

PANEL 15

भारतीय प्रवासी- सांस्कृतिक प्रभाव Indian Diaspora- Cultural Impact

An inaugural speech delivered by Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee on the occasion of Pravasi Diwas Conference in the year 2004

“I am delighted to be with all of you once again at this inaugural function of the 2nd Pravasi Bharatiya Divas. I still carry the memory and melody of that occasion, exactly a year ago, when we were left enchanted by the jugalbandi of Ustad Bismillah Khan’s shehnai and Pandit Ravi Shankar’s sitar. What they together created was both soul-stirring music and a pointed metaphor and we felt the same way today as we heard another enchanted Jugalbandi by L. Subramaniam and Sultan Khan. It reminded us that Pravasi Bharatiya Divas itself is a celebration of the jugalbandi between the 22-million-strong Indian Diaspora and your motherland, between the Bharatvasis and the Bharatvanshis...”

-ATAL BEHARI VAJPAYEE, 2004

With a thriving 35.42 million-strong global Diaspora, from spreading Hindi to global cultural exchanges like Ramilla, Yoga, and Ayurveda, the Indian spirit thrives worldwide, connecting hearts, traditions, and heritage across borders.

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Canada 17 Million+
United Kingdom 17 Million+
USA 4.4 Million+
Kuwait 1 Million+
Saudi Arabia 2.5 Million+
UAE 3.4 Million+
Myanmar 2 Million+
Malaysia 2.9 Million+
Sri Lanka 1.6 Million+
South Africa 1.5 Million+

Top 10 Countries with more than 1 million population of Indian Diaspora

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- Spread of Native Language: According to world language database Ethnologue, Hindi was the 3rd most spoken language in the world in 2019.
- Fiji recognized Hindi as an official language.

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- Cultural exchange: spread of Yoga, ayurveda, indian cuisines, cultural events, etc.
- Traditions and festivals Ramilla is organized in southeastern countries like Indonesia.
- When the Indian indentured laborers came to Trinidad (1845-1917) they brought with them their own ways of seeing the world: their various religious texts; their drama and other aspects of their literary heritage. The Hindus brought their three great Holy texts (the Bhagwat Puran, the Ramayana and the Bhagwat Gita)

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