

REGIONAL PRAVASI BHARATIYA DIVAS SYDNEY-NOV 10-12 , 2013



Venue: Sydney Convention and Exhibition Center

Dates: November 10-12, 2013

Registration Info: www.pbdsydney2013.com.au



Regional Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (Overseas Indian Day) Convention in Sydney- November 10-12, 2013

The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs of the Government of India and the High Commission of India in Canberra will host the **2013 Regional Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention in Sydney** over three days from November 10-12, 2013.

In a function held on May 30, 2013 Mr. Vayalar Ravi, Hon. Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs of the Government of India and the Hon. Barry O'Farrell, Premier of NSW, jointly made the announcement via video link in New Delhi and Sydney.

The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) has been celebrated in India on January 9th each year since 2003 to mark the contributions of the overseas Indian community in the development of India.

Regional PBDs are organised by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs with the collaboration of the host Government, the Indian Mission, Prominent Overseas Indians and Organisations catering to the needs of the Indian Diaspora.

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Session Themes at PBD Sydney 2013

- Diaspora Issues and the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs
- Sharing of Experiences
- Trade and Investment
- Services
- Manufacturing
- Resources
- Infrastructure
- Skills and Education
- Women in Business
- Youth
- Education
- Media
- Indian Languages

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The objective is to reach out to those members of the community who have been unable to participate in the annual PBD in India and to provide a platform for the Indian community in Australia and the Pacific to contribute to the relationship between countries of the region and India.

Participation in the event is expected from all States and Territories of Australia and from neighbouring countries including Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Manila, Hong Kong, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Fiji and the Pacific Islands.

This convention is not only for the Indian community, but for all persons who are interested in plugging into India's growing relationship with Australia and other Pacific countries. It is expected that more than a thousand individuals will participate in the conference.

The Confederation of Indian Industry, the Overseas Indian Facilitation Centre and the Australia India Business Council will participate in the Regional PBD Convention in Sydney.

The programme of the event will feature discussions on different aspects of India's relationship with Australia and countries of the region including resources, energy, infrastructure, agriculture, manufacturing, services, skills and education, languages, women in business, youth, media and culture.

Speakers at the event will include Ministers and prominent dignitaries from Australia and India, prominent members of the Indian community, Australian and Indian business, academicians and media persons.

For Registration please log onto:

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PLEASE AVAIL YOURSELF OF THE EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT BY REGISTERING QUICKLY

Registration fees inclusive of lunches and dinners):

Early Bird- up to September 30- A\$ 325/- per head (incl. GST)

After Sept. 30 -A\$ 425/- per head (incl GST)



MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS MR VAYALAR RAVI WILL LEAD THE INDIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE PRAVASI BHARATIYA DIVAS CONVENTION . Secretary Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs Mr Rajiv Mehrishi , the Overseas Indian Facilitation Center, and Indian Partner States will also participate in the event. Speakers will include leaders from Government, Business, Academia, media and civil society groups. It is expected that there will be more than 1000

participants in the event. Participants are expected from different States and Territories of Australia and neighboring countries. **The Theme of the Convention is CONNECTING FOR A SHARED FUTURE: THE INDIAN DIASPORA, INDIA AND THE PACIFIC**