

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2009

Tag Line – Engaging the Diaspora : The Way Forward

Sl. No.	Sessions	Topic	Speakers		
1.	Plenary Session I	India as an Emerging Power : The Diaspora Factor	Mr. Pranab Mukherjee	Minister of External Affairs	India
			Dr. Ruby Dhalla	Member of Parliament	Canada
			Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu	President, Malaysian Indian Congress	Malaysia
			Mr. Sam G. Pitroda	Chairman, C-Sam Inc	USA
			Prof. Sugata Bose	Gardiner Professor of Oceanic History and Affairs Harvard University	USA
			Mr. Sat Pal Khattar	Chairman, Khattar Holdings	Singapore
			Mr. R.L. Lakhina	Founder President, Foundation for Critical Choices for India	Netherlands
2.	Plenary Session II	Reflections on Current Economic Crisis : Diaspora Concerns	Mr. Shashi Tharoor	Chairman, Afras Ventures	USA
			Prof. C.K. Prahalad	Professor, University of Michigan Business School	USA
			Prof. K. Narayanan Nair	Director, Centre for Development Studies	
			Mr. R. Seetharaman	Chairman, Doha Bank	
3.	Concurrent Session I	Building Bridges Trade & Investment	Mr. Tarun Das	Chief Mentor, CII	
			Dr. Ashwani Kumar	Minister of State for Industry. Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion	
			Mr. Gopinath Pillai	Ambassador-at-Large Chairman, Institute of South Asian Studies	Singapore
			Mr. Hari Panday	President, ICICI Group, North	Canada

				America Region	
			Dr. Ravi Pillai	Managing Director, Nasser S. Al-Hajri Corporation, Manama	Bahrain
			Mr. Jayadev Galla	Managing Director, Amara Raja Batteries Ltd, Hyderabad	
			Mr. Venu Srinivasan	Vice President, CII & Chairman & Managing Director TVS Motor Co Ltd.	
4.	Concurrent Session II	Building Bridges : Diaspora Philanthropy	Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar	Minister for Panchayati Raj, Development of NE Region	
			Mr. K. Mohandas	Secretary, Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs	
			Prof. Dasarath Chetty	Prof. Vice Chancellor, University of KwaZulu-Natal	South Africa
			Mr. Inder Singh	President, GOPIO	USA
			Ms. P.T. Usha	President, Usha School of Athletics	
			Mr. Rajinder Paul Loomba	Executive Chairman, Rinku Group	UK
			Mr. Kasi V.P. Rao	Consultant (Higher Education, Government Relations, Business Development & Policy Issues)	Canada
5.	Concurrent Session III	Building Bridges : Education & Diaspora Knowledge Network	Ms. D. Purandeswari	Minister of State for Human Resources Development	
			Dato Dr. S. Subramaniam	Minister of Human Resource	Malaysia
			Mr. S. Ramadorai	Chief Executive Officer, Tata Consultancy Services	India
			Lord Diljit Singh Rana, MBE	Founder & Chairman, Andras House Ltd.,	United Kingdom
			Dr. Ravi Seethapathy	Chair, Canadian Advisory Council Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute	Canada
			Ms. Renu Khator	Chancellor, Houston University	USA
			Dr. Raj P. Warriar	Vice Chancellor, Manipal	Manipal

				University	
			Mr. P. Kishore	Managing Director, Everonn Systems India Ltd	
6.	Concurrent Session IV	Building Bridges : Media & Entertainment	Mr. P. Ramasamy	Deputy Chief Minister, Penang	Malaysia
			Mr. Shan Chandrasekar	Chief Executive Officer, Asian Television Network International Ltd.	Canada
			Mr. Loganathan Naidoo	Deputy Mayor of eThekweni (Durban)	South Africa
			Mr. N. Ravi	Editor, The Hindu	
			Mr. Ranvir Nayar	Managing Director, Media India	Paris
			Mr. Venkat Raman	Correspondent-The National Business Review Editor, Indian Newslink	New Zealand
			Mr. Prakash M. Swamy	Journalist	USA
7.	Concurrent Session V	Increased Interaction with Diaspora Women	Ms. Subbulakshmi Jagadessan	Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment	
			Ms. Renuka Chowdhury	Minister of State for Women & Child Development	
			Justice Mohini Murugesan	Judge, High Court of Kwazulu Natal	South Africa
			Ms. Leela Gujadhur Sarup	Organization for Diaspora Initiatives	Mauritius
			Ms. Anita Ratnam	Cultural Activist Arangham Trust, Chennai	India
			Ms. Meera Ravi	Editor, Salaam Bahrain	Bahrain
8.	Concurrent Session VI	Health for All : Role of Diaspora	Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss	Minister of Health and Family Welfare	India
			Dr. Naresh Trehan	Chairman and Managing Director, Global Health Pvt Ltd., New Delhi	India
			Dr. Prathap C. Reddy	Chairman, Apollo Group of Hospitals, Chennai	India
			Dr. Sanku S. Rao	President, AAPI	
			Dr. Ramesh Mehta	President, BAPIO	UK

