



First Pravasi Rajasthani Diwas

Why in News?

The **first Pravasi Rajasthani Diwas** will be observed on **10th December 2025 in Jaipur**, alongside the **Rising Rajasthan Partnership Conclave**, to recognize the contributions of Rajasthani migrants to other states and countries.

Key Points

- **About:** It is a **two-day conclave** organized as a follow-up to the **2024 Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit**, with investor roadshows to be held at key domestic and international locations beforehand.
- **Objective:** It aims to **promote partnerships across various sectors** and strengthen the state's relationships with key international and multilateral organizations.
- **Events:** The state government will present the **Pravasi Rajasthani Samman Awards** to **Non-Resident Rajasthanis (NRRs)** for their global achievements in business, science, art, industry, philanthropy, social service, and music.
- **Significance:** The event will serve as a platform to celebrate the achievements of the Rajasthani diaspora and promote **strategic industrial alliances**.
 - It will provide Non-Resident Rajasthanis (NRRs) an opportunity to reconnect with their roots and invest in the state's growth and development.
 - The event aligns with the state government's **NRR Policy 2025**, aimed to ensure sustained engagement with the diaspora and create a supportive environment for investment.
- **Other Measures:** The Government of Rajasthan (GoR) had established the '**Rajasthan Foundation (RF)**' in March 2001, under the **Rajasthan Societies Registration Act, 1958** for a sustainable and meaningful connection with the NRRs.

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD)

- **About:** **Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD)** is observed biennially on 9th January, to celebrate the contributions of the **Indian diaspora** to their homeland.
 - The 18th PBD Convention was organised by Odisha from 8th to 10th January 2025, with the theme 'Diaspora's Contribution to a **Viksit Bharat**' (Developed India).
- **Background & History:** This bi-annual celebration commemorates the day in 1915 when **Mahatma Gandhi**, the greatest Pravasi (migrant), returned to India from South Africa to lead the country's **freedom struggle**.
- **PBD Conventions:** The PBD Convention was first established in 2003 under the government of then Prime Minister Late **Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee**, as a platform to recognise and engage with the overseas Indian community.
- **Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (PBSA):** The award, given out as part of the Pravasi Bharatiya programme, is the highest honour conferred on a **Non-Resident Indian (NRI)**, Person of Indian Origin (PIO); or an organisation or institution established and run by them.
 - The award is to commemorate the contribution of the Indian diaspora to create a better understanding of India abroad, support India's causes and work for the welfare of the local Indian community

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