

This week, the Indian-American community faces a swirl of challenges and triumphs. From visa crackdowns and rising anti-Indian rhetoric to political milestones and cultural celebrations, we bring you the stories that matter. Our sections cover politics, immigration, community, business, tech, sports, and culture.

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Mount Sinai Appoints Indian-American Cardiologist Samin K Sharma As Clinical Cardiology Chief



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Indian Diaspora Pride Shines in PM Modi's NZ Visit

The Indian community welcomed PM Modi with vibrant performances from Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and classical fusions, celebrating India's heritage across continents. PM Modi praised their role in strengthening enduring people-to-people bonds with New Zealand. [Read Full Digest](#)



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No, I am in Dublin: PwC worker remotely works from India; lies when confronted, accuses boss of bullying

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Cedar Park Resident Speaks Out After Viral Public Defecation Post



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From Everest to orbit: Indian-origin Nasa astronaut Anil Menon heads to ISS on July 14

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Meet Anil Menon's Wife Anna As Indian-Origin NASA Astronaut Is Set To Begin 8-Month ISS Mission

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PM Research Chair Scheme: Opportunity for Diaspora Academics

Eminent Indian-origin scholars can establish prestigious research chairs at India's premier institutions through the Prime Minister's Research Chair Scheme, enabling sustained collaboration, mentoring, and joint projects. This positions the global diaspora as active partners in b



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Bishnoi Charges Spotlight Diaspora Safety Risks

Charges against Indian crime boss Lawrence Bishnoi for orchestrating the 2023 assassination of Sikh activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar have intensified safety fears within Canada's East Indian communities while deepening Canada-India diplomatic strains. The case, part of a multinational



POLITICS

Death Threats Broadcast Over Radio Target Indian Truck Drivers in Australia

Indian truck drivers in Australia, many now citizens filling critical labor shortages, face escalating racism including explicit death threats like "A good Indian is a dead Indian" aired over CB radios on highways. The abuse forces drivers to avoid the radio entirely, raising ser

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Merit Systems Fuel Indian Success Abroad

Merit-based systems abroad enable Indians to excel through competitive, fair opportunities and fewer bureaucratic barriers, revealing the structural advantages driving diaspora achievements. [Read Full Digest](#)

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Indigenous storytelling on display at Museum of the Indian American

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Youth-led “United We Stand” celebrates AAPIs and America250

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Texas Roadhouse construction set for mid-August, developer says



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From Village to Surgeon: A Testament to Perseverance

Dr. Raj Bhayani's rise from a small village near Mumbai to pioneering dual surgical expertise and leadership in America highlights the enduring power of education and grit instilled by his parents. His journey shows how immigrant resilience, aided by unexpected mentorship, builds



POLITICS

Diaspora at the Core of India-NZ Ties

The Indian community in New Zealand has quietly built the foundation for stronger bilateral relations over decades, with PM Modi's visit serving as formal recognition rather than the starting point. This momentum now extends to grassroots connections through the upcoming India-NZ



BUSINESS

India Taps Diaspora for Diplomacy and Knowledge Exchange

India is positioning its diaspora as key bridges in economic diplomacy and research collaboration. In New Zealand, 250,000 people of Indian origin drive trade, investment and cultural ties across IT, healthcare and entrepreneurship. The new strategic partnership and upcoming 2026



POLITICS

US Indo-Pacific Retreat Opens Door for Stronger EU-India Ties

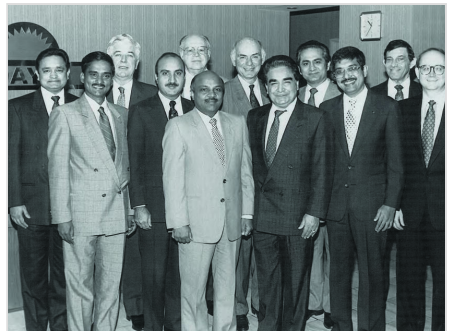
As Washington abandons its Indo-Pacific strategy for bilateral China talks and sidelines the Quad, the EU and India should deepen their renewed strategic partnership to fill the gap. This shift reduces India's prior role as a key US counterweight to China. Read Full Digest



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Outside Agitators Fuel Anti-Indian Backlash in Frisco

Frisco's rapid growth from a small white suburb of 34,000 in 2000 into a diverse city of over 200,000 has drawn thousands of Indian immigrants, yet online hate now targets them as an "Indian takeover." Influencers like former T-Mobile employee Mark Palaciano amplified rhetoric at



POLITICS

Indian American Hotel Pioneers Built a Lasting Legacy

Early Gujarati immigrants like Kanji Desai crossed borders secretly, leased the first Indian-operated hotel in Sacramento during WWII internment, then used handshake loans to help newcomers lease properties and bring families, creating a proven path to ownership that spread nation

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The Caste Is Stacked in ‘The Employee Dharma Handbook’

OPINION

District judge’s opinion must get ‘primacy’ in picking public prosecutors: Kerala High Court

Visa policies and immigration hurdles dominate headlines. From H-1B revocations to birth tourism bans, these stories highlight the precarious status of many Indians in the US.



