



# DIASPORA ENGAGEMENTS AND EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF SERVICES

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# SIZE OF INDIAN DIASPORA

- Indian Diaspora is the largest in the World
- Total Number of Overseas Indians - **31 Million**
  - Includes 13 Million NRIs

<b>1</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>4.5 Million</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	<b>4 Million</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>UAE</b>	<b>2.8 Million</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Malaysia</b>	<b>2.4 Million</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>1.8 Million</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Canada</b>	<b>1.6 Million</b>

# INFLUX OF INDIAN STUDENTS

- **25%** of International students in Canada in 2017 were Indians
- Total International Students arriving in 2017- Approximately half million
  - Quality of education
  - Reputation as tolerant and non-discriminatory society
  - Safe country
  - Friendly policies towards work permits and PR
  - Developments in USA since 2016
  - Push factors in India

- **January 9-** annual celebratory day that marks the contribution of overseas persons of Indian origin (PIO) towards their homeland
- Indian PM famously stated during 2017 PBD Conference:
  - हम पासपोर्ट का रंग नहीं, खून का रिश्ता देखते हैं



**Pravasi Bharatiya Divas**

- Diasporas are the partners in growth, catalysts for the country's development and can take India to greater heights on the global platform
- **Brain Drain to Brain Gain**



**Pravasi Bharatiya Divas**

# 15<sup>TH</sup> PBD- 2019



Venue- Varanasi



January 21-23, 2019



Theme- Role of Diaspora in building new India



Last date of Registration January 10, 2019



[www.pbdindia.gov.in](http://www.pbdindia.gov.in)



Main attractions

Witness the Kumbh Mela

Watch the Republic Day Parade

[PBD 2019 video](#)

# DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO DIASPORA



# OCI CARD

- Not just a Life Long Visa



**OCI CARD** is a multiple entry, multi-purpose lifelong visa for visiting India

**NO NEED** to register with local police authority for any length of stay

**PARITY WITH NRIs** in economic, financial, educational matters except acquiring agricultural land

पंजीयन प्रमाणपत्र  
CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION  
विदेशी भारतीय नागरिक  
OVERSEAS CITIZEN OF INDIA



सत्यमेव जयते

भारत गणराज्य  
REPUBLIC OF INDIA



# OCI CARD- BENEFITS

Parity with NRI on

- the matter of inter-country adoption of Indian children
- Entry fee for Museums, Taj Mahal, National Parks etc
- Tariff for domestic air travel
- Pursue the following professions
  - Doctors, dentists, pharmacists
  - Advocates
  - Chartered Accountants
  - Architects
- Parity to appear for the All India Pre-medical Test
- Separate Immigration checkpoints for OCI cardholders being worked out at high volume airports

# OCI CARD BENEFITS

- OCI cardholders can take up teaching faculty positions at AIIMS, IIT and IIM, IISc IISER, NIT and Central Universities



# OCI CARDS- WHAT YOU CAN'T DO

- Can't vote
- Can't contest for parliament, Vidhan sabha elections
- Can't normally get sarkaari-naukari.
- Can't hold Constitutional posts- President, VP, SC-HC Judge etc.
- Can't buy agricultural land or plantation



## PIO TO OCI CONVERSION

- PIO cards were valid only for 15 years
- PIO card didn't offer all benefits of OCI
- PIO cards were non-machine readable
- Last date of validity of PIO Cards is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

# ONLINE SERVICES FOR VOTERS

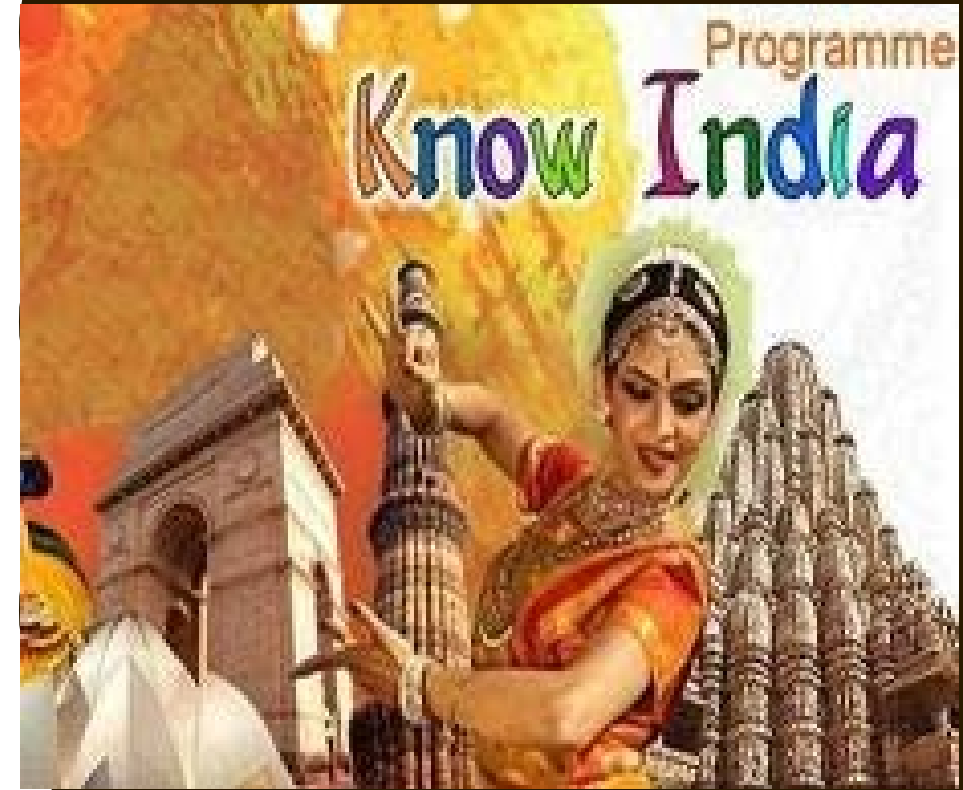
- Voting rights- Only for Indian citizens
- NRIs can enrol as overseas voters on National Voters Services Portal [www.nvsp.in](http://www.nvsp.in)
- As of now, NRIs can't vote without actually being present in person
- E-ballot or proxy voting is currently under testing
- A bill to grant voting rights through e-ballot/proxy is under consideration of the Parliament of India



