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The American dream is turning into a nightmare for documented and undocumented workers, owing to US President Donald Trump's strident anti-immigrant rhetoric and actions. The new administration's policies could most complicate the lives of Indians, especially the H-1B visa holders and aspirants

PLUS

India's US strategy during Trump 2.0

Trump starts his second term signalling retribution, sparking concerns about diversity, civil liberties and democratic collapse



CURRENT EVENTS Will Karnataka see a new chief minister this year, thanks to the initial 'secret' power-sharing pact by the Congress high command?

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Next industrial revolution will be driven by biotechnology and bioeconomy

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My name-Bansuriwas a gift from my mother. As a child, I some classmates who used to joke that if I had a brother, he must



was often teased by be called 'Tabla'.

WEST ASIA

- ◆ Dr Ely Karmon of the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism writes on the Trump card that could help end the Israel-Gaza war
- ♦ We hope India will support two-state solution and help rebuild Gaza

chargé d'affaires of the Palestine embassy in India

♦ India cannot be a spectator to what is unravelling in West Asia, say experts



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Baijayant Panda BIP's election incharge, Delhi



Did Pantone get it right with Mocha Mousse, its colour for 2025?

MUSEUM

Joining a growing league of India's privately-owned museums is Sarmaya, a modern space that chronicles historic journeys