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**CIRCULAR TO PARENTS OF KG TO XII**  
**PRAVASI BHARATIYA DIVAS**

Dear Parents and Well Wishers,

Greetings from Indian School Muscat!

This is to inform you regarding the 17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention.

The 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention 2023 is being organized at Indore, Madhya Pradesh from January 8, 2023 to January 10, 2023 based on the theme "Diaspora: Reliable Partners for India's progress in Amrit Kaal"

Please find attached a cordial invitation from H.E. the Ambassador of India to all the members of the Indian diaspora inviting them to be a part of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention 2023.

Registrations for PBD convention shall be made at <https://pbdindia.gov.in/>

Kindly refer to the attached files for more information on PBD convention, registration guidelines for individual and group and key elements of the programme.

The invitation letter from His Excellency, the Ambassador of India to the Sultanate of Oman along with all the relevant information on PBD are attached.

We encourage your active participation in the event.

With warm regards,

Dr Rajeev Kumar Chauhan  
Principal





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31 October 2022

Dear Fellow Indian,

I am happy to inform you that the 17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention is being organised in Indore, Madhya Pradesh on 8-10 January 2023. The theme of the 17<sup>th</sup> PBD is "Diaspora : Reliable partners for India's Progress in Amrit Kaal".

2. As you are aware, the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention is organized once in every two years to strengthen the engagement of the overseas Indian community with India and reconnect them with their roots. It provide a platform for the government to engage overseas Indians from different countries on key issues concerning the Indian diaspora, besides the networking opportunities for diaspora participants.

3. As a valued member of Indian diaspora, I invite you to participate in the Convention along with your family members, friends and members of your Association. You may also plan family vacations to be spent in India in combination with the PBD Convention and discover the many facets of our incredible country.

4. In order to participate in the PBD Convention, I request you to register on the website <https://pbdindia.gov.in>. The programme highlights, information on PBD Convention 2023 along with details of registration process, fees for individuals and group registration, are attached for information.

5. I look forward to your early confirmation of participation in the PBD Convention 2023. You may contact Mrs. Reena Jain, FS(Culture) for any further details/clarifications on email : [culture.muscat@mea.gov.in](mailto:culture.muscat@mea.gov.in)

Yours sincerely,

  
(Amit Narang)

17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023

1. The **17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023 Convention** will be held in **Indore (Madhya Pradesh)**, India from **8-10 January, 2023**.
2. The theme of the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention 2023 is: "**Diaspora: Reliable Partners for India's progress in Amrit Kaal**".
3. The 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention will include five Plenary Sessions on **the following themes :-**
  - **Plenary Session I:** Role of Diaspora Youth in Innovation and New Technologies
  - **Plenary Session II:** Harnessing the Potential of Women Diaspora Entrepreneurs towards an Inclusive Approach to Nation Building.
  - **Plenary Session III:** Leveraging the Soft Power of India- Goodwill through Craft, Cuisine & Creativity
  - **Plenary Session IV:** Exploring Links between Skills and Migration Trends of Indian Workers Abroad
  - **Plenary Session V:** Role of Indian Diaspora in promoting India's healthcare ecosystem in the Amrit Kaal: Vision @2047
4. **30 eminent diaspora members will be honored with the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards** during the 17th PBD Convention.
5. It is advisable that the delegates attend all the events relating to **PBD 2023 Convention on 9 and 10 January 2023**. Delegates are also welcome to attend Youth PBD programme on 8 January 2023.
6. **Registration for participation in PBD 2023 Convention is mandatory for all participants**, including official delegates, invited guests, government officials, artists and performers and journalists. Registration will be only through **an online process**.
7. All PBD delegates/participants **are required to pay the registration fee** (except Government of India's special invitees). In addition to individual registrations, Group registration facility can also be availed by PBD delegates, who wish to participate as members of an Indian Association, Community organization or Professional organization. The registration fee will include meals (lunch and dinner at the Convention venue) during the event period. A Conference bag with programme, access to lunch and dinner venues, cultural programmes will also be provided to the participants on arrival. Delegates can pick up the Conference Bag from the special counters set up at the PBD Convention venue from 8 January 2023. The details of registration fees for individuals and group registration is given below.

