

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2005

Sl. No.	Session	Topic			
1.	Plenary Session I	India : A Hub for Globalization	Mr. Rahul Bajaj	Chairman and Managing Director, Bajaj Auto Ltd	India
			Mr. Raghuram Rajan	Economic Counsellor and Director Research Deptt, IMF	
			Mr. Raj Kumar Dhoot	MP and Member of Organising Committee, PBD 05	India
			Mr. P. Chidambaram	Minister of Finance	India
			Mr. T. Shanmugaratnam	Acting Minister for Education	Singapore
			Mr. Karan F. Bilimoria	CBE, DL-UK, Co-Chairman, Indo British Partnership and Chief Executive-Cobra Beer Ltd.	UK
			Mr. A.K. Purwar	Chairman, SBI and Chairman, Banking & Financial Institutions Committee –FICCI	India
			Mr. Ratan Tata	Chairman, Tat Sons Ltd.	India
2.	Plenary Session II	New Initiatives for the Diaspora	Lord Navnit Dholakia	House of Lords	UK
			Mr. S. Krishna Kumar	Secretary, MOIA	India
			Mr. Vijay Amritraj	President, First Serve Entertainment	USA
			Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu	Minister of Works	Malaysia
			Mr. A.R. Bundhun	Hon'ble Vice President	Mauritius
			Dr. P. Mohammad Ali	MD, Galfar Engineering and Contracting LLC	Oman
			Ms. Nina Gill	Member of European Parliament and Chairperson of the European Parliament Delegation for South East Asia and SAARC	Belgium
			Mr. Shashi Tharoor	Under Secretary General, United Nations	USA
			Dr. Sam Pitroda	Chairman, C-SAM Inc.	USA

			Mr. Madhu Goud Yaskhi	MP	India
			Mr. D.S. Mishra	Joint Secretary (Foreigners Division), MHA	India
			Mr. D.S. Poonia	PGE & JS, M/o Labour and Employment	India
			Mr. C.M. Bhandari	Additional Secretary (Policy Planning and Research), MEA	India
			Dr. Arun Nigavekar	Chairman, University Grants Commission	India
			Mr. M.S. Viridi	Director (FIPB), M/o Finance	India
			Mr. Jagdish Tytler	MOS (IC) for OIA and Chairman, Organising Committee PBD 05	India
3.	Plenary Session III	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	Mr. Jagdish Tytler	MOS (IC) for OIA and Chairman, Organising Committee PBD 05	India
			Mr. S. Krishna Kumar	Secretary, MOIA	India
			Dr. Sam Pitroda	Chairman, C-SAM Inc.	USA
			Mr. P.D. Bhatnagar	Convenor & Secretary General of the Consortium of Indian Scientists	
			Mr. Shashi Tharoor	Under Secretary General, United Nations	USA
			Mr. Raju Rajgopal	Indians for Collective Action	USA
			Ms. Roopal Shah	Indicorps	USA
			Mr. Kamarderpunia		
4.	Plenary Session IV	India & Generation Next	Mr. Prithviraj Chavan	MOS, Prime Minister's Office	India
			Prof. Premnarine Misir	Pro-Chancellor, University of Guyana	Guyana
			Mr. Milind Deora	MP	India
			Mr. Vigneswaran	MP and Parliamentary Secretary for Ministry of Youth & Sports	Malaysia
			Mr. B.J. Panda	MP	India
			Mr. Dharmesh Mistry	Management Consultant	UK
			Mr. Manavendra Singh	MP	India
			Dr. Amitabha Ghosh	NASA	USA
			Mr. Daniel Patel	Diaspora Intern	USA
			Mr. Jagdish Tytler	MOS (IC) for OIA and Chairman,	India

