

**Embassy of India
Berne**

**Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention – January 21-23, 2019
at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**

The 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention is being organized by 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 PBD Convention, 2019 will be held from January 21 – 23, 2019 in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

2. The theme of the 15th PBD Convention is :

नये भारत के निर्माण में प्रवासी भारतीयों की भूमिका

Role of Indian Diaspora in building a New India

3. Broadly, the PBD Convention, 2019 will be held as per following tentative schedule :

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 Congresswoman (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 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

4. We invite the People of Indian Origin in Switzerland and Liechtenstein to participate in the PBD Convention 2019. Please visit the website and register (www.pbdindia.gov.in/how-register).

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