<b>Individual Registration</b>		
(a)	Indian Nationals/Non-resident Indians	Registration Fees INR 5000/- for one day INR 7,500/-for any two days INR 10,000/- for three days
(b)	Person of Indian Origin	US\$ 100 for one day US\$ 150 for two days US\$ 200 for three days

<b>Group Registration</b>		
Members of an Indian Community Organization can register as a group and benefit from the special rates applicable for such group registrations. The rates of discount applicable along with the numbers of registrations in the group are indicated:	Group	Discount
	10 to 50	25%
	51 to 100	50%

20% discount in Registration Fees for early registration (registration before 15 November 2022). Early Registration Discount and Group Registration Discount can not be availed together. **No refund to be provided in case of cancellation of Registration.**

8. While registering online using the registration form, fees may be paid online itself. In case the payment does not process/fails, an option to complete the payment later is available using Login credentials sent on registered Email ID.

9. You can avail an early bird discount of 20% if you register before 15 November 2022.

10. There will be no refund in case of cancellation of registration.

11. Regarding visa requirements, If you are a Non-resident Indian national (holder of Indian passport), you don't require a visa to travel India. If you are a person of Indian Origin, your valid PIO or OCI card can provide visa free entry to India. If you do not have a PIO or OCI card, please apply at the nearest Indian Embassy or consulate for a visa. Foreign passport holders are advised to apply well in advance for Visa. You may please apply for "Conference Visa" to attend PBD 2023 Convention. Confirmed registration for the PBD Convention will be required at the time of submission of visa application forms at the Indian Embassy/High Commission/Consulate. If you are a special Invitee of the Government of India, please present the invitation letter from the Ministry of External Affairs, along with the

visa application to the Indian Embassy/Consulate to obtain gratis Visa. For more details regarding visa, please visit: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in>

12. All registered participants/delegates will be provided a delegate card/badge which they would be **required to wear all time at the convention venue**. PBD registered delegates can collect the badges/cards at the special registered counters at PBD Convention venue set up for the purpose.

13. Entry to the PBD Convention will only be given to **the person who has registered**. A photo ID and verification proof need to be shown to obtain the delegate badge for entering the PBD convention. The delegate cannot transfer his badge to any other person.

14. **A limited number of hotel accommodations are available in Indore. A list of hotels which have offered special rates for PBD Delegates/Participants is on the website. Bookings can be made online through the web portal link of the hotels**, or for the Government of India invitees, accommodation would be arranged by the organizers.

15. Links are provided on the website for tourist attractions in Madhya Pradesh. Special tour packages have been curated for PBD delegates by Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation.

16. PBD delegates based outside India are advised to bring medical and travel insurance for the period of their stay in India.

17. **One can contact for PBD 2023 Convention at  
PBD 2023 Secretariat  
Ministry of External Affairs  
E-mail: [supportpbd\[at\]mea\[dot\]gov\[dot\]in](mailto:supportpbd@mea.gov.in)  
Website : <https://pbdindia.gov.in/>**

18. The payment options are Debit/Credit Cards, Internet Banking and UPI. All major cards from Indian and International Banks are accepted. (**Registration Guidelines attached**)

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**17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention**

**Programme for PBD 2023:**

**Day 1: Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas**

The Day 1 of the PBD Convention includes Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, which is organised by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in partnership with Ministry of External Affairs, to engage with the Youth Diaspora. The Partner State, Madhya Pradesh will also showcase the unique opportunities offered by the State, with focus on economy, culture, tourism, technology, etc. Key elements of Day 1 programme include:

- Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas
- Lunch hosted by Hon'ble Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports
- Programme by State of Madhya Pradesh
- Cultural Programme
- Dinner hosted by Hon'ble Chief Minister of MP

**Day 2: Inauguration of 17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention 2023**

The Day 2 of the PBD Convention will include inauguration of 17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention by Prime Minister of India, in the presence of Chief Guest. Prime Minister will also inaugurate a Digital Exhibition “*Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM)- Contribution of Diaspora in Indian Freedom Struggle*” and release a Commemorative Postal Stamp- “*Surakshit Jaayen (Go safe), Prashikshit Jaayen (Be Trained)*”. Two plenary sessions are also scheduled on the inaugural day. Key elements of Day 2 programme include:

