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WASHINGTON, DC, USA, November 1, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Foundation for India and Indian Diaspora Studies (<https://FIIDS-USA.ORG>) launched change.org petition urging the State Department, Secretary of State Mr. Anthony Blinken and the US embassies in India to eliminate wait times for visa appointments in India. Even after a two-year long, Covid-era, pause in visa appointments at the US embassies in India, the visa appointment situation is far from normal, requiring 300 to 900 days of wait time based on the visa types. As per travel.state.gov reports on 10/31/2022, there is an average 900+ days wait time for appointments for visitors' visa(B1/B2), an average 400 days wait time for students (F, M,J) and an average 300 days wait time for petition-based temp workers like H, L, O, P and Q across the USA consulates in India (Mumbai, New Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai and Kolkata) . In contrast, the US consulates in China only have an average 3 days wait time.



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Check the estimated wait time for a nonimmigrant visa interview appointment at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

Note: Embassies and Consulates may have a separate process for visa cases where the in-person interview requirement is waived. In general wait times for those cases are shorter, but they are not reflected in the table below. Please check the individual Embassy or Consulate website to determine if your case is eligible for a waiver of the in-person interview.

Applicants scheduling visa appointments in a location different from their place of residence should check post websites for nonresident wait times.

Select a U.S. Embassy or Consulate:

Kolkata

Nonimmigrant Visa Type	Appointment Wait Time
Interview Required Visitors (B1/B2)	812 Calendar Days
Interview Required Students/Exchange Visitors (F, M, J)	444 Calendar Days
Interview Required Petition-Based Temporary Workers (H, L, O, P, Q)	288 Calendar Days
Interview Waiver Visitors (B1/B2)	
Interview Waiver Students/Exchange Visitors (F, M, J)	
Interview Waiver Petition-Based Temporary Workers (H, L, O, P, Q)	

[See details on appointment availability and processing times](#)



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The 900+ day delay deprives Indian Americans and Indian immigrants in the USA of having their beloved relatives to visit, whether in the time of difficulties, needs or for celebrations, impacting



It's injustice to Indian Americans as they are deprived of visits from their relatives due to average 900 days wait time for visa appointments at the US consulates in India"

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their quality of life.

The 400+ day wait time affects students joining the US universities, that not only impacts students' future but also negatively impacts the US universities.

Similarly, the 300+ day of wait time is impacting productivity and success of various industries and businesses due to lack of skilled workers.

We urge the US State Department and Sec Blinken to

resolve this issue. We believe It is not only important for US interests but the right thing to do on moral and compassionate grounds. As per Reuters news on 27th Sept, the Secretary of State blamed the lack of resources and funding due to lost revenues from fees on this "self-financed program". We request the concerned authorities to take all necessary steps and to seek emergency funds to resolve this backlog. We are eager to assist in any way possible and will forge a coalition of organizations who will rise to the occasion to assist in mitigating this issue.

During the US 2022 midterm election, Foundation for India and Indian Diaspora Studies (<http://FIIDS-USA.org>) appeals to Indo-American voters to voice their concerns about these delays to the candidates contesting for house and senate.

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