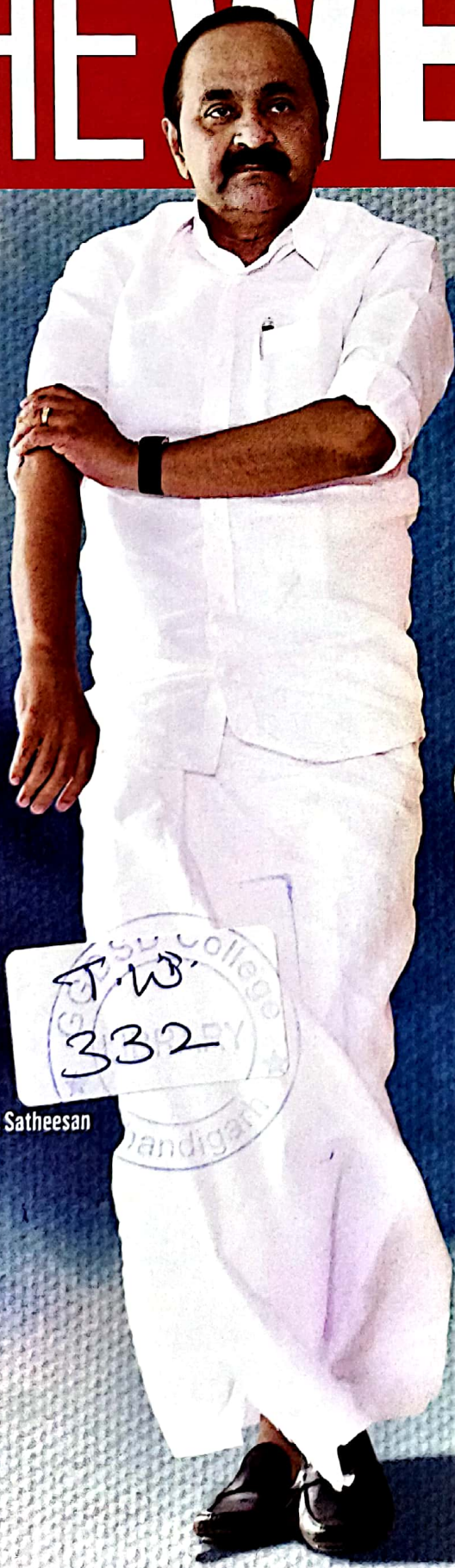
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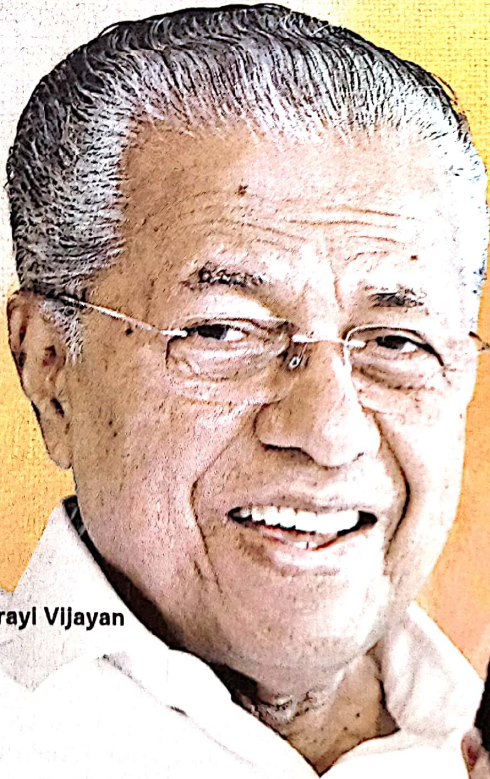
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All three political fronts in Kerala—the UDF, the LDF and the NDA—are invoking the promise of “new”. As the state heads to polls, the real contest is not just about who will govern next, but whose idea of change the electorate will clasp to their bosom.

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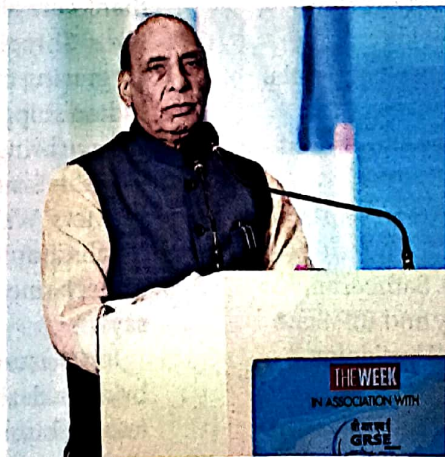
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