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US President Barack Obama has pledged to fix America's 'broken' immigration system to ensure that the US will remain a magnet for the best and the brightest from countries like India.

In his first major policy speech on the thorny issue of immigration, Obama revealed the broad contours of his vision of reform, which if implemented would be helpful to hundreds and thousands of people from countries like India, who are professionals and law abiding and add value to the American society.

"We should make it easier for the best and the brightest to come to start businesses and develop products and create jobs. Our laws should respect families following the rules, instead of splitting them apart," he said on his third major domestic agenda after health care and financial reforms.

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Image: US President Barack Obama speaks during his first State of the Union address on Capitol Hill in Washington.
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