				Organising Committee PBD 05	
5.	Sectoral/Parallel Session	Education : Meeting the needs of the Diaspora	Mr. B.S. Baswan	Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education M/o Human Resource Development	India
			Dr. Arun Nigavekar	Chairman, University Grants Commission	India
			Prof. H.P. Dikshit	Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education	India
			Dr. S.B. Majumdar	Founder Director, Symbiosis Society	India
			Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie	Principal, University of West Indies	West Indies
			Mr. D.S. Mishra	Joint Secretary, MHA	India
			Prof. Ashok Mishra	Director, Indian Institute of Technology	India
		Sub Session : Secondary Education	Mr. Ashok Ganguly	Chairman, Central Board of Secondary Education	India
			Dr. N.S. Rajendran	University Sultan Idris	Malaysia
			Dr. Shyama Chona	Principal Delhi Public School	India
		Sub Session : Elementary Education	Ms. Kumud Bansal	Secretary, Elementary Education and Literacy, MHRD	India
			Mrs. Neelam Shami Rao	Mission Director, Rajiv Gandhi Shiksha Mission	India
			Mr. Manoj Nair	National President, Round Table	India
			Ravi Khanna	National Vice-President, Round Table	India
Dr. J.M. Phatak	Secretary, School Education Deptt. Govt of Maharashtra		India		
6.	Sectoral/Parallel Session	Indian Entertainment Industry : The Diaspora Factor	Mr. Yash Chopra	Chairman, Yashraj Films & Chairman, FICCI Entertainment Committee	India
			Mr. Shyam Benegal	Film Maker	India
			Mr. Amit Khanna	President, Film & Television Producers Guild of India	India
			Mr. K.S. Sarma	CEO, Prasar Bharati	India
			Mr. Manmohan Shetty	Managing Director, Adlabs Films	India

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			Mr. Naveen Kumar	Director General, Doordarshan	India
			Mr. Kunal Dasgupta	CEO, Sony Entertainment Television & Co-Chairman, FICCI Entertainment Committee	India
			Mr. Rahul Bose	Actor	India
			Ms. Nasreen Munni Kabir	Channel 4 TV	UK
			Mr. Brajeshwar Singh	Director General, All India Radio	India
7.	Sectoral/Parallel Session	Financing Growth : Sourcing Capital for India	Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai	Deputy CEO HSBC	India
			Mrs. Shyamala Gopinath	Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India	India
			Mr. T. Shanmugaratnam	Acting Minister of Education	Singapore
			Mr. Sumant Sinha	President and Head of Group Corporate Finance, A.V. Birla Group	India
			Mr. Raamdeo Agrawal	Managing Director, Motilal Oswal Securities Ltd.	India
			Mr. A.K. Shridhar	CIO and Executive Director, UTI Mutual Fund	India
			Mr. Anil Nahar	Financial Advisor, Bahwan Engineering Co. LLC	
			Tan Sri Dato Dr. K.S. Nijhar	Chairman, CISCO Group of Companies & Vice President of the Malaysian Indian Congress	Malaysia
			Mr. Jaspal Singh	Founder and CEO, Offwork Solutions	
			Mr. Kishore Kaul	Executive Director, Indo-American Business Promotion Council	USA
8.	Sectoral/Parallel Session	Healthcare Opportunities for Investment and Institutional Linkages	Mr. Habil F. Khorakiwala	Vice President, FICCI & Chairman – Wockhardt	India
			Mr. Shivinder M. Singh	Joint Managing Director, Fortis Healthcare	India
			Mr. Anil Maini	Escorts Heart & Research Center	India
			Dr. S. Gurumadhava Rao	Registrar, Manipal Academy of Higher Education	India

			Mr. Sumanjit Chaudhry	CEO, Max Health Staff International Ltd	India
			Mr. B.P. Sharma	Joint Secretary, M/o Health & Family Welfare	India
			Dr. Jagan Mohan Ailinani	President AAPI	USA
			Dr. S. Balasubramaniam		USA
			Lt. Col. Dr. A.R.N. Setalvad	Secretary Medical Council of India	India
9.	Sectoral/Parallel Session	Infrastructure Investment Opportunities in India Infrastructure	Mr. Niranjani Hiranandani	Managing Director, Hiranandani Construction Pvt. Ltd	India
			Mr. D. Rajamani	Joint Secretary, M/o Urban Development and Poverty Alleviations	India
			Mr. Sekhar Reddy	CEO, California Developers	USA
			Mrs. Sukhi Turner	Mayor-Dunedin	New Zealand
			Dato Seri S. Samy Vellu	Minister of Works	Malaysia
			Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad	Minister of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation	India
			Mr. Krishnamurthy		
			Mr. Jagdish Tytler	MOS (IC) for OIA and Chairman, Organising Committee PBD 05	India
			Dr. Satish Batra	President, HORIZON GmbH	Germany
			Mr. Onkar Kanwar	President, FICCI	India
10.	Sectoral/Parallel Session	Issues of PIOs	Mr. Ralph Ramkarran	Speaker, National Assembly	Guyana
			Dr. Denision Jayasooria	Executive Director, Social Strategic Foundation	Malaysia
			Mr. Mahendra Utchanah	Secretary General, International GOPIO	Mauritius
			Mr. Chandresh Sharma	MP	Trinidad & Tobago
			Mr. Ramesh Lawrence Maharaj	Former Attorney General	Trinidad & Tobago
			Dr. T. Marimuthu	Dormer Deputy Minister for Agriculture	Malaysia
			Mr. C.M. Bhandari	Addl. Secretary, MEA	India
			Dr. Ashok K. Amrohi	Joint Secretary & Chief Passport	India

