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## Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD) 9 January 2016

The Embassy of India, Dublin organised an interaction with the overseas citizens of India to celebrate the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 at Radisson Blue St. Helen's Hotel, Dublin. Prominent members of the Indian Diaspora in Ireland were invited for the event. The event was attended by more than 60 Overseas Indians and NRIs.

The event began with the EAM's speech delivered at the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas event at New Delhi on 9 January 2016. Thereafter, the Ambassador, Mrs Radhika Lal Lokesh welcomed the distinguished guests. She outlined the objective of holding the PBD at Indian Missions abroad with focus on various themes which are of relevance to the developmental growth of India and where Diaspora can contribute with their vast and immense experience.

The Ambassador gave an overview of the Government's schemes for the Overseas Indians such as Know India Programme, Study India Programme, OIYC, Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children, India Development Fund etc. She also briefly elaborated on the new initiatives of the Government such as Make in India, Smart Cities, Swacch Bharat Mission, Namami Gange and Clean Ganga Fund, etc. In view of the fact that several members of Diaspora are closely associated with various leading Universities in Ireland, Ambassador said that they could participate in the GIAN scheme of the Government. The Ambassador invited the Diaspora to actively engage with their motherland.

Several speakers from the Diaspora were chosen to speak on the occasion keeping in view the themes for the PBD. These were:

- Ms. Rita Shah, Founder and Director, Shabra Plastics – ‘Recycling and Waste Management in the Context of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.
- Dr. Prabhu Kulkarni, President, Global Organisation of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO), Ireland – ‘Recapitulated the past PBD events held since he has attended 11 out of the 13 events held so far.
- Mr. Prashant Shukla, CEO, East West Commercial Enterprises Limited - ‘Role of Indian Diaspora in Nation Building: Opportunities for Partnership’
- Prof. Lokesh Joshi, National University of Ireland, Galway - ‘Science, Technology and Innovation’
- Mrs Anita Shukla, First Secretary, Embassy of India – ‘Digital India’, Prepared by Tech Mahindra
- Mr. Daniel Ramamoorthy, Founder, The Treehouse – ‘Opportunities and Challenges for start-up communities in India and Ireland’
- Dr. Dilip Mahapatra, a practicing doctor in Ireland – ‘Transferring Knowledge and Encouraging Innovation’
- Dr Hemant Kumar, President, Vedic Hindu Culture Society – ‘Role of Community organisations and promotion of culture and tourism’

The event was followed by a lively discussion highlighting the following possibilities where Diaspora’s involvement and participation could be strengthened:

- a) Diaspora provide suggestions on promotion of Hindi/Sanskrit in Ireland
- b) PIO working in Irish Universities to encourage and promote exchange under GIAN programme
- c) Diaspora Associations to try and build a data base of resources (educational, medical, scientific, IT, social development, etc.) which could coordinate community activities in these areas
- d) Diaspora to individually and collectively promote tourism to India through their networks and associations
- e) Mentoring of entrepreneurs and young professionals by diaspora members
- f) Greater dissemination among community members of programmes like KIP/SIP/IDF through associations.
- g) Setting up of State level/District level Diaspora Councils whose contacts will be available on MEA/MOIA website or State Government websites

The flyers for the India Development Fund were distributed to the attendees. The Make in India banners were also prominently displayed at the event.



◀Mrs. Radhika Lal Lokesh, Ambassador, addressing the Irish diaspora during the PBD 2016



Ms. Rita Shah, Founder and Director, Shabra Plastics sharing her success story during the PBD 2016. ▶







◀Prof. Lokesh Joshi, Vice President for Research, School of Natural Sciences, National University of Ireland, Galway delivering his paper on 'Science & Technology and Innovation' on the occasion of PBD 2016.

Dr. Dilip Mahapatra, a practicing doctor in Ireland presenting his paper on 'Transferring Knowledge and Encouraging Innovation' on the occasion of PBD 2016. ▶



◀Mr. Daniel Ramamoorthy, Founder, The Treehouse delivering a talk on 'Start up Stand up India'.



