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### **15<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Celebrated**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was celebrated at the Embassy of India, Brussels on 9 January ,2018.



Charge d'Affaires, Shri Rakesh K Arora, addressing the audience

In his opening remarks, Charge d'Affaires, Shri Rakesh K Arora, spoke about the significance of the celebration of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas which commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa, following which he spearheaded the Indian independence movement.



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Shri. Arora highlighted that through the celebration of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, Government of India is reaching out to India's large diaspora community to harness their skills, expertise, and knowledge for the development of India.



Presentation by Counsellor for Consular and Diaspora Affairs, Shri Dharendra Singh Garbyal.

Counsellor for Consular and Diaspora Affairs Shri Dharendra Singh Garbyal gave presentation on various programs and schemes of Government of India, created for engaging and benefiting the Indian Diaspora such as the *Know India Programme (KIP)*, *Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC)* etc. and encouraged the Indian community to be active stakeholders in India's new growth story through flagship initiatives of Government of India such as '*Make in India*', '*Swachh Bharat*' etc.

A screening of Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi's address at the 15<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was organised on the occasion. An interactive Question and Answer session was held during which the Indian diaspora members were encouraged to send their suggestions and feedback about various government initiatives.

Around 30 members of the Indian diaspora in Belgium attended the event.



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