

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2007

Tag Line – Rooting for the Roots

Sl. No.	Sessions	Speakers			
1.	Plenary Session I	Challenges of Development in the Global Context	Mr. Apurv Bagri	Chairman, TIE, Global	
			Mr. Kamal Nath	Union Minister for Commerce & Industry	India
			Mr. C.K. Prahalad	University of Michigan's Business School	USA
			Mr. Gopalkrishna Gandhi	Governor of Bengal	India
2.	Working Session 1	GOPIO : Engaging PIOs in India's Development	Mr. T. P. Sreenivasan	Retired Ambassador	
			Mr. Vayalar Ravi	Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs	India
			Mr. Oscar Fernandes	MOS (IC), Ministry of Labour & Employment	India
			Mr. Mahyendra Utchanah	President, GOPIO International Mauritius	Mauritius
			Mr. Thomas Abraham	Chairman, GOPIO	
			Mr. Ashook Ramsaran	Secretary General, GOPIO	USA
			Dr. Mohan Gautam	Director, PIO Institute	Netherlands
			Dr. V.P. Nair	President, GOPIO	Singapore
3.	Working Session 2	Education : Challenges and Opportunities in India's Development	Mr. Ganesh Chand	University of Fiji	Fiji
			Dr. Abid Hussain	Former Ambassador of India to USA	Indian
			Mr. S. Jaipal Reddy	Union Minister of Urban Development	India
			Mr. P. Jayaram	Executive Director, Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan	New York
			Ms. Pushpa Wood	Fund Specialist, Foundation and Community Funds Tertiary Educations	New Zealand

				Commission	
			Mr. G. Vishwanathan	Chancellor of Vellore Institute of Technologies	
			Mr. A. Parsuramen	Secretary, Executive Board, UNESCO	
4.	Working Session 3	Health : Challenges and Opportunities in India's Development	Dr. Naresh Trehan	Executive Director, Escorts Heart Institute Research Centre	
			Ms. Sayeda Hameed	Member (Health), Planning Commission	
			Dr. Subramaniam	President American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI)	
			Dr. Georgi Abraham	Consultant Nephrologists, Sri Ramchandra Medical College and Research Institute, Chennai	India
			Dr. Sant P Chawla	Oncologist	USA
			Dr. Rajeev Venkaya	Advisor to the US President on Biodefence	
5.	Working Session 4	Youth : Driving India's Development	Mr. Narayan Sethuramon	Chairman, Young Indians	
			Mr. Privthiraj Chavan	MOS, PMO	India
			Mr. Madhu Goud Yashki	Member of Parliament	India
			Mr. Sachin Pilot	Member of Parliament	India
			Mr. Shakeel Ahmed Khan	Director-General, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan	India
6.	Working Session 5	Private International Law	Prof. V.C. Govindaraj	Vice President, Indian Society of International Law	India
			Dr. Ram Nivas Mirdha	President Indian Society of International Law	India
			Dr. Abhishek Singhvi	Member of Parliament and Senior Advocate,	India

				Supreme Court of India	
7.	Working Session 6	The Gulf	Mr. M.A. Pathan	Group Resident Director, Tata Services Ltd.	India
			Mr. Vayalar Ravi	Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs	India
			Mr. E. Ahmed	Minister of State for External Affaris	India
			Mr. Jana K. Krishnamurthy	Member of Parliament	
			Mr. Yusuff Ali M.A.	Previous Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awardee	UAE
			Mr. C.K. Menon	Previous Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awardee	Qatar
			Mr. Tony Jashanmal	Vice Chairman, Indian Business Council	Kuwait
			Mr. Balachandran Nair	General Convener, NRK Welfare Forum	Saudi Arabia
8.	Working Session 7	Canada	Mr. Aditya Jha	Director-Trade & Investments, ICCC	
			Mr. Harinder Takhar	Minister for Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Ontario	Canada
			Mr. Alok Mukherjee	Chairman of Toronto Police Board	Canada
			Mr. Ajit Khanna	President ICCC	
9.	Working Session 8	Europe	Mr. Arun Bharat Ram	Chairman & Managing Director, SRF Ltd.	
			Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar	Minister of Panchayati Raj, Youth Affairs & Sports and Development of North East Region	India
			Mr. Nalin Surie	Secretary (West), MEA	India
			Mr. Abdool Magid Vakil	President EFISA Bank	Portugal
			Ms. Shalini Sinha	Founder, Life Coach	Ireland