			Dr. Rajni Kanabar	Chairman, Regency Medical Centre	Tanzania
			Dr. Georgy Abraham	Consultant, Madras Medical Mission, Chennai	India
9.	Plenary III	Diaspora Interaction with the States	Mr. Vayalar Ravi	Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs & Parliamentary Affairs	
			Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Bhopinder Singh	Lt. Governor, Andaman & Nicobar	
			Mr. Narendra Modi	Chief Minister of Gujarat	
			Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy	Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh	
			Mr. Sushil Kumar Modi	Deputy Chief Minister, Bihar	
			Mr. Arcot N. Veerasami	Minister for Electricity, Tamil Nadu	
			Mr. Randeep Surjewala	Minister for Power, Water Supply & Sanitation & Parliamentary Affairs, Haryana	
			Mr. Elamaram Kareem	Minister for Industries, Kerala	
			Mr. Manoranjan Kalia	Minister for Industry & Local Government, Punjab	
			Mr. Suresh Shetty	Minister of State for Tourism, Maharashtra	
10.	State Session I	Bihar	Mr. Sushil Kumar Modi	Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar	
			Mr. Satyajit Singh	Council Chairman, Bihar	
			Mr. Ashok Kumar Sinha, IAS	Principal Secretary, Department of Industries	
			Ms. Anshuli Arya, IAS	MD, BIAPD	
11.	State Session II	Gujarat	Mr. Narendra Modi	Chief Minister of Gujarat	
			Mr. Jay Narayan Vyas	Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Tourism & NRG, Government of Gujarat	
			Mr. B.B. Swain, IAS	Secretary (NRI & ARTD), Gujarat	
12.	State Session III	Karnataka	Mr. Murugesh R. Nirani	Minister for Large & Medium Scale Industries, Government of Karnataka	

			Mr. V. Venugopal	Managing Director, Karnataka Udyog Mitra	
			Dr. Raj Kumar Khatri, IAS	Commissioner of Industrial Development & Director of Industries & Commerce Government of Karnataka	
			Mr. K. Viswantha Reddy, IAS	Director, Department of Tourism, Government of Karnataka	
			Capt. Ganesh Karnit	Deputy Chairman NRI Forum	
13.	State Session IV	Kerala	Mr. Elamaram Kareem	Minister for Industries, Government of Kerala	
			Mr. T. Balakrishnan, IAS	Principal Secretary-Industries Government of Kerala	
			Mrs. Sheela Thomas, IAS	Secretary to Chief Minister & Secretary, NORKA Department, Government of Kerala	
			Mr. Yusaffali M.A.	Vice Chairman, NORKA-ROOTS	
			Mr. Manoj Joshi IAS	Managing Director, KSIDC	
			Dr. M. Anirudhan	Director, NORKA-ROOTS	
			Dr. Rathan U Khelkar, IAS	Director, IT Mission	
14.	State Session V	Rajasthan	Mr. Subhash Chander Garg, IAS	Commissioner Rajasthan Foundation	
			Mr. T. Bhaskar	Director Finance and IT, Saint Gobain Glass India Ltd.	
15.	State Session VI	Tamil Nadu	Mr. Arcot N. Veerasami	Minister for Electricity, Government of Tamil Nadu	
			Mr. M.F. Farooqui, IAS	Principal Secretary Industries, Government of Tamil Nadu	
			Dr. M. Rajaram, IAS	Commissioner- Tourism Directorate, Government of Tamil Nadu	
			Mr. S. Ramasundaram, IAS	Managing Director, TIDCO	

