

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

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About Pravasi Bharatiya Divas:

- It is the flagship event of the **Ministry of External Affairs**.
- It is held in different cities, to showcase the diversity and progress of different regions of India.
- **Since 2015**, it has evolved **into a biennale event**, with theme-based conferences held in the intervening years.
- **History:** This bi-annual celebration, **held on January 9th**, commemorates the day in 1915 when **Mahatma Gandhi**, the greatest Pravasi, returned to India from South Africa to lead the country's freedom struggle.
- The primary goals of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas are:
 - To commemorate the **contributions of the Indian diaspora** to India's development
 - To create a better understanding of India abroad
 - To support India's causes and work for the welfare of local Indian communities worldwide
 - To provide a platform for overseas Indians to engage with the government and people of their ancestral land.
- These conventions have proven instrumental in fostering connections between India and its vast overseas community, enabling the sharing of experiences, knowledge, and skills across various fields.

- The theme for this year is the **“Diaspora’s contribution to a Viksit Bharat”** (Developed India).
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Q1: Who is known as a Person of Indian Origin?

A Person of Indian Origin (PIO) means a foreign citizen (except a national of. Pakistan, Afghanistan Bangladesh, China, Iran, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Nepal) who at any time held an Indian passport. Or. who or either of their parents/ grand parents/ great grand parents was born.

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