

18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2025

1. The **18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2025 Convention** will be held in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India** from **8-10 January, 2025**. The venue of the convention is Janata Maidan, XIMB Square, Nandankanan Rd, near Swasti Premium, Gajapati Nagar, Bhubaneswar.
2. The theme of the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention 2025 is: "**Diaspora's Contribution to a Viksit Bharat**".
3. The 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention will include five Plenary Sessions on **the following themes :-**
 - **Plenary Session I:** Beyond Borders: Diaspora Youth Leadership in a Globalized World
 - **Plenary Session II:** Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers: Stories of Migrant Skills
 - **Plenary Session III:** Green Connections: Diaspora's Contributions to Sustainable Development
 - **Plenary Session IV:** Diaspora Divas: Celebrating Women's Leadership and Influence – Nari Shakti
 - **Plenary Session V:** Diaspora Dialogues: Stories of Culture, Connection, and Belongingness
4. **30 eminent diaspora members will be honored with the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards** during the 18th PBD Convention.
5. It is advisable that the delegates attend all the events relating to **PBD 2025 Convention on 9 and 10 January 2025**. Delegates are also welcome to attend Youth PBD programme on 8 January 2025.
6. **Registration for participation in PBD 2025** Convention is mandatory for **all participants**, including official delegates, invited guests, government officials, artists and performers and journalists. Registration will only be through **an online process**.
7. All PBD delegates/participants **are required to pay the registration fee** (except Government of India's special invitees). In addition to individual registrations, Group registration facility can also be availed by PBD delegates, who wish to participate as members of an Indian Association, Community organization or Professional organization. The registration fee will include meals (lunch and dinner at the Convention venue) during the event period. A Conference bag with programme, access to lunch and dinner venues, cultural programmes will also be provided to the participants on arrival. Delegates can pick up the Conference Bag from the special counters set up at the PBD Convention venue from 8 January 2025. The details of registration fees for individuals and group registration is given below.

Individual Registration		
(a)	Indian Nationals/Non-resident Indians	Registration Fees INR 5000/- for one day INR 7,500/- for any two days INR 10,000/- for three days
(b)	Person of Indian Origin	US\$ 100 for one day US\$ 150 for two days US\$ 200 for three days

Group Registration		
Members of an Indian Community Organization can register as a group and benefit from the special rates applicable for such group registrations. The rates of discount applicable along with the numbers of registrations in the group are indicated:	Group	Discount
	5 to 50	25%

20% discount in Registration Fees for early registration (registration before 27 November 2024). Early Registration Discount and Group Registration Discount can not be availed together. **No refund to be provided in case of cancellation of Registration.**

8. While registering online using the registration form, fees may be paid online itself. In case the payment does not process/fails, an option to complete the payment later is available using Login credentials sent on registered Email ID.

9. There will be no refund in case of cancellation of registration.

10. **Visa requirements:** If you are a Non-resident Indian national (holder of Indian passport), you don't require a visa to travel India. If you are a person of Indian Origin, your valid PIO or OCI card can provide visa free entry to India. If you do not have a PIO or OCI card, please apply at the nearest Indian Embassy or Consulate for a visa. Foreign passport holders are advised to apply well in advance for Visa. You may please apply for "Conference Visa" to attend PBD 2025 Convention. Confirmed registration for the PBD Convention will be required at the time of submission of visa application forms at the Indian Embassy/High Commission/Consulate. If you are a special Invitee of the Government of India, please present the invitation letter from the Ministry of External Affairs, along with the visa application to the Indian Embassy/Consulate to obtain gratis Visa. For more details regarding visa, please visit: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in>

11. All registered participants/delegates will be provided a delegate card/badge which they would be **required to wear all time at the convention venue**. PBD registered delegates can collect the badges/cards at the special registered counters at PBD Convention venue set up for the purpose.

12. Entry to the PBD Convention will only be given to **the person who has registered**. A photo ID and verification proof need to be shown to obtain the delegate badge for entering the PBD convention. The delegate cannot transfer his badge to any other person.

13. **Accommodation:** Odisha Tourism will facilitate accommodation, transportation & Excursion activity. Accommodation can be booked through the PBD portal. There are limited number of accommodations in Odisha, so delegates are advised to book well in advance. Bookings can be made online directly through the web portal link of the hotels. Step by step procedure to book accommodation through PBD portal is as under:

(i) To book accommodation, click on the “Book Accommodations” tab, this will take the delegates to a new login page where they are required to Sign in using their Pravasi Bharatiya ticket number that was received by the delegates on their email after registering and making payment for attending the 18th PBD convention.

(ii) Upon signing in, users may select the check-in, and check-out dates along with guests and room details(1 room allowed per registered delegate and with a single ticket number).

(iii) Users can now use the filter option to search hotels on the basis of star rating and price categorization.

(iv) Once the user selects the category of rooms, s/he would then be moved to the Booking Summary page. Upon selecting the hotel and room type, the delegate may recheck the details on the booking summary page.

(v) Post which, the delegate is required to make the payment.

(vi) Upon successful payment the delegate would receive a booking & Payment confirmation mail.

For accommodation related queries:
24x7 Helpline Number: 0674 2623302
Email: info.pbd2025@gmail.com

14. Links are provided on the website for tourist attractions in Odisha. Special tour packages have been curated for PBD delegates by Odisha Tourism.

15. PBD delegates based outside India are advised to bring medical and travel insurance for the period of their stay in India.

16. **For general queries regarding PBD 2025 Convention:**

PBD 2025 Secretariat
Ministry of External Affairs
E-mail: [supportpbd\[at\]mea\[dot\]gov\[dot\]in](mailto:supportpbd[at]mea[dot]gov[dot]in)
Website : <https://pbdindia.gov.in/>

17. The payment options are Debit/Credit Cards, Internet Banking and UPI. All major cards from Indian and International Banks are accepted.
