

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention 2019

- The 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is being organized at **Varanasi on 21-23 January 2019**, by Ministry of External Affairs in association with State Government of Uttar Pradesh. Main theme: "*Role of Indian Diaspora in building New India*"
- Venue: Deendayal Hastkala Sankul (Trade Facilitation Centre and Craft Museum) at Lalpur in Varanasi. The venue is about 30-45 minutes drive from the Airport and 6 Kms. from Taj Hotel in Varanasi.
- Attractions: Participants are being offered option to take part in Kumbh Mela at Prayagraj on 24 January and witnessing the Republic Day Parade at New Delhi on 26 January. Varanasi as a place has some attraction points e.g. "Ganga Aarti" on the banks of River Ganges, Kashi Vishwanath Temple and Visit to Sarnath.
- **PBD Portal**: The portal www.pbndindia.gov.in has all details related to the convention, including detailed programme and payment details.
- **Last date of registration is 15 November 2018.**
- Arrangements:
 - ✓ Information-cum-facilitation-cum-help desks are being set at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Varanasi international and domestic airports to receive and see-off delegates.
 - ✓ The participants will have the option to choose their stay either in hotel or tented Swiss cottages in Varanasi when they register on the website. Tented accommodations will be arranged at Prayagraj near the Sangam for those who choose to partake in the Kumbha Mela.
 - ✓ There will also be arrangement for local transport for pick and drop to the venue and guided tours for local sightseeing in and around Varanasi and Prayagraj, including visit to Kashi Vishwanath temple and River Ganga Aarti at Varanasi.
 - ✓ Volvo buses are being arranged free of cost for travel of delegates from Varanasi to Prayagraj. The arrangements for Kumbh Mela on 24th January are being made free of cost. Special Pravasi trains are being arranged free of cost to bring the delegates from Prayagraj to Delhi. The passes for Republic Day Parade are being arranged and will be handed over to delegates along with the delegate kit in Varanasi.
 - ✓ Lunches and dinners will be arranged for all the 3 days of PBD Convention. Diaspora participants will also experience India's rich cultural heritage and progress and innovation through Cultural Evenings and Exhibitions that are being arranged as part of PBD 2019.

• **Registration Fees:**

- ✓ PBD delegates/participants are required to pay the registration fee. Group registration fee can also be availed by PBD delegates, who wish to participate as members of an Indian Association, Community organization or Professional organization. The registration fees schedule is as follows:
- ✓ The registration fee will include meals (lunch and dinner at the Conference venue) during the Conference period. A Conference bag with programme, access to lunch and dinner venues, cultural programmes will also be provided to the participants on arrival. Delegates can pick up the Conference Bag from the special counters set up at the PBD Convention venue from 19 January 2019.

Individual Registration		
(a)	Registration Fee Indian Nationals/Non-resident Indians (above 35 years)	INR 5000/- for one day INR 7,500/-for any two days during 21 to 23 January INR 10,000/- for all three days i.e. 21, 22, 23 January 2019
(b)	Person of Indian Origin (above 35 years)	US\$ 150 for one day US\$ 200 for two days US\$ 250 for three days
Group Registration		
(a)	Members of an Indian Community Organization can register as a group and benefit from the special rates applicable for such group registrations. The rates of discount applicable along with the numbers of registrations in the group are indicated:	Group
		5 to 50
		51 to 100
		more than 100 members
		Rebate%
		25
		35
		50
Special Registration Fees for Young PIOs, NRIs and Young Resident Indians		
(a)	Indian Nationals/Non-resident Indians (between 18 to 35 years)	INR 3000/- for one day INR 7,500/- for any two days during 21 to 23 January, INR 10,000/- for all three days i.e. 21, 22, 23 January 2019
(b)	Persons of Indian Origin (between 18-35 years)	US\$ 100 for one day US\$ 150 two days US\$ 200 for three days

Programme for Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention, 21-23 January 2019
21 January 2019 – Monday: Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

Time	Session/Programme
09:30-11:00hrs	Inauguration of Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Guest His Excellency Mr. Himanshu Gulati, Member of Parliament, Norway • Guest of Honour His Excellency Mr. Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi, Member of Parliament, New Zealand
11:30-13:00 hrs	Plenary Session: Engagement with Younger Members of Indian Diaspora
13:00-14:30 hrs	Lunch hosted by Shri Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore , Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Youth Affairs and Sports
14:30-21:00 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interaction with Banaras Hindu University Students (Banaras Hindu University Campus Campus) • Dinner hosted by Shri Chetan Chouhan, Minister of State for Sports & Youth Welfare for youth PravasiBharatiya Divas participants
11:30-Onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inauguration of Uttar Pradesh State PravasiBharatiya Divas (Simultaneous event) • Cultural programme (Showcasing dance and music of Uttar Pradesh) in the Evening • Dinner hosted by Shri Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh for State PravasiBharatiya Divas participants

22 January 2019 - Tuesday

Inauguration of 15th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Convention 2019

Time	Session/Programme
10:00-12:30 hrs	Plenary I: Inauguration of 15th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Convention 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Guest His Excellency Shri Pravind Jugnauth, Prime Minister of Mauritius • Address by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi • Joint Unveiling of Plaque of Mauritius Diaspora Centre by both Prime Ministers • Bharat KoJaniye Quiz Award Ceremony & Group Photo
13:00-14:30 hrs	Lunch for delegates
14:00-15:30 hrs	Plenary Session II: Developing Cyber Capacity of India
16:00-17:30 hrs	Plenary Session III: Giving Back to India: Opportunities and Challenges
18:00-19:30 hrs	Cultural Programme (organized by Indian Council for Cultural Relations)
20:00 hrs onwards	Dinner hosted by Smt. Sushma Swaraj , Minister for External Affairs

23 January 2019 - Wednesday

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Time	Session/Programme
09:00-10:20 hrs	Plenary Session IV : Indian Community Organizations Working for Indian Nationals in Distressed Situation
10:20-11:40 hrs	Plenary Session V : Indian Diaspora's Role in Capacity Building of Artificial Intelligence in India
11:40-12:00 hrs	Tea Break
12:00-13:30 hrs	Plenary Session VI : Role of Indian Diaspora in Capacity Building for Affordable Waste Management
13:30-15:00 hrs	Lunch hosted by Shri Ram Naik , Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh
15:00-16:30 hrs	Plenary Session VII : Role of India Diaspora in Capacity Building for Affordable Solar Power
17:00-18:30 hrs	Valedictory Session and PravasiBharatiyaSamman Awards Ceremony by Hon'ble President
20:00 hrs	Dinner hosted by Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe , President, Indian Council of Cultural Relations

24 January, Thursday

In Prayagraj (Visit to Kumbh Mela)

Participants would arrive in Prayagraj by bus (Volvo AC Bus). Arrangements for holy bathing at Sangam

25 January, Friday

In Delhi

After Kumbh Mela, participants would travel from Prayagraj to New Delhi by train (two-tier AC coaches)

26 January, Saturday

Witnessing the 70th Republic Day Event in New Delhi

Special passes for foreign delegates of PBD 2019 have been arranged for the Republic Day Parade.
