

Car accident kills 21-year-old Hyderabadi's American dream

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PRANEETHA Devi Kasani, 21, who came to US in December of 2009 after completing her B. Tech from Hyderabad, and had enrolled in MS Electrical Engineering at Wright State University, Ohio, has been killed in a car accident in West Virginia. Kasani had gone to West Virginia along with her friends and while coming back to Ohio their car met with an accident around 6:45 am on Thursday, May 6 on High way I-64 in Beckley city, West Virginia.

She is survived by a sister and her parents who live in Hyderabad. Her father Ramarao Kasani works as a Circle Inspector of Police in Hyderabad.

Sashi Venkata Kondury, 22, Harika Vangeti, 22, Pavan Kumar Ragavajhala, 23, along with Praneetha and Puneeth Reddy Amarella, 22, and Santosh Maddali, from University of Northern Virginia, left West Virginia at around 2 am to go to Ohio. According to preliminary reports Puneeth Reddy, who was driving, lost control of his car at around

Wright State University (Ohio) MS Electrical Engineering student Praneetha Devi Kasani dies in West Virginia crash, had arrived in the USA just five months ago after completing her B. Tech from India



6:45 am and collided with another car on the left lane. Praneetha got ejected from the car and died instantly.

Though all the other passengers were badly injured, they were all out of danger and were discharged from hospital in a day or two.

Prasad Thotakura, TANA Executive Vice-President, Mohan Nannapaneni, TANA Secretary, Naren Kodali, TANA Trustee, Subba Rao Kolla, TANA Regional Director and several TANA Team Square volunteers, including Dr. Rajendra Prasad Valiveti of West Virginia, were working on the case.

"We are in the process of contacting Indian Consulate officials, Funeral Home, obtaining the certificates needed to send the deceased to Hyderabad by the earliest possible time. We hope to complete all formalities and send the body to Hyderabad soon," Said Prasad Thotakura.

Jayaram Komati, TANA President, and all the other Governing Board members of TANA offered their deepest condolences to the Kasani family. They also prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured.