

This week, the NRI Herald covers major shifts in U.S. visa policy affecting students and professionals, the rise of Indian-origin tech leaders, and diaspora community milestones. From OpenAI's new CTO to a pushback on student visa caps, we bring you the stories that matter to Indian-Americans.

POLITICS

House Democratic Leaders Endorse Shri Thanedar's Re-election Bid

INSIDE THIS WEEK

POLITICS

Indian-American Nirav Shah withdraws from Maine Senate Democratic primary

POLITICS

STATEMENT FROM DR. NIRAV SHAH ON SUSPENDING HIS U.S. SENATE CAMPAIGN, ENDORSING TROY JACKSON

POLITICS

House Democratic leaders back Indian-American Congressman Thanedar for Michigan re-election

POLITICS

Nirav Shah withdrawals from Maine campaign for U.S. Senate

POLITICS

IAAC Launches Anti-Indian Hate Tracker

NRI HERALD · NEWSLETTER

Wake up to the
diaspora. Free.

The best of Indian-American journalism, in your inbox each morning. Subscribe free at nriherald.com.

Political developments and diaspora advocacy shape the week. House Democrats endorse Shri Thanedar, while Nirav Shah suspends his Senate campaign. The IAAC launches an anti-Indian hate tracker, and a new Indian bank in Texas draws scrutiny.

POLITICS

Indian-American Nirav Shah withdraws from Maine Senate Democratic primary

POLITICS

STATEMENT FROM DR. NIRAV SHAH ON SUSPENDING HIS U.S. SENATE CAMPAIGN, ENDORSING TROY JACKSON

POLITICS

House Democratic leaders back Indian-American Congressman Thanedar for Michigan re-election

POLITICS

Nirav Shah withdrawals from Maine campaign for U.S. Senate



POLITICS

IAAC Launches Anti-Indian Hate Tracker

Stop Indian Hate Tracker now documents incidents, patterns, and narratives of anti-Indian hostility. New tools include Indian Hate Network research, Know Your Rights guides, and Substack analysis. Focus shifts from temporary outrage to lasting victim support and institutional eng

POLITICS

‘Not Simply Another Community Bank’: Critics Sound Alarm Over New Indian Bank in Texas

Visa policy dominates headlines: a proposed \$100,000 bond for green card applicants, a four-year student visa cap, and the August 2026 Visa Bulletin. Advocacy groups push back, and Europe emerges as an alternative for Indian talent.

VISA & IMMIGRATION

Mumbai Crime Branch Detains 37 Bangladeshi Nationals For Allegedly Staying Illegally; Deportation Process

VISA & IMMIGRATION

August 2026 Visa Bulletin: What Employers, Professionals and EB-5 Investors Need to Know

VISA & IMMIGRATION

August 2026 Visa Bulletin, Modest Advancement for Several Employment-Based Categories; EB-1 India May Become Unavailable in Coming Weeks; USCIS to Accept Final Action Dates for Employment-Based Categories



VISA & IMMIGRATION

FIIDS Leads Pushback on US Student Visa Cap

The Foundation for India and Indian Diaspora Studies (FIIDS) is urging Congress and USCIS to halt the new four-year visa cap on F-1 and J-1 stays, calling it a self-inflicted wound on US competitiveness that disrupts Indian students' education and research pathways. The group see

VISA & IMMIGRATION

New U.S. Student Visa Limit Could Disrupt Degree Programs, Group Warns

VISA & IMMIGRATION

Video | Trump Administration Weighs \$100,000 Bond For Some Green Card Applicants

VISA & IMMIGRATION

Video | US Considers \$100K Green Card Bond | UK Gets New PM

VISA & IMMIGRATION

Beyond the 70% headline: USCIS report shows H-1B workers are becoming more educated, better paid and incr