			Dr. Santhosh Babu, IAS	Managing Director, Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu Ltd.	
			Mr. M. Velmurugan, IES	Director, Tamil Nadu Industrial Guidance Bureau	
16.	Plenary IV	Indian Diaspora : Preservation of Language and Culture	Dr. P.C. Alexander	Former Governor of Maharashtra	
			Mr. K. Shanmugam	Minister of Law & Second Minister for Home Affairs, Government of Singapore	Singapore
			Ms. K. Kanimozhi	Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Government of India	
			Mr. N. Ram	Editor-in-Chief, The Hindu Group of Publications	
			Prof. Rajesh Chandra	Vice Chancellor, University of South Pacific	Fiji Islands
			Dr. T.P. Naidoo	President, Indian Academy of South Africa Journalist, Publisher and Public Relations Consultant	South Africa
			Dr. Alok Mukherjee	Chair, Toronto Police Services Board	
			Dr. M.K. Gautam	Vice Chancellor and President European University of West and East Netherlands	
			Ms. Shireen Sarojini Mudali Munsamy	Historian and Author	South Africa
17.	Regional Working Session I	Africa	Mr. Amichand Rajbansi	Minister for Sports and Recreation Kwazulu Natal Province	South Africa
			Mr. Mahyendra Utchanah	President GOPIO	Mauritius
			Mr. Jean Regis Ramsamy	President, ODI	Reunion Island
			Mr. Jose Parayanken	Chairman & Managing Director Mozambique Holding,	

				Mozambique	
			Mr. Syamal Gupta	Chairman, Tata International Ltd, Mumbai	India
			Justice A.M. Ebrahim		Zimbabwe
18.	Regional Working Session II	Asia Pacific	Mr. Mahendra Chaudhury	Parliamentary Leader, Fiji Labour Party	
			Mr. Vijay Iyengar	Chairman, Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry	Singapore
			Mr. Brian Robert Hayes	Chairman, Australia-India Business Council	Australia
			Datuk Dr. Denison Jayasooria	Principal Research Fellow Institute for Ethnic Studies Universiti Kebangsaan	Malaysia
			Dato' Satish Sehgal	Director, Indo-Thai Business Association	Thailand
			Mr. N. Kumar	Vice Chairman, Sanmar Group	
19.	Regional Working Session III	Canada	Mr. Harinder Takhar	Minister for Small Business and Consumer Services, Government of Ontario	Canada
			Mr. Deepak Obhari	Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Canada
			Ambassador K.K. Bhargava	Member Indo-Canadian Shastri Institute	Canada
			Ms. Asha Luthra	Chairperson, Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce & Industry	
			Mr. V. Srinivasan	Chairman, W S Industries Ltd	
			Ms. Jaya Subramaniam	Executive Director, Lumbini Arts Society, Ottawa	Canada
20.	Regional Working Session IV	Caribbean	Mr. G.K. Vasan	Minister of State for Statistics and Programme Implementation	
			Mr. H.E.K. Bajnath	Ambassador Republic of Suriname	Suriname

			Mr. Ashook Ramsaran	Secretary General, GOPIO	
			Dr. Prem Misir	Pro Chancellor, University of Guyana	
			Dr. Philomena Ann Mohini Harris	Honorary Consul for India in Barbados West Indies	
			Mr. Anand Ramlogan	Barrister	Trinidad & Tobago
21.	Regional Working Session V	Europe	Baroness Shreela Flather	Teacher & British Politician	UK
			Prof. Narana Sinai Coissoro	Professor Universidade Lousofona,	Lisbon
			Mr. Wahid Saleh	Member Board of Directors, Europe India Chamber of Commerce & Board Member, Netherlands Foundation for Business Process Innovation	The Hague
			Mr. Chandrajit Banerjee	Director General CII	
			Mr. Arun Amirtham	President, Indian Association	Switzerland
			Mr. Kiran Malhotra	President, Indo-German Business Forum, Germany & MD, Alliance Ltd., Cologne	Germany
22.	Regional Working Session VI	Gulf	Mr. Vayalar Ravi	Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs & Parliamentary Affairs	
			Mr. E. Ahamed	Minister of State for External Affairs	
			Mohammed Shabber Ali	Minister for Minorities, Energy & NRI Affairs, Government of Andhra Pradesh	
			Mr. Elamaram Kareem	Minister for Industries, Government of Kerala	
			Mr. Soman Baby	Associate Editor, Gulf Daily News	Bahrain
			Mr. Mathunny (Sunny)	President, Indian Art Circle	Kuwait

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			Mr. Yusuffali M A	Managing Director, EMKE Group	
			Mr. S.K. Virmani	Managing Director Bhawan Engineering Group	Oman
			Mr. Vavakunju Shihabudeen	Pravazhi Rehabilitation Center	Saudi Arabia
23.	Regional Working Session VII	USA	Mr. A. Raja	Minister for Communication and Information Technology, Government of India	India
			Mr. T.P. Sreenivasan	Former Ambassador	
			Mr. Thomas Abraham	Chairman, GOPIO International	USA
			Mr. Ashwin Patel	Chairman, Asian American Hotel Owners Association	
