



NOTICE

16th PRAVASI BHARTIYA DIVAS CONVENTION BEING HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2021 AT 10.00AM (IST) (1.30AM: SURINAME TIME)

The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated on 9th January to mark the contribution of Overseas Indian community in the development of India. The 1st PBD Convention was held in the year 2003 and the 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention is being held on virtual mode on 09th January, 2021.

2. PBD provides a platform to engage, interact and build mutually beneficial networks and an opportunity to interact with Union Ministers of Government of India, Chief Ministers of States and prominent Persons of Indian Origin from other countries apart from discussing key issues concerning the Indian diaspora. The PBD is inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and valedictory session is chaired by the Hon'ble President of India. The Chief Guest at the 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention is:

H.E. Mr. Chandrikapersad Santokhi, President of the Republic of Suriname.

2. The PIOs, NRIs and guests are cordially invited to join live telecast of the 16th PBD Convention on 09th January, 2021 at 0130hrs (Suriname time) via the following link :

Meeting Link - <https://vircon24.com/16th-pbd-convention-2021/login>

(Please click on the above link and then click on the "SIGNUP" Tab and register for the event by providing some basic details).

3. The detailed programme of 16th PBD Convention on 9th January, 2021 is attached herewith.

The minute-to-minute programme of the Convention is as follows:

Programme

16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention 2021

“Contributing to Aatmanirbhar Bharat”

9 January, 2021 in Virtual

<u>Time slot</u> (Indian Standard Time)	<u>Session/Programme</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Inaugural Session	Inaugural Session	Inaugural Session
1005 hrs	Welcome Remarks by Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister	Virtual
1015 hrs	Keynote Address by H.E. Mr. Chandrikapersad Santokhi, President of Suriname, Chief Guest (pre-recorded)	
1030 hrs	Address by Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India	
1055 hrs	Announcement of “Bharat Ko Janiye Quiz” Awards	
1105 hrs	Conclusion of Inaugural Session	
Plenary Sessions	Plenary Sessions	Plenary Sessions
1115 hrs – 1300 hrs (SST 0245hrs) (105 minutes)	<u>Plenary Session I:</u> “Role of Diaspora in Aatmanirbhar Bharat” <u>Ministerial Segment:</u> Opening remarks by Secretary (CPV & OIA) Address by EAM Address by CIM <u>Technical Segment:</u> Session Moderator: Secretary (CPV & OIA) Panel Discussion with Moderator & Panelists Interactive Session with participants Concluding Remarks by Secretary (CPV & OIA) Close of Session	Virtual
1310 hrs – 1455 hrs (105 minutes)	<u>Plenary Session II:</u> “Facing Post-COVID Challenges – Scenario in Health, Economy, Social, and International Relations” <u>Ministerial Segment:</u> Opening remarks by FS Address by MoS Address by Union Health Minister	
1310 hrs – 1455 hrs (105 minutes)	<u>Technical Segment:</u> Session Moderator: Foreign Secretary Panel Discussion with Moderator & Panelists Interactive Session with participants Concluding Remarks by FS	
1455 hrs	Conclusion of Plenary Sessions	

Valedictory Session	Valedictory Session	Valedictory Session
1700 hrs	Arrival of Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India for the Valedictory Session	Virtual
1700 hrs	National Anthem	Virtual
1701 hrs	Welcome Address by Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister	Virtual
1707 hrs	Announcement of Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awardees	Virtual
1740 hrs	Acceptance Speech by one of the Samman Awardees	Virtual
1745 hrs	Valedictory Address by Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India	Virtual
1752 hrs	Vote of Thanks by Shri Sanjay Bhattacharyya, Secretary (CPV&OIA), Ministry of External Affairs	Virtual
1757 hrs	National Anthem	Virtual
Conclusion of 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention	Conclusion of 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention	Conclusion of 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention

*** (Suriname is 8 and half hours behind, while Barbados, St. Lucia and St. Vincent & the Grenadines are 9 and a half hours behind)*

The event on the day will also be live streamed on Youtube channel and Facebook page of the Ministry.