

This week, we track rising visa rejections for Indian students, celebrate Indian American scholars winning top fellowships, and examine the fallout from a false accusation against an entrepreneur. We also cover diaspora events, a Kashmir-linked nonprofit controversy, and the impact of Iran tensions on Indians in the Gulf.

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Ambassador Vinay Kwatra meets diaspora leaders in New York. A California grocery store empire, gang violence tied to India, and a tragic drowning of an Indian national at a US waterfall are among the stories affecting our community.

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Indian American entrepreneur Akash Singhanian fights false child predator accusations. A CEO bans a startup from a conference, and Venkat Kavarthapu becomes symplr CEO. The Iran crisis threatens 8.9 million Indians in the Gulf.

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India EB-1/2/3 priority dates with month-over-month movement, updated from the Visa Bulletin. nriherald.com/visa

Chicago festival showcases Indian dance and music. Coachella 2026 sparks debate on cultural appropriation of Indian fashion. The APIDA Festival returns in Pennsylvania, and a Swami Vivekananda statue is unveiled in the US.

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India expands tourism influence through diaspora engagement. The Kashmir Care Foundation nonprofit faces MoU cancellations. A Texas city becomes a far-right talking point, and South Bay officials address Indigenous community crises.

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