

**Embassy of India
Tokyo

16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) – 9th January 2021

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated on 9th 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, returned to India from South Africa, and led India's freedom struggle.

PBD conventions were being held annually since 2003. Since 2015, the format has been revised to celebrate the PBD once every two years and to hold theme-based PBD Conferences during the intervening period with participation from overseas Diaspora experts, policy makers and stakeholders.

Amid global COVID19 pandemic, the 16th PBD Convention of 2021 is being held virtually on **9 January 2021 (Saturday)** with the theme “Contributing to Aatmanirbhar Bharat”.

MEA Press Release:

https://mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/33373/Pravasi_Bharatiya_Divas_Convention_2021

Event can be viewed on the following link:

<https://vircon24.com/16th-pbd-convention-2021/login>

Event will be live streamed at following links too:

[youtube.com/user/MEAIndia](https://www.youtube.com/user/MEAIndia) & [facebook.com/MEAIndia](https://www.facebook.com/MEAIndia)

More Details at:

<https://pbdindia.gov.in/en/program-schedule>

Registration at:

pbdindia.gov.in/en
