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Trained at Stanford and Carnegie Mellon, IT minister **Nara Lokesh** is transforming Andhra Pradesh the way his father, Chandrababu Naidu, transformed Hyderabad

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

I want to be known as chief job creator

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Why industry trusts **Nara Lokesh**

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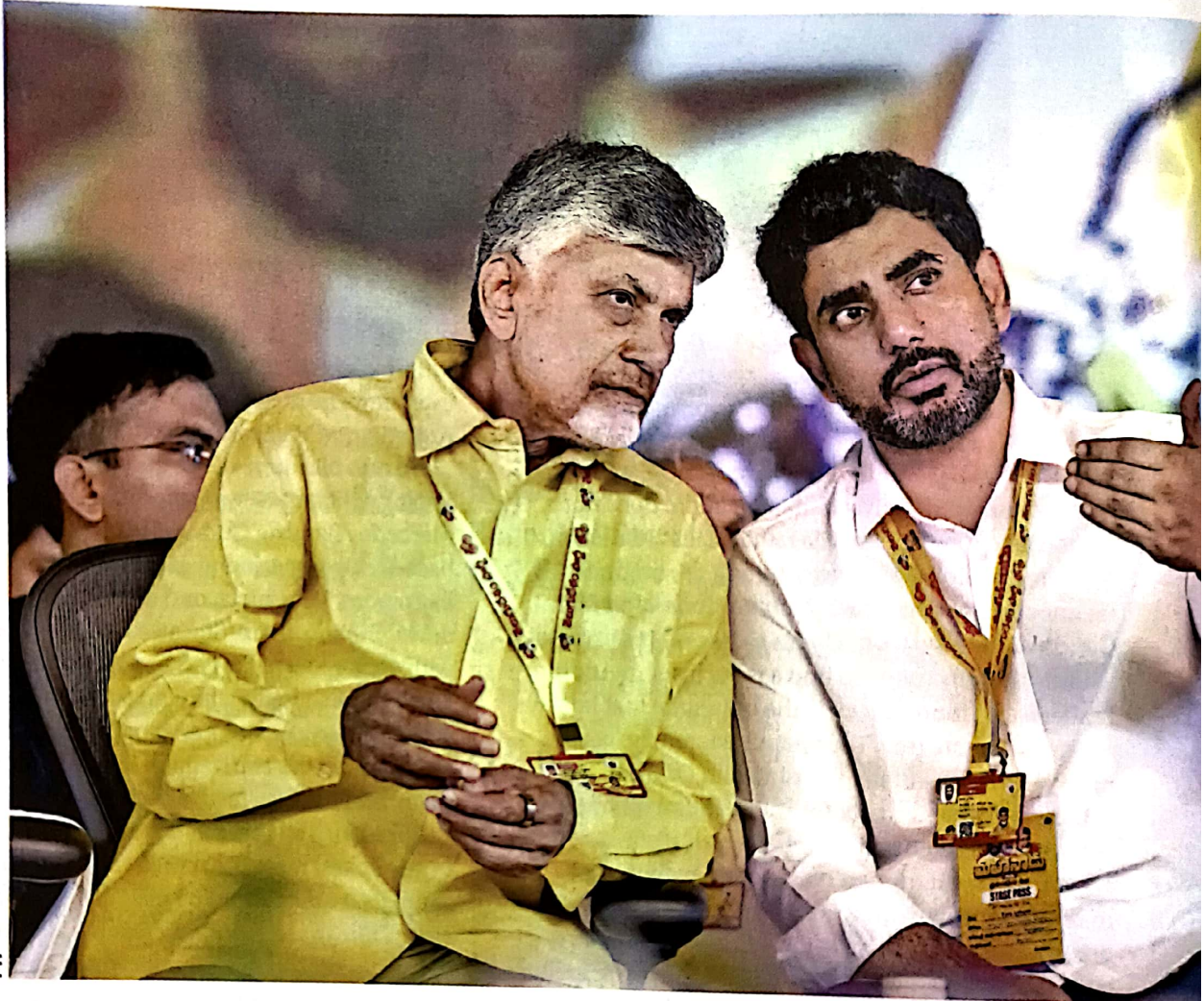
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MAKING ANDHRA PRADESH A TECH HUB

Nara Lokesh's growth strategy is positioning Andhra Pradesh as a hub for cutting-edge technology for investments. The IT and HRD minister, who is Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's son, pushes for faster decision-making and quicker project grounding



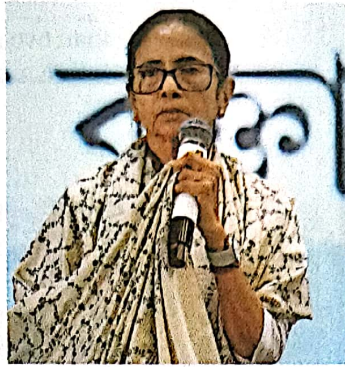
In the IT sector alone, I aspire to create half a million jobs by 2029”

I am a worker in the NDA ecosystem. It is our responsibility to work with the parties within the NDA and strengthen them.”



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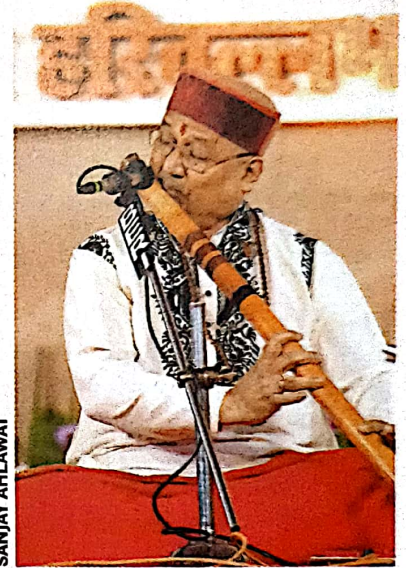
The BJP and the TMC have used the SIR to kick off their state election campaigns, but those affected by the exercise remain anxious about their future



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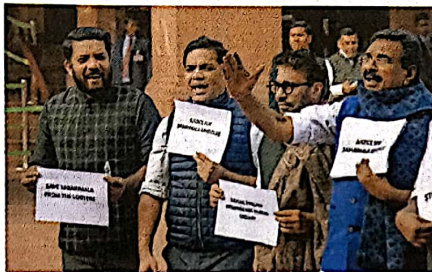
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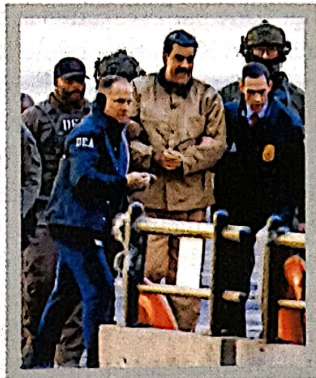
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