10.	Working Session 9	South, South East & East Asia	Mr. N. Kumar	Vice Chairman, The Sanmar Group	
			Mr. G.K. Vasan	MOS(IC), Statistics & Programme Implementation	
			Dato G. Palanivel	Deputy Minister of Women, Family & Community Development	Malaysia
			Mr. N. Ravi	Secretary (East), MEA	India
			Mr. Satpal Khattar	Chairman, Board of Trustees, Singapore, Business Federation, Singapore	Singapore
11.	Working Session 10	Africa	Mr. Syamal Gupta	Chairman, Tata International Ltd.	India
			Mr. Anand Sharma	MOS, MEA	India
			Mr. Madan Murlidhar Dullo	Foreign Minister	Mauritius
			Mr. Jay Naidoo	Chairman, Development Bank of South Africa	South Africa
			Mr. Pheroze Nowrojee	Lawyer	Kenya
12.	Working Session 11	Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Caribbean	Mr. Brij Lal	Professor, University of Fiji	Fiji
			Mr. A.K. Antony	Union Minister of Defence	India
			Mr. Prashanta Mukherjee	Principal, Prashanta.dot.com	New Zealand
			Mr. Kriesnadath Nadoe	Professor Emeritus and Consultant, University of Suriname	Suriname
			Pandit Prakash Persad	Professor of Mechatronics Center for Innovation, Development, Enterprise and Strategy, University of Trinidad and Tobago	Trinidad & Tobago

13.	Working Session 12	USA	Lt. Gen (Retd.) S.S. Mehta	Director General, CII	India
			Mr. Ashwani Kumar	Minister of State for Industry	India
			Mr. Ramesh Kapur	President, Medical-Technical Gasses Inc	USA
			Mr. Anil Kumar	Co-Chairman, Indian American Council	USA
			Dr. Sugata Bose	Gardiner Professor of History, Department of History, Harvard University	USA
			Dr. Vishakha Desai	President, The Asia Society	USA
			Mr. J. John (Sunny) Wycliffe		USA
			Mr. A.K. Mago		USA
14.	Plenary Session II	Developmental Challenges of the States : Partnership Opportunities	Mr. R. Seshasayee	President CII	India
			Mr. Pranab Mukherjee	Minister of External Affairs	India
			Ms. Ambika Soni	Minister of Tourism & Culture	India
			Ms. Shiela Dixit	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. Gautam Singh	Minister of State for Industry, Bihar	India
15.	Plenary Session III	Developmental Challenges of the States : Partnership Opportunities	Ms. Kirit Parikh	Member Planning Commission	India
			Mr. Sharad Pawar	Union Minister of Agriculture	India
			Mr. Shivraj Patil	Union Minister of Home Affairs	India
			Mr. Shivraj Singh Chouhan	Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh	India
			Mr. Katta Subramanya	Minister for Large &	India

			Naidu	Medium Industries, Karnataka	
			Mr. Narpat Singh Rajvi	Minister for Industry, Rajasthan	India
			Mr. Elamaram Kareem	Minister for Industry, Kerala	India
			Mr. K.S. Vatsa	Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Maharashtra	India
16.	Working Session 13	Bihar	Mr. Pramod Sharma	Director, Shree Baidyanath Ayurved Bhavan Pvt. Ltd.	India
			Mr. Gautam Singh	Minister of State for Industry (IC), Bihar	India
			Mr. C.K. Mishra	Resident Commissioner, Govt. of Bihar	India
			Mr. S. Vijayraghavan	Industrial Development Commissioner, Bihar	India
17.	Working Session 14	Delhi	Mr. Ankur Bhatia	Managing Director, Amadeus India Pvt. Ltd.	
			Mr. Shivinder Mohan Singh	Managing Director, Fortis Healthcare	
			Prof. P. Indresan	Chairman, Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology (NSIT)	
			Mr. V.V. Bhat	Principal Secretary (Finance), NCT of Delhi	India
18.	Working Session 15	Gujarat	Mr. Chetan Tamboli	Managing Director, Steelcast Ltd.	
			Mr. Narendra Modi	Chief Minister of Gujarat	India
			Mr. D. Rajagopalan	General Secretary, Department of Industries & Mines, Gujarat	India
			Mr. Ashok Bhatt	Minister of Law	
19.	Working Session	Haryana	Mr. Jatender Mehta	Managing Director,	

