

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2008

Tag Line – Engaging the Diaspora: the way forward

Sl. No.	Sessions	Topic	Speakers		
1.	Plenary Session 1	Social Development Challenges in India – Health and Education	Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia	Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission	India
			Prof. Deepak Nayyar	Member, Knowledge Commission and former Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi	India
			Ms. Rajashree Birla	Chairperson, Aditya Birla Centre	India
			Dr. S.S. Badrinath	Chairman Emeritus, Sankara Nethralaya	India
			Dr. Hemant Kumar Patel	President, Association of Physicians of Indian Origin	USA
			Mr. Analjit Singh	Chairman, Max India Group of Companies	India
			Dr. Thomas Abraham	Chairman, GOPIO Inc.	USA
			Prof. Dr. Ruby Pawankar	Treasurer, World Allergy Organization, Chair, ARIA-WHO Asia Pacific affiliate, Director Asian Allergy Asthma Foundation, Nippon Medical School	Japan
2.	Concurrent Session I	Knowledge Economy	Mr. Kapil Sibal	Minister for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, Govt. of India	India
			Dr. Balaji Sadasivan	Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts	Singapore
			Mr. Sam Pitroda	Chairman, National Knowledge Commission, Govt. of India	India
			Mr. R.R. Shah	Former Member Secretary,	India

				Planning Commission, Govt. of India	
			Mr. Ravi Seethapathy	Chair, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute	Canada
			Dato Vijay Easwaran	Group Managing Director, Qi Group of Companies	Hong Kong
			Dr. Som Mittal	President –designate, NASSCOM	India
			Mr. Vijay K. Thadani	Chief Executive Officer, NIIT Ltd.	
3.	Concurrent Session II	Culture	Smt. Ambika Soni	Minister of Tourism and Culture	India
			Mr. Mahendra Gowressoo	Minister of Arts and Culture	Mauritius
			Dr. Shashi Tharoor	Writer and Former UN Under Secretary General	
			Ms. Kapila Vatsyayan	Former Secretary, Department of Culture, Ministry of Human Resource Development	India
			Mr. M.J. Warsi	Department of Asian & Near Eastern Languages & Literature, University of Washington	USA
			Mr. Shekhar Kapur	Film Producer & Director	India
4.	Concurrent Session III	Challenges in Women Empowerment and Leadership	Ms. Meira Kumar	Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment	India
			Dr. Girija Vyas	Chairperson, National Commission for Women	India
			Dr. Mallika Sarabhai	Classical Dancer and Social Activist	India
			Smt. Krishna Tirath	Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha	India
			Ms. Rohini Muthuswami	Coordinator, ASHA	India
			Ms. Brinda Karat	Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha	India
			Ms. Anu Peshawaria	President, Seva Legal Aid Organization	USA
5.	Plenary Session 2	Investment and Infrastructure	Mr. P.P. Dasmunshi	Minister of Information and Broadcasting & Parliamentary	India

				Affairs	
			Dato Seri S. Samy Vellu	Cabinet Minister of Works, Govt. of Malaysia & President, Malaysian Indian Congress	Malaysia
			Mr. Sunil Kant Munjal	Chairman, Hero Corporate Service Ltd.	
			Mr. M.M. Rajaram	Chairman, Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Senior Director, Straits Law Practice LLC	Singapore
			Mr. G.V. Sanjay Reddy	Vice Chairman, GVK Group	India
			Mr. Vinayak Chatterjee	Chairman, Feedback Ventures Pvt. Ltd	
6.	Plenary Session 3	Trade & Business Opportunities	Mr. Kamal Nath	Minister of Commerce and Industry	
			Mr. Harinder Takhar	Minister of Small Business and Entrepreneurship	Canada
			Mr. T.K.A. Nair	Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India	India
			Lord Karan Billimoria	CBE, DL, Co-Chair, Indo-British Partnership and Founder & Chairman, Cobra Beer Ltd.	UK
			Mr. Sunil Bharti Mittal	President, CII and Chairman and Group CEO, Bharti Enterprises India	India
			Mr. Anil Kapur	Managing Director, Western Union Services India Pvt. Ltd	
7.	Plenary Session 4	Developmental Challenges of the States : Partnership Opportunities	Mr. Pranab Mukherjee	Minister of External Affairs	India
			Smt. Sheila Dikshit	Chief Minister of NCT of Delhi	India
			Mr. Narendra Modi	Chief Minister of Gujarat	India
			Mr. Bhupinder Singh Hooda	Chief Minister of Haryana	India
			Mr. V.S. Achuthanandan	Chief Minister of Kerala	India
			Mr. Madhu Koda	Chief Minister of Jharkhand	India
			Mr. Gautam Singh	Minister of Industries, Govt. of Bihar	India
			Mr. Vayalar Ravi	Minister of Overseas Indian	India

