

Celebration of 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas from 21-23 January, 2019 at Varanasi

September 15, 2018

The website for the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2019 was jointly inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Smt. Sushma Swaraj and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath on 15 September 2018, which launched the commencement of online registration for participation in the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention 2019. Government of Uttar Pradesh is the Partner State for the Convention.

In reverence to the sentiments of the larger diaspora community to participate in Kumbh Mela and Republic Day celebrations, the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention is being organized from 21 to 23 January 2019 instead of 9th January. The Convention will be held at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. After the Convention, participants would be given the opportunity to visit Prayagraj for Kumbh Mela on 24th January, 2019 and witness the Republic Day Parade at New Delhi on 26th January 2019.

On 21st January, 2019, the inauguration of the Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas will be held in partnership with Ministry of Youth affairs and Sports. Government of Uttar Pradesh will also organize the State PBD - 2019 on 21st January, 2019. On 22nd January, 2019, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention. On 23rd January, 2019, the Valedictory Address will be delivered and Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards will be conferred by Hon'ble President, Shri Ram Nath Kovind.

On the invitation of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Mr. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, Prime Minister of Mauritius, will be the Chief Guest of the Convention. Mr. Himanshu Gulati, Member of Parliament of Norway, will be the Special Guest and Mr. Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi, Member of Parliament of New Zealand will be the Guest of Honor at the Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas on 21st January, 2019.

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention is the flagship event of the Government and provides an important platform to engage and connect with the overseas Diaspora. The theme of PBD 2019 is "Role of Indian Diaspora in building a New India."

New Delhi

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