VISA & IMMIGRATION

Trump weighs \$100,000 bond for some US green card applicants: What to know

VISA & IMMIGRATION

Why Indian diaspora groups want US to pause its 4-year student visa rule

POLITICS

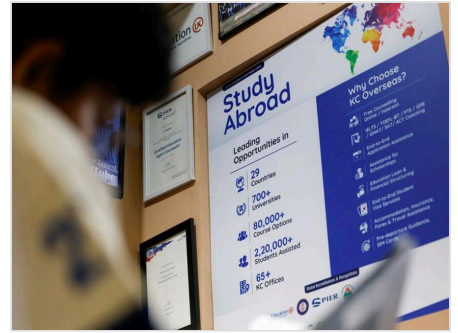
US caps foreign students stay at 4 years: What it means for Indian students | Trump



VISA & IMMIGRATION

Elite Calls for Retaining Indian Talent Clash with Rising US Hostility

Ackman urges fast-tracking visas for top Indian students to retain creators who build economic value, calling current policy inconsistent. Yet broader trends show hostility: Supreme Court empowers denying Green Card holders entry over unproven "moral turpitude", with anger target



VISA & IMMIGRATION

Europe Draws Indian Talent as US Visa Rules Tighten

Europe is emerging as a structured alternative for Indian students and professionals, fueled by the India-EU trade deal's mobility provisions. Germany and Netherlands see sharp enrollment jumps, with lower tuition (50-80% less than US) and English programs attracting engineers an

VISA & IMMIGRATION

July 2026 Visa Bulletin: Key Changes and What They Mean for Your Green Card

VISA & IMMIGRATION

Indian diaspora advocacy group urges US Congress, USCIS to halt visa restrictions for students, exchange visitors

VISA & IMMIGRATION

New Book Claims H-1B Visa System Facilitates Labor Exploitation

NRI HERALD · YOUR COMMUNITY

Got an event? *Tell us.*

Submit your association's events & announcements free at nriherald.com/submit, featured in print and online.

COMMUNITY

Diaspora communities connect through events and advocacy. The Northeast Indian festival in London, NAMAM Excellence Awards, and diaspora engagement in US and UK events highlight cultural pride. Bishop's migration rhetoric stirs debate.



SPORTS

Diaspora Engages Officials Across US and UK Events

Indian diaspora communities are actively connecting with officials through receptions and sports gatherings, boosting cultural pride and bilateral links. Los Angeles reception honored Ambassador Khampa and

Consul General Srinivasa, celebrating heritage and community contributions



BUSINESS

Diaspora Bridges India-New Zealand Strategic Partnership

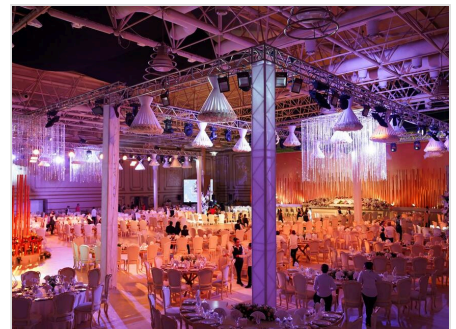
The Indian diaspora in New Zealand serves as a vital bridge in the maturing strategic partnership, underpinning recent high-level visits and the April 2026 FTA that opens pathways for 5,000 skilled professionals. This human connection supports ambitious trade targets of NZ\$7 bill



CULTURE

Northeast Indian Diaspora Marks Cultural Milestone in London

The Northeast Indian diaspora in the UK hosted its first large-scale London festival celebrating all eight states, showcasing ancestral traditions through food, music, handloom and community events to a global audience. This landmark celebration highlights growing visibility and



BUSINESS

NAMAM Excellence Awards Honor Global Malayalee Achievers

NAMAM's Aug. 2 gala in Fords, NJ, celebrates diaspora excellence across leadership, entrepreneurship, arts and service. Key honorees include Padma Shri Hasmukh Shah for media and Dr. Sajimon Antony for community leadership. The event launches a legacy book documenting 40 Indian-o



CULTURE

Bishop's Invasion Rhetoric Stirs Migration Debate

Bishop Athanasius Schneider's claim that Muslim migrants are "invaders" seeking to Islamize Europe and destroy its historical culture has amplified Europe's polarized conversation on demographics, identity, and integration. Critics warn such language risks broad generalizations a

Indian-origin leaders make waves: Uday Ruddaraju becomes OpenAI's CTO of Compute, and Rajiv Meherish's legacy is remembered. Banks compete for NRI deposits, Sagar Pictures goes global, and student loan defaults rise.

