## GOPIO CONVENTION IN NEW DELHI, INDIA, JANUARY 5-6, 2014

GOPIO International plans to hold its annual Executive Meetings and General Council Meetings, followed by its conference starting on January 5 afternoon and concluding on January 6, immediately preceding and in conjunction with Pravasi Bharatiya Divas PBD2014 events of January 7-9, 2013 in New Delhi, India (see more details below). The convention theme is "**The Indian Diaspora: Engaging PIOs of Today and Tomorrow**".

#### PROGRAM

#### **January 5, 2014**

Venue: The Federation House (FICCI), Council Room 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Tansen Marg, New Delhi 110001

1:30pm - 3:30pm	Executive Council Meeting Chaired by Ashook Ramsaran, President, GOPIO International	
3:30pm - 4:00pm	Tea Break	
4:00pm - 6:00pm	Councils & Regional/Country Reports Chaired by Inder Singh, Chairman, GOPIO International	
	<ul> <li>Council Reports (<i>Open to the Public</i>)</li> <li>Dr. Ramesh Caussy - Chair, Science &amp; Technology Council</li> <li>Suman Kapoor - Chair, Women's Council</li> <li>Anita Bhat - Director (USA) Youth Council</li> <li>Anita Bhat - Director (USA) Youth Council</li> <li>Asha Tewari - Youth Council, Netherlands</li> <li>Prof Prabhu Guptara - Chair, Academic Council</li> <li>Rageeta Ahuja - Chair, Women's Council</li> <li>George Abraham - Co-Chair, Women's Council</li> <li>George Abraham - Chair, Business Council</li> <li>John Isaac - Chair, Media Council</li> <li>Regional/Country Reports (<i>Open to the Public</i>)</li> <li>Ved Prakash Goojha – France</li> <li>Deo Gosine - Trinidad &amp; Tobago</li> <li>Dr. Arnold Thomas - Caribbean</li> <li>Munish Gupta - Africa</li> <li>Loshni Naidoo - South Africa</li> <li>Dr. Sai Giridhar - Middle East</li> <li>Umesh Chandra - Oceania Region</li> <li>Alkesh Sharma - New Zealand</li> <li>Rajindre Tewari - Europe</li> <li>Amb R. Dayakar - South Asia</li> <li>Dr Piyush Agrawal - North America</li> <li>Shailesh Naik - Connecticut, USA</li> <li>Dr Sunny Wycliffe - Metro DC, USA</li> <li>Lal Motwani - New York, USA</li> <li>Jay Banerjei - Toronto, Canada</li> <li>Jean Ramsamy - Reunion Island</li> <li>Dr. Prabhu Kulkarni - Dublin, Ireland</li> <li>Koshy Thomas - London, UK</li> <li>Lucienne Sacarabany - Martinique</li> </ul>	

Dinesh Petapermal - Guadeloupe K. N. Gupta - Liaison with Government of India Harbachan Singh - Liaison to United Nations Mridul Pathak - Diaspora Development Sunny Kulathakal - GOPIO Council Reports Updates Dr. Piyush Agrawal - GOPIO Chapter Developments

#### 7:00pm - 8:00pm Reception

#### **January 6, 2014**

Venue: The Federation House (FICCI), Commission Room 3rd Floor, Tansen Marg, New Delhi 110001 9:30am Registration

#### **General Council Meeting**

10:00am - 11:00am	General Council Meeting Chaired by Inder Singh, Chairman, GOPIO International
11:00am - 11:15am	Tea Break
11:15am - 12:30pm	General Council Meeting (Cont'd.) Chaired by Inder Singh, Chairman, GOPIO International
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch
Conference - Theme: "	The Indian Diaspora: Engaging PIOs of Today and Tomorrow".
	Inaugural Session: "Engaging PIOs of Today and Tomorrow". Conference Session I: "
1 1	ora's Youth/Next Generation & Women; Migration Trends; Cultural & Emotional
Engagement"	
3:30pm - 3:45pm	Break
3:45pm - 5:15pm	Conference Session II: "Engaging and Enhancing the Diaspora: Connecting with Resurgent India; Business & Investments; Science & Technology; Education & Healthcare"
5:15pm - 5:30pm	Resolutions
5:30pm - 5:45pm	Concluding Remarks
6:30pm - 7:30pm 7:30pm - 8:30pm 8:30pm - 10:00pm	Reception (Venue: K K Birla Auditorium) Valedictory Session & Felicitations (Venue: K K Birla Auditorium) Dinner (Venue: K K Birla Auditorium)

**Registration:** 

Advance registration - US\$30 (all events) on GOPIO website via PayPal at <u>www.paypal.com/webapps/mpp/make-online-payments</u>, or advance registration confirmation by Email to <u>gopioindia2014@gmail.com</u> by December 20, or payment on site at US\$35 (all events). Confirmed attendees will be registered and issued tickets on site for attendance

Hotels (India Tourism Development Corporation):

**SPECIAL OFFER FOR GOPIO MEMBERS** (Members must register with GOPIO Convention India for verification - <u>gopioindia2014@gmail.com</u>)

#### **Hotel Ashok:**

Standard Single Room Special Offer to GOPIO: Rs.6500/- CPAI to December 23, 2013. After December 24, 2013: Rs.7000/- CPAI (inclusive of buffet breakfast at the Coffee Shop, service Charge and all taxes)