				Officer, MEA	
11.	Sectoral/Parallel Session	Knowledge Bases Industry	Mr. Saurabh Srivastava	Chairman, IT Committee, FICCI ; Co-Founder & Past President, NASSCOM ; Chairman – Indian Venture Capital Association ; Chairman, Zensa & Infinity Venture Fund	India
			Session I IT in the Drug Industry	Dr. J. Rajagopal	Director, Global Life Sciences & Healthcare Practice, TATA Consultancy Services
		Dr. Vijay Chandru		Chairman & CEO Strand Genomics	India
		Dr. Nilabh Choudhry		INDUS BIO Solutions LLC	USA
		Dr. Pravin Kini		Managing Director Director, Cytogenomics India (P) Ltd.	India
		Dr. Shakti N. Upadhyay		Research Director, Reliance Life Sciences (P) Ltd.	India
		Dr. J. Rajagopal		Director, Global Life Science & Healthcare Practice, Tat Consultancy Services	India
		Dr. Vijay Chandru		Chairman & CEO Strand Genomics	India
		Session II Growth in the Animation and Gaming Sector	Mr. George Zacharias	President & Coo, Sify Ltd.	India
			Ms. Seema Ramanna	Managing Director, Crest Animations Studios Ltd	India
			Mr. Ashish S. Kulkarni	Coo, Jadoo Works Pvt. Ltd.	India
			Mr. Vishal Gondal	Founder & Director, India Games Ltd.	India
		Session III It Industry : Scaling New Heights	Mr. George Zacharias	President & Coo, Sify Ltd.	India
			Mr. Devinder Chawla	Executive Director, PWC Pvt. Ltd.	India
			Mr. Anupam Mittal	Founder & CEO, People Interactive (I) Pvt. Ltd.	India
			Mr. Kesh Mahinder Singh	Founder & CEO, Profitera Corporation	Malaysia
			Mr. Rahul Roy	Founder President & CEO,	USA

				Mirrorplus Technologies	
			Mr. Pradman P. Kaul	Chairman & CEO, Hughes Network Systems Inc.	USA
			Mr. Kunal Bajaj	Consultant (Projects), Telecom Regulatory Authority of India	India
			Mr. Pradeep Sood	President, Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce	Canada
			Mr. S.N. Zindal	Director General, Software Technology Parks of India	India
			Mr. Saurabh Srivastava	Chairman IT Committee, FICCI ; Co-Founder & Past President, NASSCOM ; Chairman – Indian Venture Capital Association ; Chairman, Zensa & Infinity Venture Fund	India
12.	Sectoral/Parallel Session	NRIs in Gulf	Mr. Oommen Chandi	Chief Minister, Kerala	India
			Mr. R. Dayakar	Joint Secretary, MEA	India
			Mr. Jagdish Tytler	MOS (IC) for OIA and Chairman, Organising Committee PBD 05	India
			Mr. D.S. Poonia	Protector General of Emigrants and Joint Secretary, MOIA	India
			Mr. M.S. Viridi	Director, Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB), Ministry of Finance	India
			Mr. Taizoon Khorakiwala	Managing Director, SWITZ Group	Oman
			Mr. Mohan Jashanmal	Head, Jashanmal National Co. LLC & Chairman Indian Business Professional Group	UAE
			Mr. M.C. Sebastian	Principal, Al-Yasmin Intl. School & Chairman-Middle East Region, World Malayali Council	Saudi Arabia
			Engr. Khaja Quadeer Anwar	Founder Director, Indian Doctors Engineers & Architects Society (IDEAS)	Saudi Arabia
			Mr. Jiji Thomson	Secretary, Non-Resident	India

