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*This week, we cover a mix of stories that matter to Indian Americans: from visa battles and political shifts to cultural celebrations and business milestones. We highlight the challenges of OPT and H-1B, the achievements of our community in academia and tech, and the vibrant traditions that keep us connected. Read on for a curated look at the news that shapes our lives.*

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## ACADEMIA & HONORS

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*Indian American researchers and academics earn top honors. From Stanford appointments to Florida University awards, these stories highlight intellectual achievement.*

### POLITICS

# Four Indian American researchers win 2026 Florida University honors

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## Green Card *Tracker*

India EB-1/2/3 priority dates with month-over-month movement, updated from the Visa Bulletin. [nriherald.com/visa](https://nriherald.com/visa)

