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*This week, we celebrate the resilience and achievements of the Indian-American community as the United States marks its 250th anniversary. From political milestones and business triumphs to cultural festivities and sports excitement, our stories reflect a vibrant diaspora shaping America's future. Dive into our curated sections for a comprehensive overview.*

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*As America turns 250, Indian Americans reflect on their contributions and challenges. Key political developments include appointments, honors, and calls to action against Hinduphobia.*

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Trump mixed storytelling with humor on Usha Vance's podcast, joking about former US presidents, his own weight and his reading habits

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### Nita Ambani receives AAPI Humanitarian Award in Florida

Nita M. Ambani received the AAPI Humanitarian Award in Tampa, Florida, in recognition of her philanthropic and humanitarian contributions.

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### 250 Years, 250 Moments, One Indian American Story



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### Indian Diaspora Leader Marks US 250th Anniversary

George Abraham, Vice-Chair of Indian Overseas Congress USA, hailed America as a beacon of liberty and praised Indian Americans' embrace of its values of freedom, merit, and opportunity in a message marking the nation's 250th anniversary. The statement highlights the community's g

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### Nita Ambani honoured with AAPI Humanitarian Award and Key to Tampa City for philanthropic contributions

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### The American tapestry at 250

As America celebrates its 250th birthday, I find myself thinking less about fireworks, parades, and speeches than about a loom.

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### Trumpiana: The vain man's burden!

The don carries the weight of the world with an angry scowl

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### Indian Overseas Congress USA Vice-Chair George Abraham Congratulates the United States on Its 250th Anniversary

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### PM Modi to begin three nation tour from Monday, to visit Indonesia, Australia, NZ

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### Auckland's 10k+ Turnout Spotlights Diaspora Ties Beyond Modi's Official Stops

Massive grassroots welcome : Over 10,000 expected at Auckland's Spark Arena on July 11, celebrating shared heritage and people-to-people bonds. Official diplomatic sweep : Modi addresses large diaspora gatherings across Indonesia, Australia, and New Zealand during July 6-11 visit



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### India's Dual Push: Digital OCI and Cultural Programs

India is blending digital tools and cultural immersion to build systematic diaspora ties. e-OCI rollout : Fully digital Overseas Citizen of India cards let holders apply, update passports online, and skip physical renewals after age 20, cutting paperwork and mission visits. Know

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### US gave me opportunities India couldn't: Nooyi

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### Asia Society Texas presents A Nice Indian Boy



Visa policies and immigration debates continue to impact the community. From B1/B2 changes to H-1B court rulings, we track key updates and personal stories.



### VISA & IMMIGRATION

## What if Birthright Citizenship Had Been Ended?

Imagine a world where Marco Rubio, born to Cuban migrants, along with Indian diaspora figures like Kash Patel, Nikki Haley, and Usha Vance faced citizenship limbo under Trump's order. This near-miss for countless families highlights why the recent Supreme Court win matters for

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### VISA & IMMIGRATION

#### Applying for a US B1/B2 Visa from Kolkata? Consulate now has 4 appointment categories

The U.S. Consulate in Kolkata has introduced four new B1/B2 visa appointment categories. Here's what the change means for applicants

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### VISA & IMMIGRATION

#### 'I voluntarily returned to India': Indian professional seeks answers after B1/B2 visa refusal

An Indian professional shared their US B1/B2 visa refusal, wondering if an unfinished PhD and Day 1 CPT questions influenced the decision.

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### VISA & IMMIGRATION

#### DHS and Secretary Mullin Mark One Year Anniversary of Historic Big Beautiful Bill

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#### Tamil Nadu sends 50 Bangladeshi nationals to Bengal for deportation

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### POLITICS

#### Australia keeps 2027 international student cap unchanged at 295,000



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### VISA & IMMIGRATION

#### Thanedar-Gill Clash Spotlights Rising Anti-Immigrant Backlash

The Thanedar-Gill exchange over H-1B visas and the "7-Eleven workers" remark captures a sharp turn against Indian Americans. Political flashpoint: Thanedar called out Gill's language as promoting harmful stereotypes, while Gill defended prioritizing American workers and dismisse

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### VISA & IMMIGRATION

#### US court blocks \$100,000 H-1B fee: What it means for Indian travellers, students and professionals



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### VISA & IMMIGRATION

#### Germany Courts Indian Talent with Record Openings

Record 59,419 Indian students enrolled in Germany for 2024/25, up 20% and topping China, mostly in engineering. Skilled worker visa quota for Indians raised sharply from 20,000 to 90,000 annually in high-demand sectors. Short-term academic visas now fee-free and processing digiti

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**Got an event? *Tell us.***

Submit your association's events & announcements free at [nriherald.com/submit](http://nriherald.com/submit) — featured in print and online.

