

## **Virtual Pre-Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Conference on: “Role of Diaspora in Promotion of Indian Culture abroad”, 09 December, 2020.**

A virtual pre-Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD) Conference on: “Role of Diaspora in Promotion of Indian Culture abroad” is being organized by Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) in collaboration with Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad (ARSP) on 9 December 2020 from 11.00 – 13.00 (Brazil Time). The Hon’ble Minister of State (External Affairs) Mr. V. Muraleedharan will be the Chief Guest and will deliver the Keynote Address.

A copy of the program and list of speakers is given below.

The link for the Conference is:

<https://iccr.webex.com/iccr/onstage/g.php?MTID=e88a224ec099ca225f832b1f9606378bb>

**Event Id:** 1266607889 and

**PW :** 123456

Members of the Indian diaspora/NRIs/PIOs may join the event reportedly. The event will be live-streamed on website/social media handles of MEA and ICCR on the following links:

### MEA

<https://www.facebook.com/MEAINDIA>  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/MEAIndia>  
<https://pbdindia.gov.in/en>

### ICCR

<https://www.facebook.com/ICCROfficial>  
[https://twitter.com/ICCR\\_Delhi](https://twitter.com/ICCR_Delhi)  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUO39Cx\\_FoYI5RL0HNsmU2Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUO39Cx_FoYI5RL0HNsmU2Q)  
[www.iccr.gov.in](http://www.iccr.gov.in)

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Diaspora Research and Resource Centre  
New Delhi**

**VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

**Role of Diaspora in Promotion of Indian Culture Abroad**

**SEGMENT – II :** Western Region (Europe, Americas and the Caribbean)

**DATE:** 09 December 2020

**TIME:** 1100 – 1300 (Brazil Time)

**PROGRAMME**

**INAUGURAL SESSION (30 mins)**

Chair/Moderation/Introduction – **Amb. Virendra Gupta**, President, ARSP

Welcome Address - **Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe**, President, ICCR

**Guest of Honour - Dr. Vindhya Vasini Persaud**, MP and Minister of Human Services and Social Security, Government of Cooperative Republic of Guyana, **Guyana**

**Chief Guest:** Keynote Address by **Hon'ble MoS Shri V. Muraleedharan**

**Vote of Thanks** - DG, ICCR

**TECHNICAL SESSION (80 mins - 6 mins each intervention)**

Chair/Moderator: **TBC**

**Prof. Bal Ram Singh**, Founder, Indic Centre, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, **USA**

**Ms. Lata Pada**, Founder & Artistic Director, Sampradaya Dance Creations, Mississauga, **Canada**

**Mr Nanda Kumar**, Director, Bhartiya Vidhya Bhawan, London, **UK**

**Mr Rabin Baldewsingh**, Former Deputy Mayor of Hague, The **Netherlands**

**Dr. Arnold Norman Thomas**, Retired Diplomat and Professor of Political Science,  
**Suriname**

**Dr Satnarine Balkaransingh**, Founder and Director, Kathak Kala Sangam & author,  
**Trinidad & Tobago**

**Prof. Chandrashekar Bhatt**, Founder and Former Director of Indian Diaspora Studies,  
Hyderabad University, India

**Ms. Rama Vaidyanathan**, Bharatnatyam artist, one of the Directors of Ganesha  
Natyalaya, India

**(Reserved list:** 20 mins)

**CLOSING SESSION** (5 mins)