

Celebration of Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas & Vishwa Hindi Diwas 2018

The High Commission of India in Nicosia is pleased to inform that **Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas and Vishwa Hindi Diwas 2018** will be celebrated at the premises of High Commission of India in Nicosia, 17:00 to 18:30 hrs on Tuesday, 9th January, 2018.

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated on 9th January every year to mark the contribution of Overseas Indian community in the development of India. January 9 was chosen as the day to celebrate this occasion since it was on this day in 1915 that Mahatma Gandhi, the greatest **Pravasi**, returned to India from South Africa, led India's freedom struggle and changed the lives of Indians forever.

2. The event is open to Indian and Cypriot nationals residing in Cyprus. PIO/OCIs are also encouraged to take active part in the ceremony by making a speech on the Subjects related to PIO/OCIs, N.R.Is, etc. The Prospective Speakers are requested to inform in advance.

The High Commission will also organise Competition for Children on the Occasion. The Children will be divided in the age groups of (i) 5-10 years, and (ii) 11-15 years. They are invited to participate in the event for speaking in Hindi for 2-4 minutes on the themes mentioned below.

	Age group	Themes
a.	5-10 years	My best Indian Food My best Indian Festival Lifestyle in India My last visit to India My best Holiday Destination in India Father of Nation- Gandhi Ji
b.	11-15 years	Hindi Our Mother Tongue Importance of Hindi for our Kids Hindi and Our Culture Gandhi Ji-An Exemplary Leader

4. For participation of your kids, an email for registration as per the following format is required by 10 am, 08th January, 2018 :

Name, DOB & Place of Residence	Age group

5. There will be prizes for 3 best performers in each age-group. All participants will receive a Certificate of participation.]

6. The High Commission looks forward for an active participation.

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