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8.	Working Sessions on Regions	Gulf	Mr. E. Ahamed	Minister of State of External Affairs	India
			Mr. Vayalar Ravi	Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs	India
			Mr. M.M. Hasan	Former Minister (NORKA), Information and Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of Kerala	India
			Mr. Mohammed Shabbir Ali	Minister of Energy & Coal, Minorities Welfare, Wakf Urdu Academy, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh	India
			Mr. Elamaram Kareem	Minister of Industries, Govt. of Kerala	India
			Mr. Y.A. Rahim	President, Indian Association Sharjah	
			Mr. M.A. Yusuffali	OIFC Trustee and Managing Director, Emke Group	UAE
			Mr. Pankaj Khimji	Director, Khimji Ramdas Group	Oman
			Mr. C.K. Menon	Managing Director, Dehzad Group	
			Mr. K. Ashok Kumar	Correspondent, Malayalam News	Bahrain
			Mr. Shihab Kottukad	General Secretary, Pravasi Rehabilitation Center	Saudi Arabia
9.		Asia Pacific	Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar	Minister of Panchayati Raj, Youth Affairs & Sports, Development of North Eastern Region	India
			Mr. N. Ravi	Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs	India
			Ms. Vijaya Vaidyanathan	CEO-designate, Waitakere City Council, Auckland	New Zealand
			Mr. Nevill Roach	Chairman, Australia-India Business Council	Australia
10.		Africa	Mr. Anand Sharma	Minister of State for External Affairs	India

			Councillor Logie Naidoo	Deputy Mayor of Durban	South Africa
			Mr. Rama Krishna Sithanen	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Economic Development	Mauritius
			Mr. T.C. Venkat Subramanian	Chairman & Managing Director, Exim Bank	India
			Mr. Abraham Thomas	Vice President, World Malayalee Council, South Africa Chapter	
			Mr. Mahyendrah Utchanah	President, GOPIO, Mauritius	
			Prof. Dusruth Chetty	Pro Chancellor, University of Kwa Zulu Natal	South Africa
			Dr. J.K. Chande 'KBE'	Chairman, Barclays Bank	Tanzania
			Mr. Ram Balasubramaniam	President, Tata International Limited	India
11.		Americas	Mr. Ashwani Kumar	Minister of State for Industry	India
			Mr. Basdeo Pandey	Former Prime Minister	Trinidad & Tobago
			Mr. Lalit Mansingh	Former Indian Ambassador to USA	
			Mr. Madhu Yaskhi	Member of Parliament	India
			Mr. Inder Singh	President, GOPIO Inc. California	USA
			Mr. Sunil Jagasia	President, Indo Canadian Chamber of Commerce	Canada
			Mr. Ashook Ramsaran	Secretary General, GOPIO, New York	USA
			Ms. Arath Krishna	Washington	USA
			Mr. Kasi Rao	Sick Kids Foundation	Canada
			Dr. Ruby Dhalla	Member of Parliament	Canada
			Dr. Sambhu N. Banik	Professor of Psychology & Counselling, Bowie State University and Commissioner, Human Rights Commission, Montgomery County, State of Maryland	
12.		Europe	Mr. Praful Patel	Minister of State for Civil	India

				Aviation	
			Prof. S.K. Lambah	Special Envoy of the PM of India	India
			Lord Diljit S. Rana	Honorary Indian Consul for Northern Ireland	UK
			Mr. T.M. Jacob	Managing Director, Jtils Industries, President World Malyalee Council, German province	Germany
			Mr. Kiran Malhotra	Ambassador of City of Cologne	Germany
			Mr. Neeraj Jain	President, Indian Business Alliance, Moscow	Russian Federation
13.	Plenary Session 5	Diaspora Philanthropy : Empowerment of Rural Women	Ms. Renuka Chowdhury	Minister of State for Women and Child Development	India
			Ms. Leena Srivastava	Executive Director, The Energy and Resources Institute	India
			Ms. Lakshmi V. Venkatesan	Founding Trustee & Executive Vice President, Bhartiya Yuva Shakti Trust	India
			Dr. Balakrishnan Prabhakaran	Department of Computer Sciecn, University of Texas, Dallas	USA
			Mr. Raj Loomba	Founder Chairman Trustee, The Loomba Trust	UK
			Dr. Amita Puri	General Manager of Resource Mobilization, CRY	