Annex

19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2027

1. The **19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention 2027** will be held in **Kolkata, West Bengal, India, from 7–9 January 2027**. The Convention is being organised by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in partnership with the Government of West Bengal. The main venue of the Convention will be **Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan / Milan Mela, Kolkata**.

2. The theme of the Convention is: **"Return to Roots: Reigniting the Diaspora Connect with Bharat".**

3. The Convention will be organised over three days. The detailed programme is available at the link: https://pbdindia.gov.in/pages/events. The highlights of the programme are as under:

Day 1 – January 7, 2027 (Thursday): Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

- Inaugural ceremony of Youth PBD presided over by the Hon'ble External Affairs Minister and other dignitaries
- Moderated dialogue on Return to Roots: Reigniting Connect of Diaspora Youth
- Keynote Addresses by youth icons
- Interaction with EAM for youth diaspora attendees
- Parallel Business Sessions
- Cultural programmes

Day 2 – January 8, 2027 (Friday): Inauguration of the Convention

- Inauguration of the 19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India in the presence of the Chief Guest of the Convention.
- State Governments' interaction with their diaspora
- Regional PBD sessions with key political leaders

Day 3 – January 9, 2027 (Saturday): Valedictory Session

- Conferment of the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards by the Hon'ble President of India.
- Valedictory address by the Hon'ble President of India.
- **Breakout Session (Open House) on Diaspora concerns on passport, OCI, visa, PAN and** Aadhaar matters
- Parallel sessions on Media, India Studies, Women's Mentorship, Diaspora Services

The detailed programme and session-wise schedule are available on the official PBD website and may be updated from time to time. Separate registration may require for some of the sessions for which links are embedded in the programme available on the website.

4. The following six exhibitions will also be organized at the PBD:

- "The Girmitiya Story"—Digital Exhibition of Girmitiya
- From Shunya to Ananta: The Indian Civilisation's Contribution to Mathematics
- "India, by Design"—Curated display and sale of select Indian consumer brands
- Exhibition by the State Government of West Bengal
- Indian travel agents and tour operators will showcase special packages for diaspora members
- Showcase and sale of products by rural women artisans from West Bengal, Nagaland and Jharkhand

5. The **Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards (PBSA)**, the highest honour conferred on overseas Indians, will be presented during the Valedictory Session on 9 January 2027 by the Hon'ble President of India. The awards recognise exceptional contributions of members of the Indian diaspora in areas such as public service, science, medicine, business, education, fine arts and community welfare.

6. It is advisable that delegates attend all the major events of the 19th PBD Convention scheduled for **8 and 9 January 2027**. Delegates are also encouraged to participate in the Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas programme on 7 January 2027.

7. **Registration for participation in PBD 2027**

Registration is mandatory for all participants seeking entry to the PBD Convention venue and participation in its events. Participants are encouraged to register for each of the individual sessions at the 19th PBD 2027. However, please note that access to some of the events will be restricted to certain individuals based on their domain expertise on account of space limitations. The invitees for such sessions will receive separate invitations by email. Registration is to be completed online through the official PBD website: https://pbdindia.gov.in

Participants are required to create their individual profiles using a valid email address and complete the registration process under the Individual or Group Registration category. One-Time Password (OTP) verification will be required for profile creation. Registration confirmation and other communications will be sent to the registered email address.

8. Registration Fees

All participants attending the PBD Convention are required to pay the prescribed registration fee. The fees include lunches and dinners at the Convention venue. The details of registration fees are as follows:

Individual Registration

Category	Registration Fee
Indian Nationals / Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)	INR 5,000/- for one day INR 7,500/- for any two days INR 10,000/- for three days
Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) / Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs) / Foreign Nationals	USD 55 for one day USD 80 for any two days USD 110 for three days

Group Registration: Members of Indian community organisations, associations and other eligible groups may register under the Group Registration category.

- Minimum number of participants: 5
- Maximum number of participants: 100
- A special **50% rebate** is applicable to group registrations comprising 51–100 members.

Early Registration Rebate: A 20% rebate is available for early registrations (registration **before 25th November, 2026**)

The early registration rebate and group registration rebate are subject to the terms and conditions specified on the official PBD website.

