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The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention is a flagship event of the Government of India and provides an important platform to engage and connect with the overseas Indian Diaspora. The 17th PBD Convention is being organized from January 08-10, 2023 at Indore, Madhya Pradesh, in collaboration with the Government of Madhya Pradesh. The 17th PBD Convention will be held in a physical format after a gap of four years. The last PBD Convention in 2021 was held virtually during the COVID pandemic.

2. The theme of PBD Convention 2023 is "Diaspora: Reliable partners for India's progress in Amrit Kaal". The PBD Convention 2023 will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 09 January 2023. The Youth PBD will be held on 08 January 2023, in partnership with Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. On 10 January 2023, President Smt. Droupadi Murmu will confer Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards and preside over the Valedictory Session. There will be five Plenary Sessions on the following themes:

- (i) Role of Diaspora Youth in Innovation and New Technologies;
- (ii) Harnessing the Potential of Women Diaspora Entrepreneurs towards an Inclusive Approach to Nation Building;
- (iii) Leveraging the Soft Power of India - Goodwill through Craft, Cuisine & Creativity;
- (iv) Exploring Links between Skills and Migration Trends of Indian Workers Abroad;
- (v) Role of Indian Diaspora in promoting India's Healthcare Ecosystem in the Amrit Kaal: Vision @2047.

3. H.E. Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, will be the Chief Guest at the PBD Convention. Hon. Ms. Zaneta Mascarenhas, Member of Parliament of Australia, will be the Guest of Honour at the Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas.

4. The Convention will also include a first ever digital exhibition on the theme "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM)- Contribution of Diaspora in Indian Freedom Struggle".

5. Participants can register as an individual or as a group (a minimum of 10 members are required to register as a group).

6. For further information please visit <https://pbdindia.gov.in/>

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