14th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention
7 to 9 January 2017, Bengaluru, Karnataka

Ministry of External Affairs and Government of Karnataka invite Non-Resident Indians and Persons of Indian Origin to the 14th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention (PBD) 7 to 9 January 2017, Bengaluru.

Theme: “Redefining Engagement with the Indian Diaspora”

Highlights of the PBD Convention

Youth PBD - 7 January
- Connecting with Young Overseas Indians.
- Inauguration by Smt. Sushma Swaraj, External Affairs Minister and Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- Interact with Young PIOs and NRIs from all across the world.
- Interact with Young Resident Indians.
- Sessions on Start-ups Innovations which have social impact; and Start-up Ecosystem in Karnataka.

PBD Convention - 8-9 January
- Sessions on issues of significance to Indian Diaspora.
- Key note Address by Prime Minister.
- Chief Ministers will address delegates.
- President will confer Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards.
- Interactive Sessions with Overseas Indians.

Key Features of Convention
- Exhibition Showcasing Flagship Programmes, policies; corporate sectors.
- Special Sessions 7 & 9 January: Karnataka's investment potential & Start-up Ecosystem.
- Lunch and Dinner arranged for delegates.
- Indian Handicrafts and Cultural Bazaar.
- Optional: Industrial Visits on 7 &10 January organized by Karnataka Govt.
- Optional: Local Sight Seeing tours organized by Karnataka Tourism on payment.
- Cultural programmes on 7 & 8 January evening.

For Programme and Registration visit: pbdindia.gov.in
Last Date for Registration : 7 December 2016
Special Rates for Young PIOs and NRIs and Group Registrations.
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The highlights of the 14th PBD Convention:

(i) A new website pbdindia.gov.in is functional and contains details of the programme for PBD Convention. Registration of all delegates is through an online process, including payment of Registration fees.

(ii) Only overseas Indians invited by Ministry, G01 officials and invited foreign dignitaries and their delegations are exempt from registration fees. All others are expected to pay registration fees online. To enable greater participation of young NRIs and PIOs, registration fees of this category has been reduced substantially. Similarly group registrations will also benefit from discounts in fees, as per the number of persons in the group.

(iii) Deadline for registration online is 7 December 2016. Request for refunds will be received and processed only until 7 December 2016. Thereafter there will no refunds of registration fees.

(iv) Youth PBD is a new element organized since the 13th PBD. This is mainly for NRI and PIO youth of 18 to 30 years – EAM and Minister of Youth Affairs will inaugurate Youth PBD on 7 January. It includes Plenary Sessions on “Problems faced by Indian students abroad and NRI students in India”; Start-ups and Innovations which had a social impact in India; and Karnataka’s Start-up ecosystem.

We are organizing five Know India Programme (KIP) to coincide with PBD – and all four KIP groups will participate in PBD on 7 and 8 January. (The KIPs will be announced by the end of September). Youth PBD delegates will also interact with Indian youth selected from local universities and colleges, who will be invited to the Youth PBD.

(v) On 8 January PBD will be inaugurated by the Prime Minister who will deliver the Keynote Address. Thereafter Chief Minister of select States will address the delegates about the opportunities for investment, and invite delegates to participate in the development programmes of the respective States.

(vi) On 9 January, following Plenary Sessions, PBD will conclude with the Valedictory Address delivered by the Hon’ble President, who will also confer the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Samman Awards.

(vii) Theme of 14th PBD will be “Redefining Engagement with the Indian Diaspora”. All sessions will be in Plenary format. There will be no concurrent sessions. Topics for Plenary sessions are already indicated on the PBD website. These sessions will be interactive, with 15 minutes of presentation and 30 minutes interactive session with delegates.

(viii) Karnataka Government is organizing following to showcase their State:

**Plenary Session 7 January: Fuelling growth through disruptive Innovations – Start-up ecosystem in Karnataka.**

**Plenary Session 9 January: Innovate, Invent and Invest in Karnataka.**

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