Cultural events and community gatherings highlight the richness of Indian-American life. From grocery store openings to festivals, these stories capture everyday moments and celebrations.

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## Watch: New Indian grocery store in New Jersey sees massive rush, Internet calls it 'American sabzi mandi'

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Chaotic opening of Indian store in New Jersey sparks online reactions

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'Seen Black Friday Sale?': Internet Reacts As Video Of Indians In New Jersey Crowding Store Goes Viral

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New Jersey Indian Store Opening Turns Chaotic, Internet Reacts

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Why, Just Why?: Indian Grocery Stores Grand Opening In New Jersey Turns Chaotic; Viral Video Sparks Debate

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'Parval for 1.99\$': Chaos erupts at the opening of Indian grocery store in New Jersey - watch

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'America sabzi mandi': New Jersey Indian store opening descends into chaos, internet reacts

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New Jersey Indian Grocery Store Surge Highlights Ethnic Retail Growth

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US: Indian Grocery Store's Grand Opening Sees Massive Rush in New Jersey Over Discounted Parval (Watch

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CULTURE

**Boston Festival of India Showcases Vibrant Diaspora Culture**

India Heritage Foundation Boston is hosting a free four-day Festival of India through July 5, featuring live kirtan, cultural music and dance performances, yoga sessions, and vegetarian feasts to mark the temple's third anniversary. This joyful community gathering highlights the

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BUSINESS

**Sunil Bharti Mittal hopeful of India-US trade deal in coming weeks**

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Indian Americans continue to drive innovation and economic growth. This section covers investments, leadership, and tech breakthroughs shaping the future.

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## Indian companies in US: \$40 billion investment, 425,000 jobs explained

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TECH

**How Indian Americans Are Engineering America's Future**

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**Indian-Origin Leaders Powering Global Technology Ecosystem (2026 Edition)**

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**AAPI honors co-founder Dr. Navin C. Shah with Lifetime Achievement Award**

AAPI co-founder honored for decades of advocacy, including his role in the landmark fight that ended discrimination against foreign medical graduates in the United States

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TECH

**Katalyst launches orbital rescue mission for aging NASA observatory**

NASA and Space startup Katalyst launched a robotic spacecraft over the Pacific on a mission to rescue an aging NASA satellite observatory

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**Strathclyde Business School, Glasgow opens applications for International Masters Scholarship 2027**

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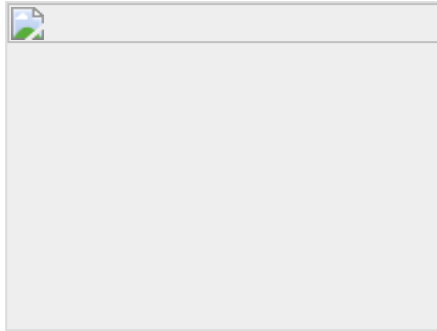
**Elon Musk Tops CEO Pay Rankings With \$158 Billion Package, Surpassing Mukesh Ambani's Estimated Net Worth**

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**Ram Shriram: The Quiet Indian-Origin Investor Who Saw Google Before The World Did**

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**Indian Diaspora: 35M Strong, \$130B+ Remittances**

The 35-million-strong Indian diaspora, just 2.5% of India's population, punches far above its weight globally. Economic power : Indian Americans (1.5% of US population) earn \$150,000+ median household income; India receives \$130 billion in remittances yearly. Leadership : Indian-

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**Trade, defence and diaspora: Albanese to welcome Modi to reshape Australia-India agenda**

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**Half The Staff Gone? Indian-American CEO Makes Shocking AI Prediction**

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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](http://nriherald.com/visa)

*From T20 World Cup action to FIFA World Cup viewing guides, sports unite the diaspora. Plus, entertainment highlights featuring Indian-American talent.*

SPORTS

# Cricket match squads | IND vs USA, 3rd Match, Group A, ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026

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**How Fans Can Watch Canada vs Morocco FIFA World Cup 2026 Round of 16 LIVE In India, UK, USA and Australia. Check All Details**

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**Mohammed Siraj returns to Indian T20 World Cup squad with three wickets against USA**

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**Where To Watch Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo and FIFA World Cup 2026 Round of 16 Knockout Matches LIVE Streaming In India, USA, UK, And Australia?**

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**Glenn Maxwell says USA could have upset India at T20 World Cup, backs ETPL to boost European cricket**

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**Donald Trump wishes Team USA success at ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026**

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