

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **15<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD)**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is being organized at Varanasi from 21-23 January 2019 in partnership with State of Uttar Pradesh. This time the participants will have the opportunity to participate in Kumbh Mela at Prayagraj and Republic Day celebrations at New Delhi. The registration will be open for 2 months till November 2018. The link for the PBD website is [www.pbdindia.gov.in](http://www.pbdindia.gov.in).

Arrangements for travel and stay of over 5000 participants have been organized in connection with the mega-event. The entire duration of the programme spans six days – from 21 January to 26 January 2019. Participation in Kumbh Mela and Republic Day Parade is optional. The participants will have the option to choose their stay either in hotel or tented Swiss cottages in Varanasi when they register on the website. Due to limited accommodation in Prayagraj and number of tickets for Republic Day it would be provided on first come first serve basis.

Participants will be taken to Prayagraj in AC coaches and brought back to Delhi in special AC trains. Local transport would be provided for pick and drop to the venues and guided local tours for local sightseeing in Prayagraj which would include visit to Kashi Viswanath temple and River Ganga Aarti at Varanasi. Lunches and Dinners will be arranged for all the 3 days of PBD Convention.

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