

Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards-2021

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The Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (PBSA) is the highest honour conferred on overseas Indians. PBSA is conferred by the Hon'ble President of India as part of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention on Non-Resident Indians, Persons of Indian Origin or an organization/institution established and run by the Non-Resident Indians or Persons of Indian Origin in recognition of their outstanding achievements both in India and abroad.

The 16th edition of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention was held virtually on 9th January 2021. The Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards were conferred by the Hon'ble President at the PBD Convention in the valedictory session of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas celebrations.

A Jury-cum-Awards Committee, with Hon'ble Vice-President as the Chairman and Hon'ble External Affairs Minister as the Vice-Chair and other distinguished members from various walks of life considered the nominations for the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards, 2021 and unanimously selected the awardees. The awardees represent the vibrant excellence achieved by our diaspora in various fields. Several countries have been represented for the first time among the awardees. Dr. Mukesh Aghi, one of the awardees and President & CEO of US-India Strategic Partnership Forum, delivered the acceptance speech on behalf of the awardees.

The list of the awardees is as follows:

S. No.	Name	Country	Field
1	NGO Cultural Diversity for Peaceful Future	Armenia	Promoting Indian Culture
2	Dr. Rajani Chandra D'Mello	Azerbaijan	Medicine
3	Mr. Baburajan Vava Kalluparambil Gopalan	Bahrain	Community Service

4	Mrs. Jamal Ahmad	Botswana	Business
5	Mr. Janakiraman Ravikumar	Cameroon	Closer ties with India
6	H.E. Mr. Eugene Rhuggenaath	Curacao (The Netherlands)	Public Service
7	Mr. Debashish Chaudhuri	Czech Republic	Art and Culture
8	Mr. Mohammed Husein Hasanali Sardharwala	Ethiopia	Business
9	Sai Prema Foundation	Fiji	Community Service
10	Dr. Balasubramanian Ramani	Germany	Education
11	Mr. Lal Lokumal Chellaram	Hong Kong	Community Service
12	Dr. (Prof.) Muralidhar Miryala	Japan	Science & Technology
13	Mr. Rajib Shaw	Japan	Education
14	Mr. Salil Panigrahi	Maldives	Tourism

15	Dr. Ravi Prakash Singh	Mexico	Science & Technology
16	Hon. Ms. Priyanca Radhakrishnan	New Zealand	Public Service
17	Indian Cultural Association (ICA)	Nigeria	Community Service
18	Dr. Mohan Thomas Lazarus Pakalomattom	Qatar	Medicine
19	Mr. Jean Regis Ramsamy	Reunion (France)	Media & Community Service
20	Mr. Siddeek Ahmed	Saudi Arabia	Business
21	Dr. Anil Kumar Chotalal Mithani	Sudan	Medicine
22	H.E. Mr. Chandrikapersad Santokhi	Suriname	Public Service
23	Dr. Shachi Gurumayun	Switzerland	Bio-tech Agronomy
24	Mr. Vashdev Tikamdas Purswani	Thailand	Business
25	Mr. Resham Singh Sandhu	UK	Public Service

26	Mr. Arvind Phukan	USA	Environment Technology
27	Ms. Nilu Gupta	USA	Promoting Culture
28	Federation of Indian Associations NY, NJ & CT	USA	Indian Community Service
29	Dr. Sudhakar Jonnalagadda	USA	Medicine
30	Dr. Mukesh Aghi	USA/ Singapore	Business

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