**OTHER  
INITIATIVES**



# KNOW INDIA PROGRAMME



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- A 25 days orientation program For Diaspora youth ( 18-30 years)
- Aim- to promote awareness and to develop closer bonds
- 50 such group tours so far- 2000 youth benefitted
- Local hospitality borne by Indian Govt
- 10 % of air fare has to be shared by the applicant
- Website: [www.kip.gov.in](http://www.kip.gov.in)
- [Video of a KIP tour](#)



# PRAVASI TEERATH DARSHAN YOJANA

- **45-65 years** age group, who are financially not well off
- Applicable only for **7 Girmitiya countries**(Fiji, Guyana, Mauritius, South Africa, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, Reunion Island)
- Scope and eligibility likely to be expanded in future
- First edition scheduled **from January 20, 2019 to 10 February, 2019**
- Itinerary -Delhi-Varanasi-Allahabad-Delhi-Rajasthan-Uttar Pradesh-Bihar-Tamil Nadu-Kerala-Delhi
- Participants will also attend PBD 2019, Kumbh and Republic Day Parade
- Second Edition will be organised from 31 January to 16 February with the itinerary of “Delhi-Rajasthan-Uttar Pradesh-Bihar-Tamil Nadu-Kerala-Delhi”

# INDIAN COMMUNITY WELFARE FUND

- For assisting Overseas Indian nationals in distress and emergency
- Critical support in emergency evacuation of Indian nationals from conflict zones, natural disasters and other challenging situations
- **Examples relevant in Canada**
  - **Legal/financial assistance** to Indian women harassed by their spouses
  - **Transportation of Mortal Remains when family is unable to meet the costs**
  - Programmes to promote Indian Culture

# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR DIASPORA CHILDREN

- Launched since 2006-07
- For wards of PIOs and NRIs
- For pursuing undergrad courses in Indian Universities
- Financial support upto USD4000, ie upto 75% of tuition fee + Hostel fee + registration etc
- Upto 150 students per year
- Website- [www.spdcindia.gov.in](http://www.spdcindia.gov.in)

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<b>352</b> ACADEMICIANS	<b>352</b> UNIQUE COURSES	<b>38</b> COUNTRIES	<b>13</b> DISCIPLINE	<b>68</b> NATIONAL INSTITUTES
NEW PEDAGOGIC METHODS	EMERGING TOPICS OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INTEREST	HIGH QUALITY COURSE MATERIAL IN NICHE AREAS	COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH	REPUTED INTERNATIONAL FACULTY

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Ministry Of Human Resource Development

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- Their engagement with the institutes of Higher Education in India
- Elevate India's scientific and technological capacity to global excellence

[GIAN VIDEO](#)

# MISCELLANEOUS INITIATIVES

- State specific Pravasi programmes and Sammelan
  - Gujarat,, UP, Punjab, Haryana, Jharkhnad, MP, Rajasthan, Assam
- Connect with your Roots programme of Punjab Govt

- Similar to Know India Programme
- an opportunity to visit the places from where their families hailed or where their ancestors were born in Punjab
- Eligibility- Youth 16-22 Years
- 10-Day tour
- 6-7 times a year
- To and for travel to India will be paid by the applicant
- Local hospitality-by Punjab Govt
- Visit to Pind, historical and religious places, Wagah border
- Visit to Vidhan Sabha, High Court, etc





## PRAVASI BHARTIYA KENDRA IN DELHI

- A Centre for Expat Indians
- Inaugurated on October 2, 2016 by PM Modi
- Located at Chankyapuri, New Delhi
- [Short film on PBK](#)

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INDIAN ORIGIN ONLY

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