

High Commission of India Nairobi

Celebrations of Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas in Nairobi

High Commission of India, Nairobi organized an impressive event to celebrate Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas (PBD) 2018 on 9 January at Apa Pant Auditorium, Nairobi. The event was attended by over 160 people including heads & representatives of the India diaspora organizations, prominent PIOs and NRIs.

2. In her opening remarks High Commissioner Ms. Suchitra Durai informed the gathering about the participation of two PIOs and Members of Parliament from Kenya in the first ever PIO Parliamentarians' Conference in New Delhi. She also drew attention to speeches by EAM and PM. Further, she highlighted the various flagship programmes of the Government of India and schemes related to PIOs & NRIs including Know India Programme & Know Goa Programme, India's growing engagement with Kenya and Swachh Bharat Kosh set up by the Government for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.



3. The programme included remarks by Mr. PV Sambasiva Rao, Dr. Chandravadan Seth, Ms. Nisha Hirani and Dr. Prakash Heda. During his presentation on investment in leather industry, Mr. Rao underlined unlimited investment opportunities in Kenya for Indians. Mr. Rao, an NRI was recently awarded "Elder of the Order of the Golden Heart", the second highest civilian award in Kenya by the President of Kenya. Dr. Seth,

Chair of the Asian Foundation and a well-known philanthropist shared his thoughts and experiences on "Diaspora Philanthropy – Empowering People". Ms. Nisha Hirani, Managing Director of well-known community newspaper the Asian Weekly stressed importance of media for diaspora connect. Dr. Prakash Heda delivered closing remarks on the occasion. The programme concluded with cultural performances by a talented young boy Meet Bhatt from Thika town (mixed bollywood dance – Dil se Hindustani) and by members of the Bengali Cultural Association in Nairobi ('Nrithya Sangam' – Let's bring the world together). Indian snacks/light refreshments were served at the end of the programme.



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