



Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

[Pravasi Bharatiya Divas \(PBD\)](#) has been celebrated on **9th January every year since 2003** to honor the [Indian diaspora](#) and the contribution of the **overseas Indian community** to the country's development.

- January 9 was chosen as the day to celebrate this occasion since it was on this day in **1915 that Mahatma Gandhi**, the greatest Pravasi, **returned to India from South Africa**, and led India's freedom struggle.
- Since 2015, its format has been revised to celebrate the **PBD once every two years** and to hold theme-based PBD Conferences during the intervening period

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