				Keralites Affairs Deptt. (NORKA)	
			Mr. Yusuffali M.A.	Managing Director, EMKE Group	UAE
			Mr. H.S. Meijje	Chairman, PCP Group of Companies	UAE
			Mr. M.M. Hassan	Member Legislative Assembly, Kerala and Chairman, Roots-Non Resident Keralite Development Initiative	India
			Mr. Babu Jacob	Chief Secretary	Kerala
13.	Sectoral/Parallel Session	Private International Law and the Diaspora	Mr. Soli Sorabjee	Former Attorney General	India
			Justice K. Sukumaran	Chairman, Committee on Reviewing the working of Immigration Act.	India
			Justice A.M. Ebrahim	Retired Judge, Supreme Court of Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe
			Mr. B.A. Desai	Senior Advocate and Additional Solicitor General	India
			Mr. M.L. Sarin	Senior Advocate	India
			Mr. Madhu Goud Yaskhi	MP	India
			Prof. V.C. Govindaraj	Vice President, The Indian Society of International Law	India
			Mr. Anil Malhotra	Advocate, Malhotra & Malhotra Associates	India
			Mr. J.C. Sharma	Former Secretary, MEA	India
			Prof. C. Jayaraj	Secretary General, The Indian Society of International Law	India
			Mr. Narinder Singh	Joint Secretary, MEA	India
14.	Sectoral/Parallel Session	Role of Interest Groups in moving India's agenda	Mr. Sanjay Puri	Executive Director, US India Political Action Committee (USINPAC)	USA
			Dr. Sudhir Parikh	Immediate Past President, Indian American Forum for Political Education	USA
			Mr. Subhash Desai	Member-American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin	US
			Dr. Natwar Gandhi	GFO, Govt. of Dist. of Columbia	USA

			Mr. Thomas Abraham	President GOPIO	USA
			Mr. Robinder Sachdev	Founding Member and Director, Indian Affairs US India Political Action Committee	
15.	Sectoral/Parallel Session	Session I Science and Technology : Connecting STIOs to Indian Scientific, Engineering and Technical professionals/Societies	Prof. V.S. Ramamurthy	Secretary, Department of Science & Technology (DST)	India
			Dr. R. Chidambaram	Principal Scientific Advisor to Govt. of India	India
			Dr. R.A. Mashelkar	President Elect, Indian National Science Academy & President, Material Research Society of India	India
			Dr. Jauhri Lal	Secretary General & CEO, Petrotechsociety	India
			Mr. Kapil Sibal	Hon'ble Minister for Science & Technology	India
			Prof. Nitish Thakur		
		Session II Materials Technology & Engineering Sciences	Dr. Placid Rodrigues	Vice President-Elect INAE	India
			Prof. P. Somasundaran	Director IUCRC for Advanced Studies in Novel Surfactants & Professor at Columbia University	USA
			Prof. V.I. Lakshmanan	Vice Chairman and CEO, Process Research ORTECH Inc.	Canada
		Thematic Session Physical Science	Prof. V.C. Sahni	President, Indian Physics Association (IPA)	India
			Dr. Amit Roy	Director, Nuclear Science Center, Delhi	India
			Mr. Ravi Sitapati	Chairman, Canadian Advisory Council	Canada
			Dr. Vikas Sinha		
			Prof. Ashok Mishra	Director-IIT, Mumbai	India
			Dr. Avinash Chandra	Chief Consultant DG Hydrocarbons, Ministry of petroleum & Natural Gas	India
Dr. M.O. Garg	Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun		India		

16.	Sectoral/Parallel Session	Tourism & Culture : Opportunities for the Diaspora	Mr. Subhash Goyal	C-Chairman, FICCI Civil Aviation Committee	India
			Mr. Saroj Datta	Executive Director, JET Airways	India
			Mr. Amitabh Kant	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tourism	India
			Mr. M.P. Rama	Vice Chairman, AAHOA	USA
			Mr. Narend Singh	Minister of Arts, Culture & Tourism Govt. of Kwa Zulu Natal	South Africa
			Mr. K. Jaya Kumar	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture	India
			Mr. Vimlendra Sharan	Ministry of Culture	India
			Mr. Sundru Pillay	Director, Sumetro Travel/Metrolink PR	South Africa
			Mr. Ashwani Kakkar	CEO & MD, Thomas Cook	India
			Mr. Ranjit Malkani	Chairman & CEO Indian Sub Continental & Middle East, KUONI Travel (India) Ltd.	India
			Mr. B.U. Patel	Chairman, Tarsadia Hotels	USA
			Mr. Pradip Kumar Kukreja	President Malaysian Indian Chamber of Commerce	Malaysia
			Mr. Kishor Sabnis	Project Director, Tourism Training	Canada
			Mr. Mukesh Mowji	Secretary, AAHOA	USA
			Mr. H.P. Rama	AAHOA	USA
Mr. Arvind Singh	His Highness, Maharaja of Mewar	India			
17.	Sectoral/Parallel Session	Tracing the Roots	Dr. Basdeo Panday	Leader of Opposition	Trinidad & Tobago
			Mr. Ashook Ramsaran	Secretary General, Global Organization of People of Indian Origin	USA
			Dato G. Palanivel	Deputy Minister(Women, Family & Community)	Malaysia
			Dr. Mohan Gautam	Leiden Unviersity	The Netherlands
			Mr. Shamshu Deen	Genealogist	Trinidad &