	16				Omax Autos Ltd.	
				Mr. K. Chaudhary	Financial Commissioner, Haryana	India
				Mr. Ashok Lavasa	Financial Commissioner, Haryana	India
				Mr. Rajeev Arora	Managing Director, Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation	India
				Mr. D.R. Dhingra	Director Industries, Govt. of Haryana	India
20.	Working 17	Session	Women	Ms. Anu Aga	Director, Thermax Ltd.	
				Ms. Renuka Choudhary	Minister of State of Women and Child Development	India
				Dr. Girija Vyas	Chairman, NCW	India
				Ms. Brinda Karat	Member of Parliament	India
				Ms. Prema Cariappa	Member of Parliament	India
				Ms. Sushmita Ghosh	President Emeritus, Ashoka	USA
				Ms. Rajani Patil	Chairperson Central Social Welfare Board	
21.	Working 18	Session	Karnataka	Mr. Vinay L Deshpande		
				Mr. Katta Subramanya Naidu	Minister of Large & Medium Industries, Karnataka	India
				Mr. Rajkumar Khatri	Commissioner, Department of Commerce & Industries Karnataka	India
				Mr. G. Kumar Naik	Commissioner, Ministry of Tourism, Karnataka	India
				Mr. K.M. Shivakumar	Principal Secretary, Karnataka	India
22.	Working 19	Session	Kerala	Mr. Navas Meeran	Director Eastern Treads	

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				Mr. Elamaram Kareem	Minister of Industries, Kerala India
				Dr. V. Venu	Secretary Department of Tourism, Kerala India
				Mr. P.H. Kurian	Managing Director, Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC)
				Mr. S. Krishna Kumar	Former Government Official India
				Mr. Vishwas Mehta	Secretary Department of Health & Family Welfare, Kerala India
				Mr. Jiji Thomson	Principal Secretary to the Kerala Govt. NORKA, Programme Implementation & Information India
23.	Working Session 20	Madhya Pradesh		Mr. Sunil Chordia	Managing Director, Rajratan Global Wire Ltd. India
				Mr. Shivraj Singh Chauhan	Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh India
				Mr. Babulal Gaur,	State Minister for Commerce and Industry India
				Ms. Yashodhara Raje Scindia	State Minister for Tourism, Madhya Pradesh India
				Mr. Rakesh C. Sahni	Chief Secretary of Madhya Pradesh India
24.	Working Session 21	Rajasthan		Mr. Shripal Choudhary	Managing Director, EMGEE Cables & Communications Ltd. India
				Mr. Narpat Singh Rajvi	Minister for Industry, Rajasthan India

			Mr. Prosotome Aggarwal		
			Mr. D.C. Samant		
25.	Working Session 22	Media	Dr. Sanjaya Baru	Media Advisor to PM	India
			Mr. P.R. Dasmunsi	Minister for Information & Broadcasting & Affairs	India
			Mr. Ranvir S. Nayar	Media India Group	France
			Mr. Soman Baby	Associate Editor, Gulf Daily News	
			Mr. K.P. Nayar	Telegraph	USA
			Mr. Shekhar Gupta	Group CEO, India Express	
26.	Plenary Session IV	How to get US \$1.5 trillion of capital investment : The resource hurdle for development	Mr. T.N. Ninan	Editor & Publisher, Business Standard	
			Mr. P. Chidambaram	Minister of Finance	India
			Dato Seri S Samy Vellu	Cabinet Minister of Works, Govt. of Malaysia	Malaysia
			Mr. Ratan Tata	Chairman, Investment Commission	
			Mr. Swadesh Chatterjee	CEO, Swadesh Chatterjee & Associates	USA
			Mr. O.P. Bhatt	Chairman, State Bank of India	
			Dr. Ashok Lahiri	Chief Economic Advisor, Govt. of India	India
27.	Plenary Session V	Leveraging Technology for Development	Mr. S. Ramadorai	Managing Director, TCS	
			Mr. Sam Pitroda	Chairman, Knowledge Commission	
			Mr. Balaji Sadasivan	Sr. Minister of State for Foreign Affairs & Information Communication & Arts, Singapore	Singapore
			Mr. Gopal Pillai	Commerce Secretary	India
			Mr. Sunil Bharti Mittal	Chairman & Group Managing Director,	India

				Bharti Enterprises	
			Mr. V. Rajakumar	Director, Light Metals Flagship	Australia
			Mr. R.K. Pachauri	Director General, TERI	
28.	Plenary Session VI	Planning for development – How to include the Indian Diaspora	Mr. T.K.A Nair	Principal Secretary to PM	India
			Mr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia	Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission	India
			Mr. Sitaram Yechury	Member of Parliament	India
			Mr. Anil Kapur	Managing Director, South Asia, Western Union	
			Mr. Karan Bilimoria	Co-Chairman, IBP	UK