



PEOPLE OF INDIAN ORIGIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

GLOBAL BUSINESS NETWORKING PLATFORM FOR INDIAN DIASPORA

People of Indian Origin Chamber of Commerce & Industry (PIOCCI) Biennial Convention

Plumeria 1 Hall, 7th January 2025 @ Taj Vivanta, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India

in conjunction with

18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2025

in association with

Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Ministry of Oil & Petroleum, Ministry of Education of India

“Diaspora’s Contribution to a Viksit Bharat”

India not only has one of the largest Diaspora but also one most closely connected to the motherland. Developments at home, be the achievements or challenges, are always closely followed abroad. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) gathering every two years is a long-standing occasion to renew bonds and develop networking.

The theme in 2025 is the “Diaspora's Contribution to a Viksit Bharat”. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s clarion call of inclusive socio-economic growth has reverberated not just with India but also with Indians overseas. India seeks heightened engagement from its Diaspora in this endeavour.

India is nearing the target of a \$ 5-trillion economy, is the 5th largest and fastest growing economic power, and aims to achieve a \$ 30-trillion economy by 2047, marking 100 years of independence. The Indian Diaspora is acknowledged as a knowledge powerhouse, runs the biggest and most advanced businesses globally, is affluent and influential. India and its Diaspora are a stellar and potent combination to usher in peaceful and progressive transformation of the world.

The 18th PBD, 8th through 10th January 2025, is hosted in the quaint, temple town of Bhubaneswar in the eastern Indian state of Odisha, aka 'India's best kept secret.' Odisha is a treasure trove of glorious history, rich traditions, culture, marvellous crafts, serene beaches, rich natural resources, hundreds of temples dating back 2500+ years. Odisha is another Indian state making strides in all-round growth and development. The upcoming PBD offers an untapped opportunity for Non Resident Indians (NRIs) and People of Indian Origin (PIOs) to continue their discovery of India, engage fervently with their ancestral land and contribute to an Emerging Viksit Bharat.

It is against this backdrop that PIOCCI is once again organizing its Biennial Convention on 7th January 2025, by tradition held on the eve of the PBD.

Program:

0900 – 1000 Hours: Registration & Welcome Tea

Inaugural Session: *Diaspora Comes of Age & Contributes to with a New, Vibrant, Viksit Bharat* – Deepening and Expanding the Economic Engagement with the Diaspora. India beckons with a Resilient Economy, Reformed Policies with Remarkable Prospects.

1000 – 1100 Hours:

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Master of Ceremony – Munish Gupta, Secretary & International Coordinator, PIOCCI – 5 mins

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Welcome Address – Dr. Aditya Jha, President, PIOCCI – 5 mins

Special Address – Prof. Raj Kumar Bhatia, Mentor & Patron, PIOCCI – 5 mins

Chief Guest – Hon. Smt. Pravati Parida, Deputy Chief Minister of Odisha– 10 mins

Vote Of Thanks – Anoop Gupta, Secretary & National (India) Coordinator PIOCCI – 5 mins

Session 1: India beckons investment in Infrastructure, Manufacturing, Free Market Enterprises. Shining Example of the World's Biggest Digital Public Infrastructure that has spurred economy, bridged socio-economic divide, empowered youth, generated employment and ushered in a thundering digital economy. Combine that with stupendous Infrastructure Development of roads & highways, ports and airports, Production Linked Incentives and National Logistics Policy stimulating Manufacturing, Employable Skill Development, World's largest Start-Up Ecosystem, Technology-led Innovative Advancements in Healthcare, Agriculture, Food Processing, Liberalized Policies, Safe Borders .. have created a Transformed India.

1115 – 1230 Hours: Dr. Aditya Jha, President PIOCCI – 7 mins
Amit Das, Founder & Chairman, ISoft Australia – 7 mins
Shrinivas Murthy – President & Head of Branch Banking, Jena Small Bank – 7 mins
Karunanidhi Kasinathan, Chairman & Founder KCCS – 7 mins
Ashok Juneja – PIOCCI Member, Texas USA – 7 mins
Ameet Nandlaskar, PIOCCI Australia Chapter President & Founder Innovesta Australia – 7 mins
Baskaran Kesavan – Founder & CEO KriyaTec IT Systems, USA – 7 mins
CA Anup Mukherjee – Treasurer PIOCCI – 7 mins
Kirti Sharma, VP PIOCCI – Concluding Remarks – 7 mins

1230 - 1330 Hours: LUNCH

Session 2: India's true and ancient multi-culturalism. A boundless destination for tourism and spiritualism. Highlighting boundless opportunities for heritage, adventure and beach tourism in Odisha and India.

