

PRAVASI BHARTIYA KENDRA

The Indian Diaspora constitutes a significant economic, social and cultural force in the world today. Overseas Indians estimated at over 27 million are spread across the world. Their industry, enterprise, education, expertise and economic success are widely recognized. The invisible thread that holds this vast and diverse overseas Indian community together and bonds them with India is Indian-ness.

2. To commemorate the trials and tribulations, as well as the subsequent evolution and achievements of the diverse Indian Diaspora, it has been decided to establish a Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra on three plots of land (Plot No.EP-15A, 15B & 15D) at Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. The total plot area of land is about 9800 sq. mtrs. (Approx. 2.40 acre). The cost of construction of PBK would likely to be around Rs. 80 cr.

3. The Kendra will serve as the focal point of the institutional framework to benefit from networks with and among overseas Indians. Over time, the Kendra is expected to develop into the hub of activities for sustainable, symbiotic and mutually rewarding economic, social and cultural engagement between India and its Diaspora.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PBK

- Symbolise the common aspirations of all members of the Diaspora to maintain their cultural identity and civilisational ethos.
- Be an ideal forum to leverage the skills, knowledge and resources of the Indian Diaspora for accelerating the development process in India.
- Serve as a permanent exhibition illustrating the history of the Diaspora in various parts of the world.
- The Kendra would be developed into a Centre for diaspora studies to run short-term courses and orientation programmes for the youth of the India Diaspora.
- The Kendra would lend a strategic dimension to India's engagement with its diaspora and provide informal channels of communication, which would help in promoting understanding of issues of vital concern to India.

FACILITIES PROPOSED TO BE PROVIDED AT THE PBK

The Kendra would, among other, have the following facilities:

- i) Library/Research Centre
- ii) Flexible capacity Meeting Rooms
- iii) Indian Cultural Centre
- iv) State of the Art Auditorium of 500 capacity
- v) Permanent Exhibition Space
- vi) Fully Serviced Guest Rooms
- vii) Full fledged Business Centres
- viii) Restaurant
- ix) Adequate basement Car Parking
- x) 100% Power Back-up

APPOINTMENT OF NBCC AS CONSULTANTS

The National Building Construction Corporation (NBCC) has been appointed as the Consultant and Project Manager on a turn-key basis from concept to completion that is planning, designing, construction, furnishing, equipping etc.

UNVEILING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE PBK

Hon'ble Prime Minister unveiled the foundation stone of the PBK on 8th January, 2011 during the inauguration of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD), 2011 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.



The construction work of the building has been commenced. The progress of PBK work is being closely monitored by a Committee headed by Joint Secretary (FS&EP) on weekly basis. It is expected to be completed within a period of two years i.e. by April, 2013.