#### **Hotel Samrat:**

Standard Single Room Special Offer to GOPIO: Rs.5750/- CPAI to December 23, 2013. After December 24, 2013: Rs.6250/-CPAI (inclusive of buffet breakfast at the Coffee Shop, service Charge and all taxes)

#### Hotel Janpath:

Standard Single Room Special Offer to GOPIO: Rs.5750/- CPAI to December 23, 2013. After December 24, 2013: Rs.6250/-CPAI (inclusive of buffet breakfast at the Coffee Shop, service Charge and all taxes)

Convention Convener: Mr. K. N. Gupta Convention Co-Convener: Amb. R. Dayakar Convention Coordinator: Munish Gupta

For details and registration, contact Mr. K. N. Gupta, Convention Convener at knguptas@gmail.com; gopioindia2014@gmail.com

## PRAVASI BHARATIYA DIVAS (PBD 2014) TO BE HELD IN NEW DELHI ON JAN 7-9, 2014 - 50% DISCOUNT IN PBD REGISTRATION FEE FOR GOPIO DELEGATES

## **50% discount in PBD registration fee for GOPIO delegates**

The 12th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD2014) will be held from January 7-9, 2014 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, India. The theme of PBD2014 is "Engaging Diaspora: Connecting Across Generations".

PBD conventions are being held every year since 2003 to mark the contribution of Overseas Indian community in the development of India. January 9 was chosen as the day to celebrate this occasion since it was on this day in 1915 that Mahatma Gandhi, the greatest Pravasi, returned to India from South Africa, led India's freedom struggle and changed the lives of Indians forever.

These conventions provide a platform to the overseas Indian community to engage with the government and people of the land of their ancestors for mutually beneficial activities. These conventions are also very useful in networking among the overseas Indian community residing in various parts of the world and enable them to share their experiences in various fields. During the event, individuals of exceptional merit are honored with the prestigious Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award to appreciate their role in India's growth. The event also provides a forum for discussing key issues concerning the Indian Diaspora.

# GOPIO delegates shall get 50% discount in PBD registration fee. Please contact GOPIO at:Ramsaran@aol.com. Hurry, time is short, register fast.

#### TENTATIVE PROGRAMME: SCHEDULE

Day 1, January 7, 2014

0830-1000	Registration			
1000-1100	Inaugural Session			
1100-1130	Tea/Coffee Break			
1130-1300	Plenary Session of Youth Pravasi Bhartiya Divas: Aspirations of Diaspora Youth			
1300-1400	Lunch Break			
1400-1600	Sharing a Common Heritage: The Emotional Connect	Young Achievers	Emerging India in a Dynamically Changing World	
1600-1630	Tea-Break			
1630-1800	Concluding Session - Building the Global Youth Diaspora Network			
1900 onwards	Cultural Evening and Dinner hosted by Minister of External Affairs, Government of India			
Day 2, January 8, 2014				
0930-1015	Inaugural Session			

#### 0930-1015 Inaugural Session 1015-1030 Tea/Coffee Break Plenary Session 1-India's Growth & Development Agenda 1030-1300 Lunch Break 1300-1400 Plenary Session 2- India's Soft Power 1400-1600 1600-1630 Tea/Coffee Break 1630-1745 PBD Oration Cultural Evening & Dinner Hosted by Minster of State for Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge) and Minister of State for Defence, Government 1900 onwards of India

#### Day 3, January 9, 2014

0930-1130	Plenary Session 3 - Investment Opportunities in States (Chief Ministers' Session)			
1130-1200	Tea/Coffee Break			
1200-1315	Parallel State Sessions			
1315-1430	Lunch Break			
1430-1600	Innovation and Technology	Healthcare opportunities in India	Meeting of Diaspora organisations	Making India the Hub of Media & Entertainment Industry
1600-1630	Tea/Coffee Break			
1700-1800	Valedictory Session and Conferment of Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards			
1900 onwards	Cultural evening and Dinner hosted by HMOIA			

### **DELEGATE REGISTRATION**

Package* (per person)	Till 15 <sup>th</sup> December, 2013	From 16 <sup>th</sup> December, 2013	
Conference Package	US\$ 250 Rs. 15750	US\$ 300 Rs. 18900	
	Entitled to 3 day Conference including Inaugural, Lunches, Dinners and Entertainment Evenings.	Entitled to 3 day Conference including Inaugural, Lunches, Dinners and Entertainment Evenings.	
Non- Conference Package	US\$ 100 Rs. 6300	US\$ 125 Rs. 7900	
	Entitled to attend Inaugural, Dinners and Entertainment Evenings on all 3 days only.	Entitled to attend Inaugural, Dinners and Entertainment Evenings on all 3 days only.	
Student Package	US\$ 100 Rs. 6300	US\$ 125 Rs. 7900	
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GOPIO Delegation* US\$ 125 per person			
Conference Package	Entitled to a 3 day Conference including Inaugural, Lunches, Dinners and Entertainment Evenings.		

For Registration and Program details, visit: Website: <u>http://www.moia.gov.in</u> Registration: <u>http://www.pbd-india.com/registration.html</u>