



Consulate General of India Erbil

17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention

The Government of India is organizing the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention during 8-10 January 2023.

2. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is a flagship program of the Government of India which is dedicated to the people of Indian roots settled abroad. It is celebrated to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community to the development of India. The day also commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi, the greatest Indian Pravasi, from South Africa to India on 9th January 1915. The theme of PBD 2023 is 'Diaspora: Reliable partners for India's progress in 'Amrit Kaal'.

3. This time, the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is taking place in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh is known as the "Heart of India" and Indore is known to be the "Heart of Madhya Pradesh". Indore is the largest city in Madhya Pradesh and is ranked as the cleanest city in India. Apart from being the commercial capital of Madhya Pradesh, Indore is a perfect blend of the old and the new, where old heritage structures coexist with modern multi-storeyed buildings. It makes Indore a perfect travel destination.

4. As in previous years, the Hon'ble President of India and the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India would address the overseas Indian community. Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards (PBSAs) will be conferred by the Hon'ble President at the PBD Convention 2023, as the highest honor conferred on overseas Indians by the Government of India in recognition of their achievements both in India and abroad.

5. This Pravasi Bharatiya Divas will be coinciding with the best time window of 2023 as it will fall within the Christmas and New Year vacations. Members of the Indian community have a great opportunity to plan their family vacations in India in combination with participation in PBD. The Consulate invites Indian community members in the Kurdistan Region to plan a visit to Indore in January to attend the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas. For detailed information on the 3-day event and Registration procedure, the website <https://pbdindia.gov.in/> could be accessed.
