



## **Celebration of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2018**

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated on 9<sup>th</sup> January every year to mark the contribution of Overseas Indian community in the development of India. January 9 has been 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, led India's freedom struggle and change the lives of Indians forever.

PBD conventions are being held every year since 2003. The highlight of the PBD celebrations this year would be the first ever PIO Parliamentarian conference with PIO Mayors as special invitees being hosted by Government of India on January 9, 2018 at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra, New Delhi. There are over 215 sitting PIO Parliamentarians at national level across 30 countries and over 35 PIO Mayors across 13 countries.

**All Indian nationals, PIOs and NRIs are requested to follow the proceedings of the Conference.**