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## **Celebration of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2018**

As you are aware, Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated on 9<sup>th</sup> January every year to mark the contribution of Overseas Indian community in the development of India. January 9 was chosen as the day to celebrate this occasion 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.

PBD conventions are being held every year since 2003. These conventions provide a platform to the overseas Indian community to engage with the government and people of the land of their ancestors for mutually beneficial activities. The highlight of the PBD celebrations this year would be the first ever PIO Parliamentarian Conference with PIO Mayors as special invitees being hosted by Government of India on January 9, 2018 at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra, New Delhi. There are over 215 sitting PIO Parliamentarians at national level across 30 countries and over 35 PIO Mayors across 13 countries.

All Indian nationals, PIOs and NRIs are cordially invited to participate in the event at the Multipurpose Hall of the High Commission of India, Accra at 1600 hrs on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 showcasing the highlights of the *Pravasi Bharatiya Divas-2018* being held at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra, New Delhi on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018. **Confirmation of participation in the event may kindly be mailed to Second Secretary (PIC) at [adm.accra@mea.gov.in](mailto:adm.accra@mea.gov.in)**

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