

**Ministry of External Affairs
(OIA II Division)**

17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated on 9th January every year to recognise the contribution of Overseas Indian community in the development of India. The PBD conventions provide a platform for the government to engage overseas Indians from different countries on key issues concerning the Indian Diaspora, besides the networking opportunities for diaspora participants. The format of PBD Convention was revised in 2015, with the main PBD Convention being held every alternate year and theme-based panel discussions with participation of overseas diaspora experts and other stakeholders being organized in the intervening year.

For the last few years, the Government of India organises the PBD Convention in partnership with the one of the State Governments. The PBD Convention hosted in Partner State provides it the opportunity to showcase its strengths to the Diaspora, and helps attract investment and technology into the State. The 15th PBD Convention was held, in partnership with the Government of Uttar Pradesh, in Varanasi on 21-23 January 2019. The 16th PBD convention was held in virtual format on 9th January 2021, due to the Covid pandemic. (*List of previous PBD Conventions is at Annexure I*).

17th PBD Convention

The 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention will be held In Indore, Madhya Pradesh on 8-10 January 2023, with Madhya Pradesh as the Partner State. The theme of PBD 2023 is:

“Diaspora: Reliable partners for India’s progress in Amrit Kaal”

“प्रवासी: अमृत काल में भारत की प्रगति के लिए विश्वसनीय भागीदार ”

Programme for PBD 2023:

Day 1: Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

The Day 1 of the PBD Convention includes Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, which is organised by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in partnership with Ministry of External Affairs, to engage with the Youth Diaspora. The Partner State, Madhya Pradesh will also showcase the unique opportunities offered by the State, with focus on economy, culture, tourism, technology, etc. Key elements of Day 1 programme include:

- Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas
- Lunch hosted by Hon'ble Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports
- Programme by State of Madhya Pradesh
- Cultural Programme
- Dinner hosted by Hon'ble Chief Minister of MP

Day 2: Inauguration of 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention 2023

The Day 2 of the PBD Convention will include inauguration of 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention by Prime Minister of India, in the presence of Chief Guest. Prime Minister will also inaugurate a Digital Exhibition “*Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM)- Contribution of Diaspora in Indian Freedom Struggle*” and release a Commemorative Postal Stamp- “*Surakshit Jaayen (Go safe), Prashikshit Jaayen (Be Trained)*”. Two plenary sessions are also scheduled on the inaugural day. Key elements of Day 2 programme include:

- PBD Inaugural Session
- Lunch hosted by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
- Plenary Sessions
- Cultural Programme
- Dinner hosted by Hon'ble Minister for External Affairs

Day 3: Valedictory day of 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention

The Day 3 of the PBD Convention will include Conferment of Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards and Valedictory Address by the President of India. Two plenary sessions will also be organised on Day 3. Key elements of Day 3 programme include:

- Plenary Sessions
- Lunch hosted by Hon'ble Governor of MP
- Valedictory Session and Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards Ceremony
- 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention concludes
- Dinner hosted by President, ICCR

Plenary Sessions

The 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention will include five Plenary Sessions on the following themes:

- Plenary Session I: Role of Diaspora Youth in Innovation and New Technologies

- Plenary Session II: Harnessing the Potential of Women Diaspora Entrepreneurs towards an Inclusive Approach to Nation Building
- Plenary Session III: Leveraging the Soft Power of India- Goodwill through Craft, Cuisine & Creativity
- Plenary Session IV: Exploring Links between Skills and Migration Trends of Indian Workers Abroad
- Plenary Session V: Role of Indian Diaspora in promoting India's Healthcare Ecosystem in the Amrit Kaal: Vision @2047

Digital Exhibition

The 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas will include a Digital Exhibition with the theme "*Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav(AKAM)- Contribution of Diaspora in Indian Freedom Struggle /आजादी का अमृत महोत्सव (अकाम)-भारतीय स्वतंत्रता संग्राम में प्रवासी का योगदान*". The Digital Exhibition will pay tribute to the unsung heroes from the Diaspora who contributed to the the freedom struggle of India. The Digital Exhibition will use new age technology like VR, AR , Immersive projection , Holograms etc to bring out the stories of contribution by Pravasi Freedom Fighters.

Glimpses of M.P. exhibition

The Government of Madhya Pradesh will also organise a physical exhibition titled "Glimpses of Madhya Pradesh" to showcase the culture, tourism, economy, and other aspects of the State.

Annexure I

Year	Dates	Venue
2003	9 - 11 January, 2003	New Delhi
2004	9 - 11 January, 2004	New Delhi
2005	7 - 9 January, 2005	Mumbai
2006	7 - 9 January, 2006	Hyderabad
2007	7 - 9 January, 2007	New Delhi
2008	7 - 9 January, 2008	New Delhi
2009	7 - 9 January, 2009	Chennai
2010	7 - 9 January, 2010	New Delhi
2011	7 - 9 January, 2011	New Delhi
2012	7 - 9 January, 2012	Jaipur
2013	7 - 9 January, 2013	Kochi
2014	7 - 9 January, 2014	New Delhi
2015	7 - 9 January, 2015	Gandhinagar
2017	7 - 9 January, 2017	Bengaluru
2019	21 - 23 January, 2019	Varanasi
2021	8 - 9 January, 2021	Virtual