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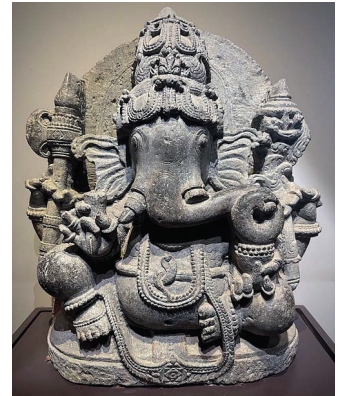
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A whirlwind week in the geopolitical poker game  
over Ukraine began with a solidarity visit to Kyiv  
by the leaders of Poland, France, Britain and  
Germany, proceeded to some hastily arranged  
'peace talks' in Istanbul and led to a phone call  
between Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin. But a  
ceasefire seemed as far from the table as ever.

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