



## **PRAVASI BHARATIYA DIVAS CONVENTION**

**January 21-26 , 2019, Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)**

The 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention is being organised by the Ministry of External Affairs in association with the State Government of Uttar Pradesh in January 2019. In reverence to the sentiments of the larger diaspora community to participate in Kumbh Snan and their desire to witness the Republic Day parade, the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas(PBD) Convention, 2019, will be held from January 21-26, 2019 in Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh).

The theme of the 15th PBD convention is : “Role of Indian Diaspora in building a New India”

The tentative schedule of PBD Convention 2019 is as follows:

21.01.2019	Youth PBD : Special Guest from Norway (Shri Himanshu Gulati) and Guests of Honour from New Zealand (Shri Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi) and US Congresswomen(Tulsi Gabbard)
22.01.2019	Inauguration of PBD Convention by Hon’ble Prime Minister of India with Chief Guest, Hon’ble Prime Minister of Mauritius
23.01.2019	Valedictory keynote address and conferment of Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards (PBSAs) by Hon’ble President of India.
24.01.2019 (morning)	Departure for Allahabad for Kumbh Snan
25.01.2019	Return to New Delhi by special Train
26.01.2019	Participation in the Republic Day Celebration

**Members of Indian community in Colombia and Ecuador, who wish to participate in the above PBD Convention 2019, may send their brief profile (alongwith passport and contact detail) to the Embassy of India in Bogota at emails: [sspol.bogota@mea.gov.in](mailto:sspol.bogota@mea.gov.in) and [cul.bogota@mea.gov.in](mailto:cul.bogota@mea.gov.in)**