					Tobago
			Dr. Chandra Shekar Tiwary	Indi Root Foundation	India
			Mr. Jagdish Tytler	MOS (IC) for OIA and Chairman, Organising Committee PBD 05	India
			Mrs. Saloni Deerpalsingh	Director, Aapravasi Museum, Mahatma Gandhi Institute	Mauritius
			Mr. David Appasamy	Chief Information Officer, Sify Ltd.	India
			Mrs. Suriya Gayan	Director General, Aapravasi Museum	Mauritius
18.	Sectoral/Parallel Session	Voluntary Sector & Development – Water Management and Income Generation for Rural Development	Dr. Sam Pitroda	Chairman, C-Sam Inc.	USA
			Dr. Rajender Singh	Tarun Bharat Sangh	India
			Ms. Namrata Bali	SEWA	India
			Dato Sahadevan	National Land Finance & Co. operative Society	Malaysia
			Mr. M.P. Vasimalai	Dhan Foundation	India
			Ms. Maya Sinha	Commissioner, KVIC	India
			Prof. Desarda		
			Dr. Gurdev Gill	Indo-Canadian Friendship Society of British Columbia	Canada
			Mr. Gaurav Parnami	INDICORPS	USA
			Mr. Jay Sehgal	Sehgal Foundation	USA
			Mr. Raju Rajgopal	Indians for Collective Action	USA
			Mr. Ram Krishan	NRI-Home Coming	USA
		Mr. Mayoore Patel	Founder Trustee of Polio Children	USA	
19.	Interactive Sessions with the State Governments of India	Chhatisgarh	Mr. Amar Agarwal	Industry Minister, State of Chhatisgarh	India
			Mr. Amitabh Jain	Commissioner, Industries and Managing Director, SIDC, State of Chhatisgarh	India
			Mr. Shantanu	Managing Director, State Tourism Board, State of Chhatisgarh	India
			Ms. Nishita Roy	Managing Director, Gram	India

				Udhyog Board, State of Chhatisgarh	
			Dr. R.T. Sharma	CEO State Medicinal Plants Board, State of Chhatisgarh	India
			Dr. Raman Singh	Hon'ble Chief Minister, State of Chhatisgarh	India
20.	Interactive Sessions with the State Governments of India	Gujarat	Mr. Raj Gopalan		
			Mr. Jagdish Tytler	MOS (Independent Charge)	India
21.	Interactive Sessions with the State Governments of India	Karnataka	Mr. K.K. Mishra	Chief Secretary, State of Karnataka	India
			Mr. Vijaya Scindia	Minister, Industries & Infrastructure, State of Karnataka	India
			Mr. Thomas Cherian	CEO, IDAC, Karnataka	India
			Mr. Harish Kowda	CEO, Karnataka Area Industrial Development Board	India
			Mr. Shankar Ali	Secretary, IT & Bio-Technology, State of Karnataka	India
			Mr. Mahendra Jain	Commissioner – Tourism, State of Karnataka	India
			Mr. Saraswati	Secretary-Food processing & Herb Technology, State of Karnataka	India
			Dr. Somnath	MD, Karnataka Food Ltd.	India
			Shri Thangaraja	Principal Secretary – Health & Family Welfare, State of Karnataka	India
			Mr. Anil Kumar	Principal Secretary, Infrastructure, State of Karnataka	India
			Mr. Gokul Rao	Principal Secretary – Commerce & Industries, State of Karnataka	India