

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

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

President Droupadi Murmwill 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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