

TRUMP'S CRACKDOWN ON FOREIGN STUDENTS

US student visas for Indians in March-May lowest since Covid

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THE US STUDENT visa season is off to a slow start for Indians, with the number of F-1 visas issued between March and May falling to the lowest level for these months since the pandemic, according to the latest available data from the US State Department.

The months from March to June typically mark the peak period for students preparing to begin their studies in the Fall semester (August/September). From March to May this year, Indian students were issued 9,906 F-1 (academic) visas — even lower than the corresponding period in 2022 (10,894), when international travel had just resumed post-Covid (see chart). A total of 14,987 F-1 visas were issued in these months in 2023, and 13,478 in 2024.

The dip comes amid the Trump administration's crackdown on international students, including visa revocations for several students — some of them Indian — linked to pro-Palestine protests or interactions with law enforcement, as well as a two-week pause (May 27 to June 18) on fresh applications to implement stricter vetting of applicants' social media activity.

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In May, Politico reported that the Trump administration had directed US embassies and consular sections to halt the

F-1 VISAS ISSUED TO INDIANS

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	2021*	2022	2023	2024	2025
March	1,102	1,476	736	640	397
April	1,876	2,368	10,589	1,009	2,525
May	503	7,050	3,662	11,829	6,984
Total	3,481	10,894	14,987	13,478	9,906

*Pandemic year Source: US State Department monthly reports

scheduling of new interviews for student visa applicants, as it considered making social media vetting mandatory for prospective foreign students. By June, the US embassy in New Delhi had advised applicants for F, M, and J category visas to make their social media accounts public to facilitate the screening process. (The F-1 visa is for academic studies, the M category for vocational or non-academic programmes, and the J visa for exchange programmes that include study or research.)

These months lead up to the start of the academic year in US universities, which typically begin in August or September.

This year's slow start follows an overall decline in student visa issuances in 2024 — a trend now compounded by the Trump administration's hardening stance on international enrolments. As reported by The Indian Express in December last year, after an initial post-pandemic surge, student visa approvals for Indian nationals fell sharply in

2024. From January to September 2024, only 64,008 F-1 visas were issued to Indian students — down from 1.03 lakh during the same period in 2023 and 93,181 in 2022.

Still, the overall growth in the number of Indian students in the US over the past few years has been striking. In the 2023-24 academic year, Indians overtook Chinese students to become the largest group of international students in the country, according to Open Doors 2024 data.

Asked about the reason behind the drop in visa issuances this year, if student visa applications have dropped or rejections seen an uptick, and whether student visa applicant interviews are currently being scheduled, a US Embassy spokesperson said: "The adjudication of visa applications is critically important to the national security and public safety of the US. We encourage applicants to apply as early as they can and to anticipate additional processing time for these visa categories," the Embassy spokesperson said.

IT min, X spar over blocking of Reuters, other handles

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
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THE GOVERNMENT ON Tuesday said it has not made any fresh requests to block access to certain X accounts in the country and that it had proactively got blockage of a prominent international wire agency lifted.

The statement came as the Elon Musk-owned platform asserted that the government of India, on July 3, sought the blocking of over 2,300 X handles in India. The list, it claimed, included the handle Reuters in India.

"The government has not issued any fresh blocking order on 3rd July 2025 and has no intention to block any prominent international news channels, including Reuters and ReutersWorld. The moment Reuters and ReutersWorld were blocked on the X platform in India, immediately the government wrote to 'X' to unblock them," an official spokesperson of the ministry of electronics and IT (Meity) said.

On Saturday night, Reuters' X account, @Reuters, became inaccessible in India due to a "legal demand" made by the government, the micro-blogging website had said.

While the government was quick to write to X asking for the reasons for the blockage and sought restoration of access to the account, sources indicated that the embargo may have been due to a government request made for blocking certain accounts during Operation Sindoor in May.

However, X had not blocked Reuters' account then.

With those circumstances not remaining relevant, the Indian government was not seeking any new blockage.

SANJOG GUPTA, CEO, INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL

Pushing boundaries

AS THE SECOND INDIAN AFTER MANU SAWHNEY TO HEAD ICC, GUPTA HAS HIS TASK CUT OUT

VIVEAT SUSAN PINTO

THERE IS NEVER a dull moment with Sanjog Gupta, sports media veteran and the newly appointed CEO of the International Cricket Council (ICC). He is clear, articulate and brutally honest, studying the pulse of the consumer to understand broadcasting and media trends. ICC will be counting on the 44-year-old's sharp insights to help the body navigate the world of cricket, which is changing fast.

Attention spans are getting shorter, the need for entertainment is growing, prompting a shift away from longer formats to shorter-duration games such as T20 cricket. Gupta, who was earlier the CEO for sports and live experiences at broadcaster JioStar, has admitted in conversations that the Indian Premier League (IPL), which is organised by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), has set the tone for T20 cricket not just in India, but across the world. The formation of T20 leagues on the lines of the IPL in the last few years, he says, is proof of that. JioStar has the TV and digital media rights of the IPL.

But while life as a media executive placed Gupta at the forefront of TV and digital broadcasting, where his responsibilities revolved largely around viewership, monetisation and programming of media assets owned by his former company, experts say, his appointment as the head of a cricketing body such as the ICC will place before

him unique challenges. The most important being governance. Besides that, Gupta has the task of pushing much more than he did earlier such as driving women's cricket and managing the inclusion of the sport into the Olympics in 2028. On Monday, he admitted that the rapid acceleration of technology in sports broadcasting was changing the nature and pace of the game. New viewers were coming on board across multiple platforms, demanding more engagement. This was both an exciting and challenging moment for cricket, he said, adding that the sport was set for unprecedented growth in the future.

The former journalist-turned-broadcaster-turned-cricket-body head is also the second Indian after media veteran Manu Sawhney to be appointed the chief executive of the ICC, some-

thing he is acutely aware of, given that the Indian subcontinent contributes to the lion's share of advertising and broadcasting money to ICC. JioStar, for instance, holds rights in India to all major ICC events and tournaments through 2027, through a tie-up struck (by Star) three years ago. It remains one of ICC's foremost media partners. While his 14-year association with Star, which turned into JioStar after the merger with Viacom18 in November 2024, is expected to help ICC manage an important media partner, as the CEO of ICC, he will have the onerous task of handling various cricket boards and broadcasters from across the globe. ICC is also looking to expand internationally and introduce cricket to more nations.

In his previous role as the sports head at JioStar, Gupta stayed focused on what he described as the 4 I's — inclusivity, intuitive user experiences, interactivity and immersion. The result

was that the IPL 2025 emerged as the most monetised edition ever, Gupta said at the APOS media summit, in Bali, Indonesia, last month. Industry sources said that advertising revenue of the IPL 2025 touched nearly ₹5,000 crore, surpassing last year's ₹4,500 crore.

IPL 2025 also had many other firsts, including digital viewership at 652 million crossing the 537 million viewers on television.

There were also over 425 brands, including 270 first-time advertisers across 40 categories partnering with JioStar.

In his early years as a journalist, Gupta would be curious about trending news topics, former colleagues and friends said, where he frequently doubled up as anchor, correspondent and assistant producer churning out news shows at TV Today. Starting off as a correspondent covering business affairs at The Tribune in 2002, Gupta would go on to work with channels such as Star News and NDTV besides TV Today. By 2010, Gupta had moved to the business side of media, taking over as associate vice-president at Star TV network. His boundless energy and curiosity would come in handy as he negotiated English and Hindi programming, general entertainment and movies at the network, before becoming CEO of sports at Star. His love for sports programming would see him stick on as a sports broadcaster for the next five years.

Life has come a full circle now for Gupta.



SHYAM KUMAR PRASAD

Half of Class 6 students don't know tables till 10: Govt survey

ONLY 55% OF Class 3 students can arrange numbers up to 99 in ascending or descending order while only 53% of them in Class 6 know tables up to 10, a ministry of education (MoE) survey has found.

The Performance Assessment, Review and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development (PARAKH) Rashtriya Sarvekshan, formerly known as the National Achievement Survey (NAS), was conducted on December 4 last year, covering 21,15,022 students from both

government and private schools in Grades 3, 6 and 9 across 74,229 schools in 781 districts, spanning 36 states and Union Territories (UTs).

The survey said 1,15,022 children from the three grades were assessed and 2,70,424 teachers and school leaders responded through questionnaires.

According to the report, only 55% of students in Class 3 can arrange numbers up to 99 in ascending or descending order while 58% of the students can



perform addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers. In Class 6, only 53% of students understand and visualise arithmetic operations and the

relationships among them, know addition and multiplication tables at least up to 10 and apply the four basic operations on whole numbers to solve daily life problems.

In Class 6, an additional subject 'The World Around Us', which covers environment and society, was introduced alongside Language and Mathematics. Students scored lowest in Mathematics (46%), while Language averaged 57% and The World Around Us scored 49% nationally.

According to MoE officials, instances where less than 50 per cent of students were able to answer correctly indicate learning gaps.

"These learning gaps highlight the need for focused interventions to strengthen students' skills, refine instructional strategies, and provide additional learning support. Addressing these areas effectively will help improve overall student learning outcomes in the nation," an official said.

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Extract of Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter ended 30th June, 2025

Particulars	Standalone				Consolidated			
	Quarter ended		Year ended		Quarter ended		Year ended	
	30.06.2025	31.03.2025	30.06.2024	31.03.2025	30.06.2025	31.03.2025	30.06.2024	31.03.2025
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1 Total income from operations [including Regulatory income/(expense) (net)]	17,117.01	23,456.84	18,230.33	74,507.77	17,573.28	23,944.91	18,477.44	76,285.68
2 Net Profit/(Loss) for the period from ordinary activities before tax and exceptional items	526.42	(943.78)	519.41	588.87	446.06	(434.65)	438.79	869.40
3 Net Profit/(Loss) for the period from ordinary activities before tax after exceptional items	(24,004.45)	(943.78)	519.41	588.87	446.06	(434.65)	438.79	869.40
4 Net Profit/(Loss) for the period from ordinary activities after tax and exceptional items	(24,145.63)	(695.74)	390.37	422.45	304.88	(186.61)	309.75	702.98
5 Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(24,155.19)	(23,869.65)	9,444.10	(13,698.11)	295.41	(23,340.82)	9,367.36	(13,418.18)
6 Equity Share Capital	9,737.90	9,737.90	9,737.90	9,737.90	9,737.90	9,737.90	9,737.90	9,737.90
7 Other equity excluding revaluation reserve				19,758.81				19,501.39
8 Earnings per equity share (face value of ₹1 each) (not annualised)								
Basic & Diluted (₹)	(1.53)	(0.04)	0.02	0.03	0.02	(0.01)	0.02	0.04