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1330 - 1415 Hours: Ramesh Arora, PIOCCI Life Member, Chairman of Signature Hotels Group – 10 mins
Secretary Tourism, Govt. of Odisha – 5 mins
Odisha – India's Best Kept Secret Presentation - Odisha State – 10 mins

Boundless Opportunities India - Manish Ahuja – Asst. Secy Gen FICCI & Head of Tourism – 10 mins

Session 3: Fuel and Energy are vital to growth, development, progress and prosperity. This alleviates people from poverty. India has transformed from people and industry fraught with power cuts to generating surplus power and gradually making it cheaper. India leads in new, renewable energy. India is also committed to fight the scourge of Climate Change and Environmental Degradation. India leads from the front in drastically reducing carbon footprint. India is helping other developing nations transform. India is making long strides in Electric and Hybrid vehicles, moving public transport to CNG, bringing LPG to millions of rural and suburban women choking from burning coal and firewood for cooking, doing away with single use plastics, stimulating R&D in biotechnology to convert natural waste to wealth. India is playing responsible to its people and Mother Nature.

1415 – 1500 Hours: Kulamani Biswal, Former Director Finance, National Thermal Power Corporation – 7 mins
Dr. Love Kumar Kher, PIOCCI Member, USA – 7 mins
PSU Speaker – 7 mins
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Lalit Mahajan, PIOCCI Life Member, Concluding Remarks – 7 mins

Session 4: India's Knowledge Economy, a new education policy and a thrust on employable skill development will continue to create an unprecedented human dividend for India and useful for the world. India beckons overseas Indian and foreign students as it expands its academic prowess beyond medicine, engineering, management, research & development to new horizons in IT, ICT, Artificial Intelligence and many other disciplines for world class education through leading Indian and global institutions expanding their campuses and faculty.

1515 – 1600 Hours: Prof. Dr. Neerja Gupta, Vice Chancellor, Gujarat University – 10 mins
Dr. Sarita Boodhoo, Mauritius – Pravasi Samman Awardee 2005 – 7 mins
Dr. Vidya Rao, Director, Diaspora Department, Gujarat University – 7 mins



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Dr. Aparupa Patnaik, International Relations Department, KIIT, Odisha – 7 mins

Dr. Rajeev Gupta, MD – Secretary PIOCCI UK – 5 minutes

1600 – 1630 Hours: HIGH TEA

Session 5: Diaspora's Challenges in their resident countries and India.

1630 – 1800 Hours: Secretary / Jt. Secy, MEA (OIA) – 10 mins
Amb. (Retd.) Sushil Kumar Singhal, Senior Vice President, Antar Rashtriya Sahyog Parishad – 5 mins
PIOCCI Speakers
Africa – Rohit Suji, PIOCCI Coordinator Africa, Liberia – 5 mins
Africa – Diwesh Mishra, PIOCCI Nigeria – 5 mins
Australia – Ameet Nandlaskar, President PIOCCI Australia & Oceania – 5 mins
Canada – Naresh Chavda, President PIOCC Canada – 5 mins
Caribbean & South America – Vishnu Bisram, Guyana – 5 mins
Europe – Ludovic Dalleau, PIOCCI France & Reunion Islands – 5 mins
Middle East – S Venkatesh, President PIOCCI Gulf – 5 mins
S E Asia & Hong Kong – Manoj Motwani, Governing Council Member – 5 mins
UK – Dr. Rajeev Gupta, Secretary PIOCCI – 5 mins
Concluding Remarks – Mukesh Aggarwal, VP PIOCCI – 7 mins

Valedictory Session & Gala Dinner:

1900 – 2200 Hours: Guest of Honour – 10 mins
MEA Speaker – 5 mins
Concluding Remarks - Sushil Pandit, PIOCCI Working President – 10 mins
Vote of Thanks – Anoop Gupta, Secretary & National (India) Coordinator PIOCCI – 5 min