- PBD Inaugural Session
- Lunch hosted by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
- Plenary Sessions
- Cultural Programme
- Dinner hosted by Hon'ble Minister for External Affairs

**Day 3: Valedictory day of 17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention**

The Day 3 of the PBD Convention will include Conferment of Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards and Valedictory Address by the President of India. Two plenary sessions will also be organised on Day 3.

Key elements of Day 3 programme include:

- Plenary Sessions
- Lunch hosted by Hon'ble Governor of MP
- Valedictory Session and Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards Ceremony
- 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention concludes
- Dinner hosted by President, ICCR

### **Plenary Sessions**

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### **Digital Exhibition**

The 17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas will include a Digital Exhibition with the theme "*Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav(AKAM)- Contribution of Diaspora in Indian Freedom Struggle* / آزادی کا امريت महोत्सव (अकाम) - प्रवासी भारतीयों का भारतीय स्वतंत्रता संग्राम में योगदान". The Digital Exhibition will pay tribute to the unsung heroes from the Diaspora who contributed to the the freedom struggle of India. The Digital Exhibition will use new age technology like VR, AR , Immersive projection , Holograms etc to bring out the stories of contribution by Pravasi Freedom Fighters.

### **Glimpses of M.P. exhibition**

The Government of Madhya Pradesh will also organise a physical exhibition titled "Glimpses of Madhya Pradesh" to showcase the culture, tourism, economy, and other aspects of the State.

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# Registration Guidelines

## Individual Registration

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1. Go to <https://pbdindia.gov.in/register-now>
2. Select the box REGISTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL. Select any one of the following categories- Indian National, Non-Resident Indian, Person of Indian Origin.
3. Fill in the necessary details on the page. Fields marked with asterisk (\*) are mandatory.
4. Click on REGISTER.

## Group Registration

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A minimum of 10 members are required to register as a group.

1. Go to <https://pbdindia.gov.in/register-now>
2. Select the box REGISTER AS A GROUP.
3. Fill in the necessary details on the page. Fields marked with asterisk (\*) are mandatory.
4. The Coordinator of the group needs to fill the form. Mention the Name and Email Address of the Coordinator accurately as any further information would be sent to him/her.
5. Upload a Group Document in the PDF, DOC, DOCX, XLS, XLSX formats. A Group Document is a document containing Full Name, Email ID, Phone Number, Passport Number, and Nationality of all the members of the group who wish to attend the PBD 2023. (sample document – Annex-2).
6. Click on REGISTER.
7. In the next step, the Ministry of External Affairs would contact the Coordinator and connect them with the Person In Charge from respective Embassy.
8. The Embassy would provide a Unique Coupon Code to the Group Coordinator which should be shared with the relevant members only.
9. Each member of the group now has access to the Coupon Code. Now each member of the group needs to register individually by clicking on 'Register as an Individual'. Using the coupon code, the individual members of the group can avail the group discount.

## Payment Process

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1. All major cards from Indian and International Banks are accepted. The payment options available are Debit/Credit Cards, Internet Banking, and UPI. However, you need to first select the payment gateway. There are three **Payment Gateways** - State Bank of India, Axis Bank, and Bank of Baroda.

2. A Payment Gateway only facilitates payment transactions. It does not imply that the payment options are restricted to only State Bank of India, Axis Bank, and Bank of Baroda.
3. After selecting the payment gateway, you can find the 3 payment options- Debit/Credit Cards, Internet Banking, and UPI. Fill in the details and make the payment.

### For Users of Indian Banks

- Internet Banking
- Debit Card (MasterCard/Maestro/Visa/Rupay)
- Credit Card (MasterCard/Visa/Amex/Rupay)
- UPI

### For Users of International Banks

- International Debit Card (MasterCard/Maestro/Visa)
- Credit Card (MasterCard/Visa/Amex/Maestro)

## Registration Fees

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