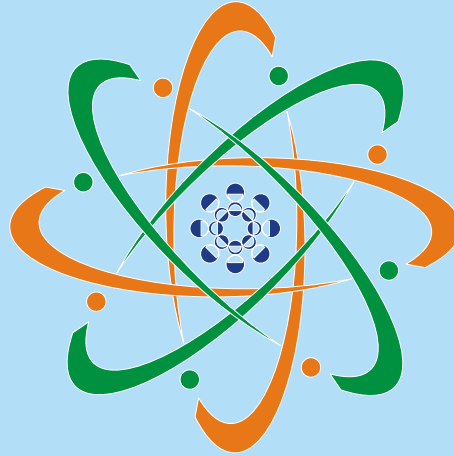




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Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs



Government of Kerala



**Eleventh
Pravasi Bharatiya Divas**

7-9 January, 2013
Kochi, Kerala

‘Engaging Diaspora: The Indian Growth Story’

PROGRAMME



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Programme Schedule



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0930 Hrs Inauguration of exhibition by **Shri Vayalar Ravi**, Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs & **Shri Oommen Chandy**, Chief Minister, Kerala

Session-I Seminar on NRIs in the Gulf (Inaugural session from 1000 to 1100Hrs followed by discussions) Venue: Oman Hall

The underlying theme of this session is to boost economic & social engagement with the Diaspora in the Gulf region. The session will also discuss significant issues that impact the NRIs such as repatriation, labour mobility, partnership agreements in the Gulf region and relief and rehabilitation of Indian nationals affected by recent uprisings.

Inaugural Address by **Shri Vayalar Ravi**, Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of India

Release of 'India Migration Report 2013'

Keynote Address by **Shri Oommen Chandy**, Chief Minister, Kerala

Address **Shri E. Ahamed**, Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India

Shri K. C. Joseph, Minister of Non-Resident Keralites Affairs Department (NORKA) & Culture, Government of Kerala

Shri K. Babu, Minister for Excise & Ports, Government of Kerala

Shri M.I. Shanavas, Member of Parliament

Shri M.K. Raghavan, Member of Parliament

Shri Yusuffali M.A., Vice Chairman NORKAROOTs

Panelists **Shri Hibi Eden**, Member of Legislative Assembly, Kerala

Shri Issac Thomas, President, Kerala Pradesh Pravasi Congress

Shri A R Ghanashyam, Joint Secretary (Gulf), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

Shri V. Vumlunmang, Joint Secretary (Foreigners), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India

India's Ambassadors from the GCC countries

1300-1400 Hrs **Shri Vayalar Ravi**, Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of India
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Session-II (1400 -1600 hrs) Seminar on NRIs in the Gulf
Venue: Oman Hall

Panelists

Shri K.P. Dhanapalan, Member of Parliament

Shri P. Rajeeve, Member of Parliament

Shri Dominic Presentation, Member of Legislative Assembly, Kerala

Shri Benny Behanan, Member of Legislative Assembly, Kerala

Shri Thomas John *, President, Indian Social and Cultural Centre (ISCC), UAE

Shri Balachandran Nair *, Saudi Arabia

Shri S.K. Vadhavan *, Chairman, Indian Business Council, Kuwait

Shri Tarun Basu *, President, Indian Cultural Centre, Qatar

Dr Satish Nambiar *, Chairman, Indian Social Club, Muscat

Shri Soman Baby *, Managing Editor, Daily Tribune, Manama, Bahrain



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(1500-1700 hrs) Seminar on Tourism
Venue: Manapuram 1

Exploring the Potential- Tourism is known for its multiplier impact & linkage with diverse sectors of the economy. Besides exploring the rich canvas of India's tourism potential and emerging opportunities in medical & eco-friendly tourism, the session will deliberate upon significant opportunity that the Indian Diaspora has in terms of investment and engagement with the tourism sector in India.

- Moderator*** **Shri A.P Anil Kumar**, Minister of Tourism, Government of Kerala
- Keynote Address by*** **Shri Alkesh Patel**, President, Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA), USA
- Address*** **Shri K.Sudhakaran***, Member of Parliament
- Shri Amitabh Kant**, CEO and MD, Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation
- Shri E.M. Najeeb ***, President, Confederation of Tourism Industry, Kerala



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(1500- 1700 hrs) Seminar on Pure Sciences
Venue: Manapuram 2

More from Less for More- Pure sciences as a field holds immense potential through its multidimensional forms including its social impact, often referred to as Gandhian Engineering. The session will look at various challenges involved in developing pure sciences & its commercialization for enhancing India's competitiveness globally.

Besides understanding critical success factors in research, the session will explore possibilities of global scientific leadership for India.

