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### **Press Release**

#### **14<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD)**

The 14<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention will be held from **7 to 9 January, 2017** at the Bangalore International Exhibitions Centre in Bengaluru, India, in partnership with the Government of Karnataka. The details of the PBD are available on website: [pbdindia.gov.in](http://pbdindia.gov.in).

Main highlights of the 14<sup>th</sup> PBD Convention are enumerated below:

- a) On 8 January PBD will be inaugurated by the Prime Minister who will deliver the Keynote Address. Thereafter Chief Ministers 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.
- b) 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.
- c) The theme of 14<sup>th</sup> PBD will be "Redefining Engagement with the Indian Diaspora". All sessions will be in Plenary format. Topics for the 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 the delegates.

**Key features of the Convention are:**

- Exhibition Showcasing Flagship Programmes, policies; corporate sectors.
- Special Sessions 7 & 9 January: Karnataka's investment potential
- Lunch and Dinner for delegates
- Indian Handicrafts and Cultural Bazaar

- Optional: Industrial Visits on 7 & 10 January organized by Karnataka Government
  - Optional: Local Sight Seeing tours organized by Karnataka Tourism on payment
  - Cultural programmes on 7 & 8 January evening.
- d) Youth PBD is a new element in the 14<sup>th</sup> PBD. This is mainly for Non Resident Indians (NRI) and People of Indian Origin (PIO) youth of 18 to 30 years. Minister of External Affairs 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 Star-up ecosystem.

Five Know India Programmes (KIP) to coincide with the PBD are being organized. Four KIP groups will participate in the PBD on 7 and 8 January. Youth PBD delegates will also interact with Indian youth selected from local universities and colleges, who will be invited to the Youth PBD.

- e) Karnataka Government is organizing the following:

Plenary Session 7 January: Fueling growth through disruptive Innovations—Startup ecosystem in Karnataka.

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

- f) **Registration of all delegates is through an online process, including payment of Registration fees.** To enable greater participation of young NRIs and PIOs, registration fees for 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.
- g) **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.**

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