Dr. Hemant Kumar, President, Vedic Hindu Culture Society, making his presentation on Role of Community Organisations and Promotion of Culture and Tourism. ▶





◀Ms. Bindu Nair, Abbott Nutrition was the compere of the event, PBD 2016.



Ambassador and other members of the Embassy and Indian diaspora on the occasion of PBD 2016.



External Affairs Minister, Minister of State for External Affairs and The Rt. Hon'ble Priti Patel, Minister of State for Employment of United Kingdom at the 14th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in New Delhi (January 09, 2015)



## Event to promote Make in India Week - Mumbai from 13-18 February 2016

To promote 'Make in India Week - Mumbai from 13-18 February 2016, a networking and promotional event was organised by Embassy of India with the support of Ireland-India Business Association at Hotel Radisson Blu on 21 January 2016.



*Ambassador addressing during the networking and promotional event for Make in India Week at Mumbai from 13-18 February 2016 on 21 January 2015 at Hotel Radison Blu, Dublin*

(R to L) Amb. Mrs. Radhika Lokesh, addressing from the podium, Ms. NilaKanthi Ford, Chairperson of the Ireland India Business Association (IIBA), Mr. Marc Coleman, Director of Financial Services, IBEC, Mr. John Mac Namara, Enterprise Ireland, Mr Liam Lynch, KPMG, Mr Ken McKnight, President of CRH Europe Heavyside, Mr Frank Ryan, Chairman of IDA Ireland.



◀ **Mr. Marc Coleman, Director of Financial Services, IBEC** speaking during the networking and promotional event for Make in India Week at Mumbai from 13-18 February 2016 on 21 January 2015 at Hotel Radison Blu, Dublin.

More than hundred representatives from leading businesses, Chambers, Government Departments, Academia, Research etc attended the event. ►



◀ Ambassador responding to the audience during the Q&A session of the networking and promotional event organised to promote Make in India Week at Mumbai from 13-18 Feb 2016. The event was organised on 21 January 2016 at Hotel Radisson Blu, Dublin.





## Celebration of Republic Day 2016 at India House, Dublin

The flag hoisting ceremony on the morning of the 67<sup>th</sup> Republic Day was held at the India House on 26 January 2016. The Ambassador hoisted the flag in the presence of all the officers, staffs and their families and members of the local community participated in the singing of the National Anthem. Despite the weather being very stormy and a working day for the local Government, more than 60 members of the Indian Community participated in the event enthusiastically. Light refreshment were served on the occasion.

Ambassador read out the President's Address and the copy of the President's Address in Hindi and English were distributed.



◀Ambassador of India hoisting the Indian National Flag on 26 January 2016.



*The Ambassador reading the President's Address on the 67<sup>th</sup> Republic Day on 26 January 2016.*



## Republic Day Reception at India House

On the occasion of the 67<sup>th</sup> Republic Day an official reception was organized by the Ambassador at India House and 26 January 2016. Several Ambassadors, members of the Diplomatic Corps, officers from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, other Government Departments, CEOs and officers of the Industrial Development Authority, representatives of prominent business and prominent members of the Indian Community participated in the event. The Ambassador welcomed the guests and delivered address briefly outlining the importance of the Republic Day and the highlights of India-Ireland bilateral relations during the preceding year including the brief overview of the Prime Minister's visit to Ireland on 23 September 2015. This was followed by sumptuous reception.



Ambassador greeting the guests at the official reception on 26 January 2016.



Ambassador addressing the guests at the official reception.





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# Happening Haryana Investors' Summit 2016"

**7 – 8 March 2016  
Gurgaon, Haryana, India**

**G**overnment of Haryana, in partnership with CII, is organizing "Happening Haryana Investors' Summit 2016" on 7 – 8 March 2016 at Hotel Leela Ambience, Gurgaon. The objective of the Summit is to bring together investors, decision makers, senior Government officials and local business community for a concrete dialogue on investment opportunities and business environment in Haryana.



