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14th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Celebrated in Jakarta

The Embassy of India in Indonesia celebrated Pravasi Bharatiya Divas on 9 January 2017 in Jakarta. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Manish, Charge d'Affaires and witnessed participation of prominent Indian businessmen, professionals, academics and Indian expatriate community. Delivering the keynote address, Mr. Manish encouraged members of Indian Diaspora to contribute to India's success by investing their capital and skills in new opportunities created by the Government of India through its various programs like Make in India, Digital India and Smart Cities. He said that Indian expatriate community has achieved success in Indonesia due to their hard work, discipline and law abiding nature. Mr. Manish also highlighted important policy and administrative measures announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the occasion of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in Bengaluru on 8 January 2017.

There were two panel discussions in which Indian community participated and shared their views. The first with theme of Roadmap for Engagement with the Diaspora and Strengthening the Role of the Indian Community' discussed the role of various Indian community organisations, the services being provided by them and how their activities could be brought under one umbrella. The second panel discussion was on "Startups and Innovation which have a Social impact on India". The Panel discussed important role being played by major Indian corporates in digitization process in India and Indonesia and its relevance to common man. Dr. Anand Prakash, First Secretary, briefed the audience about various flag ship programs launched by Government of India and how these platforms can be used by Indian diaspora to help in progress of India. Mr. Rohit Babbar, Second Secretary, gave details of the various consular facilities being provided by the Embassy of India.

The Indian community appreciated Government of India's programs like Make in India, Smart Cities, digital India and Skill India and wanted to participate in the growth story of India. They appreciated Government of India's concern for the welfare and safety of Indian diaspora and steps taken by the Embassy to provide better consular services to Indian community.

There are about 100,000 persons of Indian origin in Indonesia. Most of them are settled in Medan, Surabaya and Jakarta. The Indian community has cumulatively invested USD 15 billion in Indonesia and created 250,000 jobs. The early settlers among Indian community are largely engaged in textile, sports and entertainment sectors while those who have arrived later are mostly professionals.

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