

#### PRESS RELEASE

### 16th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Convention 2021

## 9 January, 2021

The 16<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Convention will be held on 9 January 2021 virtually. Hon'ble Prime Minister will address the Inaugural Session in the morning and Hon'ble Rashtrapati ji will deliver the Valedictory Address, in the evening. In between, two sessions will be held on "Role of Diaspora in Aatmanirbhar Bharat" and "Facing post-COVID Challenges."

2. To participate in the event, participants will have to click on the link given below and then click on the "SIGNUP" Tab and register for the event by providing some basic details:

https://vircon24.com/16th-pbd-convention-2021/login

3. The program of virtual PBD conferences is as follows:

Schedule (Kuwait Time)	Particular
Inaugural Session (0735 hrs. to 0835 hrs.)	
0735 hrs.	Welcome Remarks by Dr. S. Jaishankar, EAM
0745 hrs.	Keynote Address by H.E. Mr. Chandrikapersad Santokhi, President of Suriname, Chief Guest
0800 hrs.	Address by Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
0825 hrs.	Announcement of "Bharat ko Janiye Quiz" Awards
0835 hrs.	Conclusion of Inaugural Session

### Plenary Session – I "Role of Diaspora in Aatmnirbhar Bharat" (0845 hrs. – 1030 hrs.)

#### Plenary Session - II

"Facing Post-COVID Challenges – Scenario in Health, Economy, Social and International Relations" (1040 hrs. to 1225 hrs.)

# Valedictory Session (1430 hrs. to 1527 hrs.)

1430 hrs.	Arrival of Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India for the
	Valedictory Session
1430 hrs.	National Anthem
1431 hrs.	Welcome Address By Dr. S. Jaishankar, EAM
1437 hrs.	Announcement of Pravasi Bhartiya Samman Awardees
1510 hrs.	Acceptance Speech by one of the Samman Awardees
1515 hrs.	Valedictory Address by Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble
	President of India
1522 hrs.	Vote of Thanks by Shri Sanjay Bhattacharyya, Secretary (CPV &
	OIA), Ministry of External Affairs
1527 hrs.	National Anthem

Conclusion of 16th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Convention

4. The program will be live streamed on YouTube channel and Facebook page of Ministry of External Affairs. All Non Resident Indians/ Persons of Indian Origins are invited to participate virtually.

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