

Two brothers from Bangalore die in plane crash

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Kartik Kalaichelvan, 22, and Casey Brinegar, 26, both pilot instructors at Skymates Flight College in Arlington, TX and Pratik Kalaichelvan, 19, got killed in a plane crash on July 13th in a town called Colar, 45 miles of Fort Worth, TX.

Pratik who was studying dentistry in Chennai came to visit his brother and supposed to go back to India in a couple of days. Casey and Kartik were showing Pratik, Texas from the sky. All three of them flew out in Casey's four-seat, single engine aircraft on Tuesday night for a dinner and were coming back to Arlington Airport when this accident happened.

The right wing of the 1964 Beech Craft Bonanza hit the ground, and the single-engine plane tumbled, according to an NTSB investigator. A witness told investigators that the engine sounded rough and then the

giam P. Kalaichelvan works as a pilot for King Fisher Airlines in Bangalore.

Casey and Kartik died at the scene and Pratik was taken by a helicopter to John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth where he later died. There was no fire and no one else was hurt. The cause of the crash



Pratik



Kartik

was still under investigation.

Parents of Kartik and Pratik left for Dallas on hearing the news. Srinivas Lanka, Morgan, friends of Kartik and a team of volunteers are making arrangements to get all the needed documents and transfer the bodies to a local funeral home.

"Parents want to take the bodies of their sons to Bangalore so we are

four-seat airplane nosedived.
Kartik learned to fly from Casey,
and was accumulating flight time
before returning to India to be
a commercial pilot like his dad.
Kartik and Pratik's father Alan-

making necessary arrangements.
We express our deepest condo-
lences to Kalaichelvan family on
the loss of two young men,"said
Prasad Thotakura, General Sec-
retary of the Indian American
Friendship Council (IAFC).

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