Notes:

- These results have been reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective meetings held on 7th July 2025. The above results have been reviewed by the Statutory Auditors of the Company.
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of unaudited standalone and consolidated financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under the Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of unaudited standalone and consolidated financial results are available on the Stock Exchange websites, at the link (<http://www.nseindia.com> and <http://www.mseil.in>) and also on the Company's website, at the link www.indiapower.com. The results can also be accessed by scanning the QR code given below.

For India Power Corporation Limited
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Somesh Dasgupta
Whole-time Director
(DIN:01298835)

Place : Kolkata
Date : 7th July, 2025

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS OF

SKYLINE INDIA LIMITED

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OPEN OFFER FOR ACQUISITION OF UPTO 10,35,473 (TEN LAKH THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE) EQUITY SHARES FROM THE SHAREHOLDERS OF SKYLINE INDIA LIMITED, (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS ("SIL"/"TARGET COMPANY"/"TC") BY MR. ANIL KUMAR JAIN (ACQUIRER), PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 3(1) AND REGULATION 4 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (SUBSTANTIAL ACQUISITION OF SHARES AND TAKEOVERS) REGULATIONS, 2011, AS AMENDED ("SEBI (SAST) REGULATIONS")

This dispatch confirmation advertisement of the letter of offer ("Letter of Offer Dispatch Confirmation Advertisement") is being issued by Fintellectual Corporate Advisors Private Limited ("Manager to the offer") on behalf of the acquirer, and the said should be read in conjunction with the:

- Public Announcement dated Wednesday, April 09, 2025 ("Public Announcement")
- Detailed Public Statement dated Saturday, April 19, 2025, which was published on Monday, April 21, 2025, in the newspapers, namely being Financial Express (English), Jansatta (Hindi) and Pratibha (Marathi) ("Detailed Public Statement");
- Draft letter of offer dated Saturday, April 26, 2025 ("Draft Letter of Offer");
- Letter of offer dated Wednesday, July 02, 2025, along with the form of Acceptances-cum-Acknowledgement and Form No. SH-4 Securities Transfer Form ("Letter of Offer"); and

The term used in this letter of offer Dispatch Confirmation Advertisement have the same meaning assigned to them in the offer documents unless otherwise specified.

1) Completion of Dispatch of the Letter of Offer
The dispatch of the letter of offer to public shareholders as on identified date being Monday, June 30, 2025, for the purpose of this offer, has been completed on Monday, July 07, 2025, the details of which has been summarized herewith as below:

S. No.	Particulars	Mode of Dispatch	No. of Public Shareholders	Date of Sent/Dispatch
1.	Letter of offer (Through Demat mode)	Email	5	07.07.2025
2.	Letter of offer (to non-email and all physical cases)	Registered post	102	07.07.2025

2) Availability of letter of offer

- Public Shareholder may access the letter of offer on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in, MSEI at www.msei.in, Registrar at www.skylinert.com and Manager at www.fintellectualadvisors.com
- In case of non-receipt of the letter of offer, public shareholders, including those who have acquired the equity shares after identified date. If they so desire, may download the letter of offer from the website indicated above or obtain a copy of the same from the Manager or the Registrar.

MANAGER TO THE OFFER	REGISTRAR TO THE OFFER
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3) Schedule of Activities for the purpose of this offer:
Kindly note the schedule of the major activities set forth below:

Tentative Schedule of Activities	Actual Schedule of Activities (Day and Date)
Last date of publication in the Newspapers of Recommendation of the Independent director committee of the Target Company shall give its recommendation	Wednesday, July 09, 2025
Last date for revising the Offer Price/ Offer Size	Thursday, July 10, 2025
Advertisement of Schedule of Activities for Open Offer, status of statutory and other approvals in newspaper	Friday, July 11, 2025
Date of commencement of tendering period (Offer Opening Date)	Monday, July 14, 2025
Date of expiry of tendering period (Offer Closing Date)	Friday, July 25, 2025
Date by which all requirements including payment of consideration would be completed	Friday, August 08, 2025

4) Other information:

- The details relating to the procedure for tendering the Equity shares are more particularly set out in the letter of offer.
- The Letter of offer Dispatch confirmation Advertisement shall also be available and accessible on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in, MSEI at www.msei.in, and Manager at www.fintellectualadvisors.com

Issued by the Manager to the Offer on behalf of the Acquirer

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Place: New Delhi
Date: 08.07.2025

Sd/-
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Acquirer