

## UPSC Civil Services Examination

### Topic: Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas – UPSC GS-II

To commemorate the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India on 9th January 1915, the Indian government in 2015 decided to mark every alternate January as Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas. This day marks the contribution of the overseas Indian community towards the country's development. As a part of current affairs and GS-II, this topic is important for IAS Exam, and aspirants can read the relevant facts in the article.

### Key Facts about Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas for IAS Exam

| Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas - Non-Resident Day         |   |
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| When did it start?                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first time it was observed in 2003, however, and it was made a biennial event from 2015 and has been celebrated in (2015,2017,2019)</li> <li>2021 will mark the next Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas</li> </ul>   |
| Why is the Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas important?      | It commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa. He returned on 9th January 1915 to India.   |
| Who sponsors the celebratory day?                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of External Affairs</li> <li>Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)</li> <li>Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)</li> <li>Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region</li> </ul>                               |
| When and how is it celebrated?                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The celebration starts on the 7th of January and goes till 9th January, sometimes on other dates too</li> <li>To represent and concerning Indian diaspora, a forum is organised and at the same, Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards are given.</li> </ul> |
| Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas 2006                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At a convention in Hyderabad, a concept of <a href="#">Overseas Citizen of India</a> was launched.</li> </ul>  |
| Where is the Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas celebrated?   | Every other year, the Government of India (MEA), selects an Indian city to observe this day.  |
| Names of Indian cities where the day was observed | The following cities were selected to mark the day:   |

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| from 2015-2019                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas 2015 - Gandhinagar, Gujarat</li> <li>• Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas 2017 - Bengaluru, Karnataka</li> <li>• Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas 2019 - Varanasi, India</li> </ul> |
| 15th PBD Theme (Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas 2019) | Role of Indian Diaspora in building New India   |

### PBD 2019 - Features

| Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas (PBD 2019) - Non-Resident Day   |  |
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| When did it take place?                                | It took place from 23-24th January 2020  |
| Where was PBD 2019 celebrated?                         | It was celebrated in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh   |
| What is the main theme of the Convention?              | "Role of Indian Diaspora in building New India" was the theme of PBD 2019  |
| What are major attractions of the 15th PBD Convention? | Participants were offered an option to take part in Kumbh Mela at Prayagraj on 24 January and witness the Republic Day Parade at New Delhi on 26 January |

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