

Two students from Bangalore, Hyderabad killed in separate Texas road accidents

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TWO Indians were killed in road accidents in different parts of Texas. Naresh Naidu, 24, who emigrated to the US from Bangalore and was injured in a car accident on Tuesday, May 11 near Corpus Christie, Texas, died on May 12 at Christus Spohn Hospital in Corpus Christie. In another incident, Sri Ramachandra Murthy Vempati, 21, a brilliant third year undergrad student (B.S in Computer Science) who was enrolled on a Full Scholarship at Texas Christian University (TCU) Fort Worth met with an accident on Saturday, May 15 around 5:30 am and died of severe head injuries on Sunday, May 16.

Sri, who was driving his Toyota Solara on North Forest Blvd at a sharp curve, lost control and hit a tree on the driver side. He had bought the car only a week before the accident.

Naresh had just graduated with an MBA from Indiana University of Pennsylvania on May 9. He and his friend Naveen came to Texas State from Pennsylvania State to visit their friend Pradyumna. Pradyumna, who was driving the car, lost control and hit an electric



Naresh Naidu

pole. Pradyumna and Naveen who were in the front seats were saved with minor injuries.



Sri Vempati

Naresh, who was in back seat, suffered with severe head injuries and was taken to Christus

Spohn Hospital. A team of doctors tried their best but failed to save Naresh's life. Naresh is survived by parents and a brother. His father Venkatesh Naidu is a businessman.

TANA Executive Vice-President Prasad Thotakura was in touch with local hospital authorities and the Indian Consulate office in Houston to send Naresh's remains to India. Prof. Anantha Babbili, Dr. Ram Mulukutla, Costal Bend India Association, Indian Students Association members, Aravind, Vikram and several other TANA Team Square members were helping with the arrangements.

TANA President, Jayaram Komati, Secretary Mohan Nannapaneni, Murali Vennam, South West Regional Director and all other Governing Board members expressed their condolences to the Naidu family.

Sri, who hailed from Hyderabad, is survived by father Vempati Satya Surya Narayana (employee at Transco), Mother Vempati Vasanta Lakshmi, sister Sai Kiran and a large extended family. He went to Neeraj Public school, Hyderabad. Sri's family resides in Punjagutta, Hyderabad. His mother Vasantha Lakshmi arrived from Hyderabad to be with him. His uncle and aunts in the USA also joined him.