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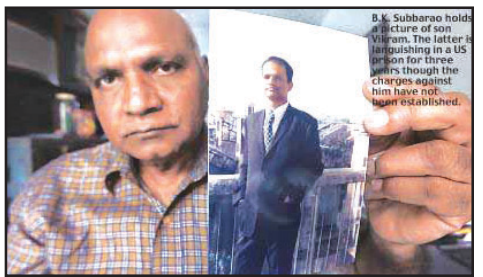
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## Cries Grow Louder For Release Of Purdue Student

Atlanta: The Indian government has responded to the call for justice by former Indian Navy captain Subbarao Buddhi for his son Vikram who has been languishing in jail in the US for



B. Subbarao holds a picture of son Vikram. The latter is languishing in a US prison for three years though the charges against him have not been established.

In reply, the US government is understood to have told India that the case has been referred to the Justice Department responsible for the case.

In the meanwhile, demonstrations and demands for the release of Buddhi are getting stronger every passing day as the IIT-ians have joined hands demanding an immediate release of Buddhi.

Vikram was picked up from the Purdue University campus in April 2006 for allegedly posting an online threat to former US President George W Bush and others on a website. Though technically it has not been proved that he sent the threat message from the campus, he still remains in prison, awaiting a sentence.

allegedly writing an anti-Bush remark on the Internet, various media outlets reported recently.

External Affairs Minister S M Krishna recently assured the family of Buddhi, who is in a US Federal jail from, that the Indian mission there would take "due interest" in the case.

"I can assure his family that I will see that the Indian mission takes due interest in this case. The whole idea is that India is particular that a

**Vikram Buddhi, a PHD student studying Math at Purdue University is in a US prison since 2006 for posting an anti-Bush post he says he never wrote.**

fair trial has to be given to Mr Vikram Buddhi," the minister told CNN-IBN.

Vikram Buddhi, a PHD student studying Math at Purdue University is in a US prison for posting an anti-Bush post he says he never wrote.

His father, has been fighting a lone legal battle to help his son and maintains he does not want mercy, but justice for his son.

India is said to have conveyed to the United States the possibility that the Purdue University website was hacked and that what was attributed to Buddhi may not even have been written by him, reported TOI.

The Indian government has also pointed out that Buddhi remains in jail even though no sentence has been pronounced.



A scene from Syam Yellamraju's mega historical drama "Chanakya". Photo by Passion Photo & Video. Full report on Pg 7.

## Over 18,000 H-1Bs Still Available

Washington: (IANS) Once coveted by Indian techies, more than one fourth of the H-1B visas for skilled professionals are yet to be grabbed, with the US job market still to pick up as it recovers from its deepest recession in decades.

By Sep 25 only about 46,700 of the H-1B visas in the general category were filled up against a Congressional mandated cap of 65,000, according to the latest update by US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Thus, more than 18,000 H-1B visas are still to be filled up, even as the new financial year began recently.

The USCIS said it would continue to accept the petitions till the allocated quota is filled up. Further, even though it has received some 20,000 H-1B petitions in the high-education category, it would continue to receive application in this category too.

"USCIS will continue to accept both cap-subject petitions and advanced degree petitions until a sufficient number of H-1B petitions have been received to reach the statutory limits, taking into account the fact that some of these petitions may be denied, revoked, or withdrawn," it said.

USCIS also warned that it will deny or revoke all petitions filed by an employer for the same H-1B worker if more than one filing is discovered.

If multiple petitions are discovered, whether one or more such petitions are approved, USCIS will data enter all those duplicate petitions, retain all fees, and either deny the petitions or, if a petition was approved, revoke the petition, it said.

This is for the first time in several years that thousands of H-1B visas are still to be filled up even at the start of the financial year.

In fact, in the last one month, USCIS received just 1,600 petitions for H-1B visas, which officials said reflects the poor job market.

This is unlike the previous years when the entire 65,000 visas were grabbed on day one. Many a times, the USCIS had to resort to a computerised lottery to determine the successful candidates.



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