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Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

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Why is in news? Prez Droupadi Murmu to confer Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards at Indore, Madhya Pradesh

President Droupadi Murmu will confer the **Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards** upon 27 people during the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention at Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

She will confer the award on **Guyana President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali**.

The 17th edition of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention is scheduled to be held from 8 to 10th January this year.

The External Affairs Ministry said, She will give away the award during the valedictory session of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas celebrations.

The **Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award** is the **highest honour conferred on overseas Indians**.

It is conferred as part of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention on **Non-Resident Indians, Persons of Indian Origin, or an organization established and run by Non-Resident Indians** in recognition of their outstanding achievements both in India and abroad.

A Jury-cum-Awards Committee, with Vice-President as the Chairman and External Affairs Minister as the Vice-Chair, and other distinguished members from various walks of life considered the nominations for the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards, 2023 and unanimously selected the awardees.

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas:

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated on **9th January every year** to mark the **contribution of the Overseas Indian community in the development of India**.

9th January was chosen as the day to celebrate PBD since it was on this day in **1915 that Mahatma Gandhi**, the greatest Pravasi, **returned to India from South Africa**, led India's freedom struggle and changed the lives of Indians forever.

This day came into effect in 2003, but in 2015 it was revised and was decided to be **celebrated every two years**. It was then a theme-based conference that was set up every year during the interim period.

The **17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD)** will be held from January 8 to 10 in **Indore, Madhya Pradesh**.

The theme for this year's PBD is **"Diaspora: Reliable Partners for India's Progress in Amrit Kaal"**.

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