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**PRESS RELEASE**

The Government of Uttar Pradesh is organizing the first ever **NRI Divas** focused on the State’s diaspora on **4th & 5th January 2016,** in Agra. During the flagship event, in the presence of Hon’ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Akhilesh Yadav, major policy decisions and initiatives planned for the State’s diaspora will be unveiled. The NRIs from UP are welcome to join & celebrate the vibrancy created by them for Uttar Pradesh around the world during the event.

The State Government has recently established a full-fledged Department of NRI Affairs which aims at creating an effective relationship with the diaspora for any issues/facilitation that their kin or families of NRIs face at home in the State. The Government plans to roll out cards certifying NRIs/PIOs from UP which would entitle the bearer to prompt response whenever he/she meets a Government functionary in addition to multiple third party benefits. Felicitation of the NRIs/PIOs for their contribution to the State is also on the anvil.

In addition to the above initiatives, the officers of the State Government shall give a high priority to matters that are reported or referred by the NRIs. A website of the NRI Department is to be launched soon which will have the contact details of the District Magistrates and Superintendents of the Police, Commissioners, DIGs and other senior officers at the State Government level so that they can be reached directly in case of any need. Suggestions/ feedback can also be given at nricellup@gmail.com

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