9. Payment of Registration Fees

Registration fees may be paid online through the payment gateways available on the PBD website. Participants can select the applicable payment gateway and complete the payment using the available payment options. The accepted payment methods include:

- Debit and credit cards issued by Indian and international banks.
- Internet banking (for Indian bank account holders).
- UPI (for Indian bank account holders).

In case payment is not completed during the initial registration process, participants may log in again using their registered credentials and complete

the payment subsequently. Registration will be considered complete only after successful payment of the prescribed fee.

10. Cancellation and Refund Policy

The registration fee is non-refundable in case of cancellation of registration or modification of the selected dates of attendance. Participants are therefore advised to carefully verify their registration details and dates before making payment.

11. Access Badges and Entry Requirements

All registered participants will be required to collect their physical access badges from the designated registration counters at **Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan, Kolkata**.

The registration counters will commence operations at **1000 hrs on 6 January 2027** and will remain operational till 1300 hrs on January 09, 2027.

Participants must carry and display their access badges at all times while entering and remaining at the PBD Convention venue. Registration badges are essential for entry into the Convention and its designated venues.

12. Visa Requirements

- Non-Resident Indians holding valid Indian passports do not require a visa to travel to India.
- Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) cardholders may travel to India in accordance with the applicable OCI entry provisions.
- Persons of Indian Origin and other foreign nationals who do not hold an OCI card or other valid travel authorisation are required to obtain an appropriate visa before travelling to India.
- Foreign passport holders are advised to apply for the appropriate visa well in advance of their intended travel.

For detailed information and visa applications, participants may visit the official Indian Visa Online portal: https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/

13. Accommodation

Accommodation arrangements for PBD 2027 are being coordinated by the Government of India in association with the Government of West Bengal. Information regarding hotels and other accommodation facilities in different categories will be made available through the official PBD website: https://pbdindia.gov.in/pages/accomodation

Delegates are advised to monitor the website regularly and make their accommodation arrangements well in advance.

14. Transportation Arrangements

Transportation facilities are being arranged for registered participants during the Convention period. The following facilities are envisaged:

- Help desks for PBD delegates at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata.
- Shuttle services between the airport and designated hotels.
- Complimentary shuttle services between key hotels and the PBD Convention venue.
- Shuttle services connecting different Convention venues and designated locations in Kolkata.
- Several lounges at the airport for use of registered PBD participants.

Delegates arriving at Kolkata Airport may contact the designated PBD help desks for information and assistance regarding transportation arrangements. Regular shuttle services will operate from the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata to the PBD venue, as well as to key hotels in Kolkata. Free shuttle services will also operate at regular intervals between key hotels and the PBD venue in Kolkata throughout the day from January 06–09, 2027, to facilitate the smooth transportation of registered PBD participants. The different venues of the Convention, located in other parts of Kolkata, will also be connected through regular shuttle services.

15. Facilities at the Convention Venue

The following facilities are being arranged for registered participants at Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan:

- Complimentary lunch and dinner during the Convention.
- Free Wi-Fi facilities.
- Free mineral water bottles
- Cultural performances by various cultural troupes from different parts of India, particularly West Bengal.
- Emergency medical assistance.

16. Tourism and Cultural Activities

Links to tourist attractions in Kolkata and other parts of West Bengal have been provided on the official PBD website. Delegates may explore the cultural heritage, historical landmarks and tourist destinations of Kolkata and other regions of West Bengal.

Information regarding tourism packages and related activities may be accessed through the official PBD website and West Bengal Tourism portal:
https://pbdindia.gov.in/
https://wbtourism.gov.in/

17. Medical and Travel Insurance

Delegates travelling from outside India are advised to obtain appropriate medical and travel insurance covering the entire period of their stay in India.

18. General Queries Regarding PBD 2027 Convention

For general information and queries regarding the 19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention, participants may contact the PBD Secretariat, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

PBD 2027 Secretariat
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India
Email: supportpbd@mea.gov.in
Official Website: https://pbdindia.gov.in/

Participants are advised to regularly visit the official website for the latest updates regarding the Convention, registration, programme schedule, accommodation, transportation and other arrangements.

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