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19th Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas (07-09 January 2027), Kolkata, West Bengal.

The 19th edition of the Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas (PBD) will be held from 07 to 09 January 2027 in Kolkata, West Bengal. It will be organized by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in partnership with the State Government of West Bengal.

2. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate the PBD 2027 and Hon'ble Rashtrapati Smt. Droupadi Murmu will confer the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards and preside over the Valedictory Session. The event will also have a Youth PBD segment. The event will bring together Indian diaspora members, young diaspora leaders, entrepreneurs, professionals, academics, innovators and other stakeholders from across the world.

3. The Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas is celebrated to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi who returned to India from South Africa on January 09, 1915. The 19th edition of this flagship diaspora engagement event will build on the success of previous editions to foster the deep connections of the Indian diaspora with India and to celebrate their contributions to India and the world.

4. Website of the PBD-2027 is expected to be launched by the end of October 2026. Further details of the convention will be available on the website. Members of the Indian Diaspora are encouraged to participate in the above-mentioned event.

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