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This week, the NRI Herald covers a flurry of visa policy changes from the Trump administration that have Indian-American families and tech workers on edge. We also track political gains by Indian Americans in local elections, mourn a tech icon, and celebrate cultural milestones. Here is your edition.

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Diplomatic ties between India and the US remain strong even as visa policies tighten. External Affairs Minister Jaishankar called the diaspora a 'living bridge,' while Secretary Rubio's visit sparked both concern and alignment on immigration.

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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

From music tours to storytelling platforms, Indian American artists and creators are sharing their heritage. Singer Anuradha Palakurthi-Juju previews her US tour, and rapper Fijiana talks identity.

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Sports news with Indian American connections: a golfer qualifies for the US Open, India's archery team gets a new coach, and FIFA's World Cup broadcast deal in India remains unsigned.

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