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Three-fourth H-1B visa holders are Indians: US report

Nearly three out of every four H-1B visa holders as of October 5 are Indian citizens, an official US report has said. According to the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), there were as many as 4,19,637 foreign nationals working in the US on H-1B visas as on October 5. Of these, 3,09,986 are Indians, the USCIS said in its report 'H-1B petitions by gender and country of birth fiscal year 2018'. The report reveals a massive gender disparity — only one out of every four H-1B visa holders is female. Of the 4,19,637 H-1B visa holders, 1,06,096 (or 25.3 per cent) are females as against 3,11,997 (or 74.3 per cent males), it said. Gender disparity is wider among Indians.

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To overcome contaminated water, CSIR-IITR comes out with 'Oneer'

At a time when infection through drinking water is becoming a matter of health concern, the CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (CSIR-IITR), Lucknow, has come out with a safe and affordable water purification system "Oneer" that can be best utilised in homes and small establishments as well as in rural areas. Union Minister of Science & Technology Dr Harsh Vardhan said that Oneer developed by CSIR-IITR will provide safe and clean drinking water at a cost of just 2 Paise / Ltr. The Community level model is of 450 LPH capacity. It can be scaled up from 5,000 to 1 lakh L/day; and is maintenance and membrane free. The technology can eliminate all disease causing pathogens such as virus, bacteria, fungi, protozoa and cyst.

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