

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUBJECT: PRAVASI BHARATIYA DIVAS (PBD) CONVENTION - 2019

Attention of members of Indian diaspora is drawn to this Mission's Public Notice of 21st September 2018 on the above cited subject.

- The Government of Uttar Pradesh (GoUP) is participating in the 15th **Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas** 2019 as a **Partner State**, which is being held at Varanasi on 21-23 January 2019. The theme of PBD Convention, 2019 is "Role of Indian Diaspora in building New India". Special arrangements are also being made for participation of delegates in **Kumb Mela** and **Republic Day Parade**.
- Simultaneously, the GoUP is organizing the 4th "**U.P. PRAVASI DIVAS**" ON 21st January 2019 in Varanasi. This event will be graced by **Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Aditya Nath**.
- During the State Pravasi Divas, selected overseas Indians will also be honoured with the prestigious **Uttar Pradesh Ratna Award** to recognize their contributions to various fields both in India and abroad. The registration process for award is open on GoUP's website (www.upnri.com).
- The State is providing home stay facility with renowned families of Varanasi and is building a tent city to ensure comfortable and memorable stay for the participating delegates. It is also making arrangements to make the delegates experience cultural extravaganza through special exhibition known as "**Tasters of India**", wherein they would be introduced to various cuisine & culinary styles of U.P. State and other states of India.
- Moreover, the officers of the GoUP have been instructed to accord high priority to matters that are reported or referred by the NRIs. The website for UP NRIs has already been launched (www.upnrigrs.in) by the NRI Department to facilitate NRIs from Uttar Pradesh.
- The registration for Uttar Pradesh *Apravasi Bharatiya Ratna Puraskar* is open at the following link - <http://upnri.com/up-nri-ratna-award-registration.htm>.

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