VISA & IMMIGRATION

Dual Legal Pressures Create Uncertainty for Indian Diaspora

Indian diaspora confronts parallel legal strains that compound instability. Citizenship ambiguity : Passports record nationality only, not citizenship, a distinction rooted in Partition compromises and shifting birthright rules. US visa exhaustion : All FY2026 EB-2 allocations fo



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Ex-Meta techie wraps up 14 years of life in US after layoff, says he's tired of immigration clock



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Birth Tourism Ban Could Hit Indian Diaspora Families

The White House's proposed travel ban on pregnant foreign women to curb birth tourism threatens to complicate Indian diaspora families' US childbirth plans, even after the Supreme Court upheld birthright citizenship under the Fourteenth Amendment. Read Full Digest



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H-1B Visa Revoked Over Unpaid \$600 Traffic Fine

Missing a court deadline on a \$600 traffic fine led to H-1B visa revocation for one Indian professional, who now deeply regrets the oversight. The case, widely shared in NRI forums, reminds visa holders that even minor unpaid obligations can trigger serious immigration consequenc



VISA & IMMIGRATION

H-1B visa revoked: Man says he deeply regrets not paying \$600 traffic fine by deadline

An unpaid traffic ticket caused the revocation of an individual's H-1B visa, showcasing the potential consequences of administrative oversights. The man in question said he moved to a new apartment and missed the payment notice.



VISA & IMMIGRATION

Trump's Visa Overhaul: 5 Key Impacts for Indians

Proposed US immigration reforms could tighten pathways for Indian H-1B holders, green card seekers, and students. H-1B restrictions : Stricter rules on third-party placements and added documentation for specialized roles. Higher employer costs : Expanded fees for large H-1B relia



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Microsoft Layoffs Fuel H-1B Backlash

Microsoft's 4,800 job cuts, including 1,600 from Xbox, triggered intense online outrage after the company secured 2,273 H-1B visas this year. Critics labeled the moves "industrial scale job theft," with calls to imprison executives and scrap the entire H-1B program. The program,

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Game over? Xbox layoffs by Indian-American CEO Asha Sharma ignites H-1B furor

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COMMUNITY & CULTURE

The diaspora celebrates its heritage through museums, festivals, and food. These stories showcase the vibrant cultural life of Indian Americans.

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When is Onam 2026 in USA? Best Onam Celebrations in USA

CULTURE

Indian community in US to open museum on country's culture in Washington DC

CULTURE

Gen Z Indian-American who's wowing Kerala with his take on old film songs

CULTURE

Top 10 food regions in the world: Italy & Greece lead global food regions list, here's where Indian regions ranked



TECH

Natya Darpan 2026 Marks 11 Years of Diaspora-Led Multilingual Theater

The Indian diaspora in North America is driving vibrant cultural exchange through Natya Darpan, whose 11th annual multilingual festival used five plays in Marathi, Hindi, and English to spark community dialogue on mental health, AI ethics, and sustainability. Founded by IHCA-NJ

BUSINESS

Meet Ro Khanna's Wife, Ritu Khanna, The Handler Of His USD 232 Million Empire And Mom Of Two

Indian-origin entrepreneurs and executives are making waves in business and tech, from record-breaking NFL bids to bank expansions.

BUSINESS

One World Bank eyes statewide expansion while fueling small business growth

SPORTS

Indian-origin entrepreneur Vinod Khosla to buy NFL's Seattle Seahawks for record \$9.6 billion

BUSINESS

Who are Neeru and Vinod Khosla, the Indian-born billionaires who just paid a record \$9.6 billion for the



BUSINESS

Butter Chicken Tsunami Backlash Hits Modi's NZ Visit

Modi's landmark New Zealand visit to seal a free trade deal has sparked sharp backlash, with a coalition minister warning against a "butter chicken tsunami" of migrants and an evangelical preacher urging retaliation over India's treatment of Christians. Indian community voices ca

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

Cricket, football, and the World Cup capture the community's passion. These stories cover rising stars and major tournaments.

SPORTS

Coach Behind Mumbai's 13-Year-Old Sensation: Rajasthan Royals Academy USAs Deepali Rokade Shaping Cricket Stars Across India, USA and Japan

SPORTS

FIFA World Cup 2026 Semi-Finals LIVE Streaming: Where To Watch France vs Spain and England vs Argentina LIVE In India, USA, UK and Australia

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How the USMNT's World Cup exit became America's biggest non-NFL sports event in years? A look at the reco

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How to Watch Erling Haaland and Harry Kane in Norway vs England FIFA World Cup 2026 Quarterfinal LIVE In India, USA, UK and Australia

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How the 2026 FIFA World Cup is inspiring America's next generation of footballers

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Spain vs Belgium LIVE: How to Watch Lamine Yamal FIFA World Cup 2026 Quarterfinal match ESP vs BEL Live Streaming TV Channels

A shocking domestic violence case involving an Indian-American tech executive has shaken the community. We report on the incident and its aftermath.

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Indian-American ex-Google executive shot dead in Georgia; husband charged

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Indian American and ex-Google exec
Sheetal Wrzesien shot dead by
husband in US

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TECH

**Indian-origin tech leader killed by
husband in Georgia over domestic
dispute, wounded son runs to
neighbors for help**

In a shocking domestic violence incident in Georgia, a man is charged after allegedly shooting his son and killing his wife. The injured son sought refuge with neighbors while Sheetal Wrzesien, the victim, a tech leader, was lying dead inside the house. The husband was arrested a

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