The Summit will have thought provoking Sessions focusing on different sectors such as Manufacturing Competitiveness, IT & ITes and ESDM, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Food Processing & Agriculture, Textile & Apparels, Renewable Energy, Healthcare, Education and exclusive Session for MSMEs.

The Happening Haryana Investors' Summit 2016 will be followed by Pravasi Haryana Divas on Wednesday, 9 March 2016. This initiative by the Government of Haryana is to recognize the achievements of Non-Resident Haryanvies and engage them for the future development of the State by harnessing their potential. This will help to re-connect with the roots and offer opportunities to invest in Haryana.

Two Pravasi Haryanavis who have made significant contributions in Trade and Industry, Health and Education, Information Technology, Engineering and Services, Art, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism and Social services will be honored during the valedictory session on 9 March 2016.

Special package tours are being prepared for visits to historical and religious places like Kurukshetra (the land of Mahabharata), the Pinjore Gardens (famous for Mughal architecture) and the recently discovered archeological site at Rakhi Garhi which predates even the Harappan sites. These subsidized packages will be made available two weeks before the main event on "MakeMy Trip". These will include guided Bus Tours, quality accommodation, special Haryanavi cuisine and Haryanavi Folk entertainment.

For any further details, interested parties may be advised to get in touch with Mr Sandeep Garg, Director General Industries (Haryana) on Email: [ipcharyana@yahoo.com](mailto:ipcharyana@yahoo.com), Mob: 8725075009 and Mr Ankur Chauhan, Director, CII Delhi State Office on Email: [ankur.chauhan@cii.in](mailto:ankur.chauhan@cii.in), Mob: 9650893091. ■■■

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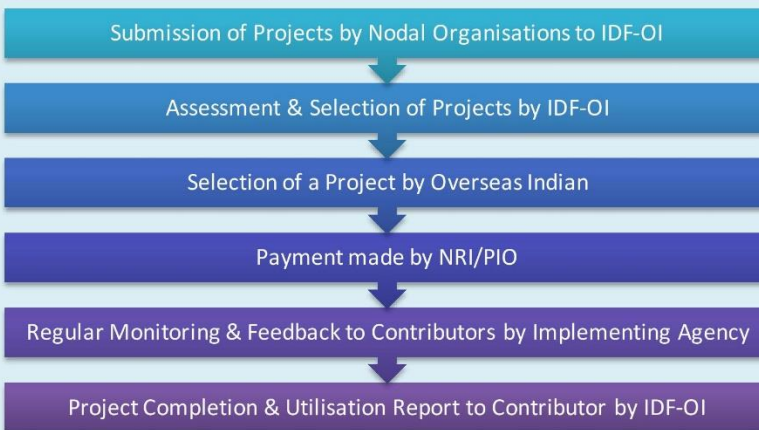


India Development Foundation  
of Overseas Indians

The India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI) is a not-for-profit Trust established by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs which enables overseas Indians to contribute to social and development projects in India. The Trust is exempt from the provisions of Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 2010

The Trust is chaired by Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Hon'ble Minister for Overseas Indian Affairs. Other Board members are prominent overseas Indians, eminent resident Indians and Senior Government of India officials.

## *How We Work*



### **Contribute to**

*Swachh Bharat Mission; National Mission for Clean Ganga;  
& Social and Developmental Projects in States of India*

### **Our Priority Sectors**

*Sanitation, Education, Women's Empowerment, Skill Development,  
Healthcare, and Sustainable Livelihood*

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*Punjab, Kerala, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra,  
West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Mizoram, Sikkim, Bihar,  
Tamil Nadu and Odisha*



*"Although, the Indian Diaspora is a very heterogeneous group, there is a common factor which binds them- their desire to maintain their connection with their homeland and to contribute to the social and development efforts in India. We are seeking to strengthen and deepen our relationship through IDF-OI."*

Smt. Sushma Swaraj  
Hon'ble Minister of Overseas  
Indian Affairs &  
Chairperson, IDF-OI

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- You can Fund One Unit or Several Units of any Project
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The Republic parade 2016 at Rajpath, New Delhi

