

# Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Celebrations 2021

The First all-virtual Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention will be held on 9 January 2021. It will be live streamed on You Tube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/MEAIndia>) and Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/MEAINDIA/>) of Ministry of External Affairs, **as per Indian Standard Timing (IST)**.

Indian diaspora and friends of India are requested to watch the Convention. For participation, link is – <https://vircon24.com/16th-pbd-convention-2021/login>. Participants can click on the above link from 08 January and then click on the sign-up and register for the event by providing some basic details.

A Pre-PBD Conference on Youth will also be celebrated virtually “Bringing Together Young Achievers from India and Indian Diaspora” on 8 January 2021. This can also be watched live on links mentioned above **as per Indian Standard Timing (IST)**.

Draft Programmes of both the events (subject to change) are attached.

## 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention 2021

### “Contributing to Aatmanirbhar Bharat”

9 January, 2021 in Virtual

FINAL DRAFT Programme

| <u>Time slot</u>         | <u>Session/Programme</u>  | <u>Venue</u>             |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| <b>Inaugural Session</b> | <b>Inaugural Session</b>  | <b>Inaugural Session</b> |
| 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) |                          |
| <b>1030 hrs</b>          | <b>Address by Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India</b>   |                          |

1055 hrs Announcement of “Bharat Ko Janiye Quiz” Awards

1105 hrs Conclusion of Inaugural Session

**Plenary Sessions**

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**Plenary Session I:**

**“Role of Diaspora in Aatmanirbhar Bharat”**

1115 hrs – 1300 hrs

**Ministerial Segment:**

(105 minutes)

Opening remarks by Secretary (CPV & OIA)

1115 hrs

Address by EAM

1118 hrs

Address by CIM

1126 hrs

**Technical Segment:**

1135 hrs

Session Moderator: Secretary (CPV & OIA)

1235 hrs

Panel Discussion with Moderator & Panelists

1250 hrs

Interactive Session with participants

1300 hrs

Concluding Remarks by Secretary (CPV & OIA)

Close of Session

Virtual

1310 hrs – 1455 hrs

**Plenary Session II:**

(105 minutes)

**“Facing Post-COVID Challenges - Scenario in Health, Economy, Social, and International Relations”**

1310 hrs

**Ministerial Segment:**

1313 hrs

Opening remarks by FS

1320 hrs

Address by MoS

1328 hrs

Address by Union Health Minister

1428 hrs

1445 hrs

1310 hrs – 1455  
hrs

**Technical Segment:**

(105 minutes)

Session Moderator: Foreign Secretary

1310 hrs

Panel Discussion with Moderator & Panelists

1313 hrs

Interactive Session with participants

1320 hrs

Concluding Remarks by FS

1328 hrs

1428 hrs

1445 hrs

1455 hrs

Conclusion of Plenary Sessions

| <b>Valedictory<br/>Session</b> | <b>Valedictory Session</b>   | <b>Valedictory<br/>Session</b> |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>1700 hrs</b>                | <b>Arrival of Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India for the Valedictory Session</b> | 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                        |
| <b>1745 hrs</b>                | <b>Valedictory Address by Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India</b>                 | Virtual                        |
| 1752 hrs                       | Vote of Thanks by Shri Sanjay Bhattacharyya, Secretary (CPV&OIA), Ministry of External Affairs | Virtual                        |
| 1757 hrs                       | National Anthem  | Virtual                        |

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**Pre-PBD Conference on Youth**

**8<sup>th</sup> January, 2021**

**Draft Programme**

| <b><u>Time slot</u></b> | <b><u>Session/Programme</u></b>  | <b><u>Venue</u></b> |
|-------------------------|--|---------------------|
|                         | <b>Ministerial Segment:</b>  | Virtual             |
| 1100 hrs                | Welcome Remarks by Shri Sanjay Bhattacharyya, Secretary (OIA & CPV), Ministry of External Affairs                      | Virtual             |
| 1105 hrs                | Address by Shri Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Youth Affairs and Sports                      | Virtual             |
| 1120 hrs                | Address by Ms. Priyanca Radhakrishnan, Minister for Community & Voluntary Sector, New Zealand as Special Guest for PBD | Virtual             |
| 1130 hrs                | Address by Shri V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State for External Affairs   | Virtual             |
| 1138 hrs to<br>1153 hrs | Closing remarks by Ms Usha Sharma, Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports        | Virtual             |
|                         | <b>Technical Segment:</b>  | Virtual             |
| 1155 hrs to<br>1320 hrs | Virtual Conference:<br>Topic:- <i>“Bringing together Young Achievers from India and Indian Diaspora”</i>               | Virtual             |
| 1155 hrs to<br>1320 hrs | Session Moderator: Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs  | Virtual             |
| 1155 hrs to<br>1320 hrs |  | Virtual             |
| 1320 hrs to<br>1330 hrs | Concluding remarks by Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports                     | Virtual             |