TECH

STEM IT CEO Siddharth Nandyala,15, Detects Heart Disease with AI



TECH

Banks Race for NRI Dollars with Deposit Schemes

HSBC and Standard Chartered are aggressively targeting Indian diaspora savings through Foreign Currency Non-Resident deposits, with relationship managers reaching out immediately to NRIs like Dubai-based engineer Moumita Shome. This competition signals growing opportunities for o



BUSINESS

Sagar Pictures Goes Global with IP Strategy, Boosting Diaspora Ties

Sagar Pictures Entertainment is launching a global studio business with an IP-led strategy spanning gaming, music, consumer products and theme parks, starting with its seven-chapter 'Shrimad Bhagavatam' franchise. Building on 75 years of epic storytelling that has reached over a

TECH

Who Is Uday Ruddaraju? Hyderabad Engineer Named OpenAI's CTO Of Compute

TECH

Who is Uday Ruddaraju? Indian-origin engineer appointed OpenAI's CTO of Compute after leaving Elon Musk's..., not from IIT, NIT, he is from...

BUSINESS

Who Was Rajiv Meherish? Indian-Origin Restaurateur And Founder of Raju Omlet Passes away

TECH

Indian-origin tech leader Uday Ruddaraju is new CTO, Compute at OpenAI

TECH

Indian-Origin Uday Ruddaraju Named OpenAI's CTO Of Compute

BUSINESS

Who Was Rajiv Meherish? The Indian-Origin Entrepreneur Behind Dubai's Famous Raju Omlet

TECH

Who is Uday Ruddaraju? Indian-origin tech leader named OpenAI's CTO of ComputeOpenAI has promoted Indian-orig

BUSINESS

Who was Rajiv Meherish? Indian-origin founder of the popular Dubai-based restaurant chain Raju Omlet who passed away

BUSINESS

As defaults on student loans surge, millions are trying to get their lives back on track

TECH

Indian-Origin Tech Executive Uday Ruddaraju Named OpenAI's CTO Of Compute

TECH

Google Vids gets Gemini Omni-powered conversational editing and Personal Avatars

TECH

Indian-origin tech executive Uday Ruddaraju takes over as OpenAI's CTO of Compute

TECH

Meet Uday Ruddaraju, the Indian-origin executive now leading OpenAI's Compute division

NRI HERALD · TOOLS

Green Card Tracker

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

IFFM 2026 strengthens diaspora ties through film. The World Cup inspires campaigns and sports bar concepts. Jasmine Sandlas faces an incident at a concert, and Atlanta rapper Alley Boy passes away.



CULTURE

IFFM 2026 Strengthens Diaspora Ties Through Film

The Indian Film Festival of Melbourne returns as Australia's largest celebration of Indian cinema outside India, backed by the Victorian Government. Showcasing 130 films in 38 languages from 13-24 August, it highlights women-led stories, queer narratives, and rich linguistic diversity.

SPORTS

Gulzar's owners debut new sports bar concept downtown

SPORTS

Brand USA Unveils 'More To Love' Campaign After World Cup

SPORTS

What next for Lionel Messi after World Cup 2026 final heartbreak: Retirement, Copa America 2028 or one last dance?

SPORTS

Explained: Why six teams have already qualified for the 2030 FIFA World Cup

SPORTS

FIFA World Cup 2026 Final LIVE Streaming in USA and India

CULTURE

Dhurandhar singer Jasmine Sandlas allegedly mobbed, inappropriately touched during concert

POLITICS

Atlanta rapper Alley Boy dies at 39 after battle with Kidney failure; Last Instagram post goes viral