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This week, the NRI Herald brings you a mix of political milestones, immigration crackdowns, and community stories. Indian Americans are making waves in U.S. politics, while a major probe into OPT fraud has put thousands of foreign students under scrutiny. We also cover cultural events, business moves, and a tragic loss. Read on for the full roundup.

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From food safety concerns at a Houston grocery store to a new restaurant blending Indian and American flavors, the community's cultural footprint grows. Philanthropists clear student loans, and an NRI woman compares work cultures.

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

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Indian American students and professors earn honors, but a tragic death at the Grand Canyon and a missing student case remind us of challenges. Japan invites Indian students for scholarships.

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