Moderator **Dr.Thomas Abraham**, President, Innovative Research and Products, Inc. and Executive Trustee, GOPIO International Foundation ,New York, USA

Keynote Address by **Dr. S. Ayyappan**, Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) and Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

Address **Shri P.C. Chacko**, Member of Parliament, Chairman, Privileges Committee (Lok Sabha)

Lord Bhikhu C Parekh, Member of British House of Lords

Dr C Shekhar Misra, Fermi Lab, USA

Prof. G.K. Sasidharan, Ex- Vice Chancellor, Calicut University



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(1500- 1700 hrs) Seminar on Skill Development
Venue: Manapuram 3

Skills as a global currency, is not just a cliché, but certainly a truism. As requirement, in both blue and white collar jobs arises across several countries in the world, there is a need to identify the gaps that Indian migrant workers, both skilled and semi-skilled, could fill. As a backward linkage, this would spin-off an entire industry for training and skill development of Indian workers and professionals. How the gap identification and the infrastructure required for skill development can be best done, and what opportunities and threats arise therefrom, can be the major issues to be discussed in this seminar.

Moderator **Dr. P. Mohamed Ali**, Managing Director, Galfar Engineering & Contracting Co.

Keynote **Shri K.V. Thomas**, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India

Address **Shri Shibu Baby John**, Minister for Labour & Rehabilitation, Government of Kerala

Shri P.N.C. Menon, Chairman Emeritus, Sobha Developers Ltd

Shri Mrutyunjay Sarangi, Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India

Shri. Dilip Chenoy, CEO and MD, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)

1900-2000 hrs **Cultural Program by ICCR Padmashri Geeta Chandran at Amphitheatre**

2000 hrs **Shri Salman Khurshid**, Minister of External Affairs, Government of India
Dinner hosted by

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(0930 -1030hrs) Inaugural Session
Venue: Oman Hall

0930 hrs	Prime Minister arrives
0930-1030 hrs	Inaugural session
	Lighting of Lamp
Welcome by	Shri Vayalar Ravi , Union Minister for Overseas Indian Affairs
	Release, by the Prime Minister, of
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Stamp on Ghadar Movement (Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister Communication & IT to introduce)● Two publications of Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs
Address by the	Shri Oommen Chandy , Chief Minister, Kerala
Address by	H.E. Mr. Rajkeswur Purryag , President of Mauritius
Inaugural Address by	Dr. Manmohan Singh , Honourable Prime Minister
Vote of Thanks by	Shri Rajiv Mehirishi , Secretary, Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs



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(1030-1145 hrs)Plenary 1- India's Growth: Greater Opportunities
Venue: Oman Hall

According to UNCTAD'S latest World Investment Report-2012, India stands as the third most favoured destination for investments and offers immense opportunities for developing new synergies. The session will discuss the potential of Indian economy as India's growth is poised to overtake several other economics in the coming years. Discussion will also cover current economic overview of India.

Moderator **Dr Montek Singh Ahluwalia**, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission

On Dias **Shri Vayalar Ravi**, Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of India.

Address Shri Kamal Nath, Minister of Urban Development and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India

Shri Anand Sharma, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India

Shri P.K Kunhalikutty, Minister of Industries and Information Technology, Government of Kerala

Shri K.M.Mani, Minister of Finance, Law and Housing, Government of Kerala

Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, President FICCI and Country Head India, Director, HSBC Asia Pacific

1145- 1200Hrs **Tea/Coffee Break**



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(1200-1330hrs)Plenary 2- Heritage and Diaspora
Venue: Oman Hall

Our heritage, the legacy of culture and civilisation binds people of Indian origin across various geographies. The session will explore diverse elements of Indian heritage and values, including traditional knowledge, and their cultural relevance.

Moderator

Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Minister of State for Human Resource Development , Government of India

Keynote Address by

Rt. Hon'ble Sir Anand Satyanand, Former Governor General, New Zealand

Address

H.E. Dato Seri Dr S. Subramaniam, Minister of Human Resources, Malaysia

Rt Hon'ble Sandeep Verma, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, U K

Ms Abike Dabiri Erewa, Chairperson of the Nigerian House of Representatives Committee

Shri Pavan K Varma, Author and former Ambassador of India to Bhutan

Mr. Gopinath Pillai, Ambassador-at-Large, Singapore

Shri. Ashook Ramsaran, President, GOPIO International

Shri Yanktesh Permal Reddy, Chairman, Reddy group of Companies.

1330-1430 hrs
Lunch hosted by

Lunch hosted by Shri K.C. Joseph, Minister for Norka, Rural Development and Dairy Development, Government of Kerala

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(1430-1600 hrs) Plenary 3- Engaging Young Overseas Indians
Venue: Oman Hall

The session shall have an eclectic mix of young achievers from various fields and will endeavor to initiate a dialogue between the young achievers in India with 'Pravasi' youth. It will focus on opportunities to connect with the young overseas Indians who would be tomorrow's influencing 'Diaspora', and for them to connect with India.

Presided over by **Shri Salman Khurshid**, Minister of External Affairs, Government of India

Moderator **Dr. G. Mohan Gopal**, Director, Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies, Gurgaon

Keynote Address by **Shri Ajay Maken**, Minister for Housing and Poverty Alleviation, Government of India

Address **Shri. K.C. Venugopal**, Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Government of India.

Shri Mookeshwar Choonee, Minister of Arts and Culture, Mauritius

Shri Madhu Goud Yakshi, Member of Parliament

Shri T.P. Sreenivasan, Managing Trustee & Director General, Kerala International Centre

Ms. Ruby Dhalla, Canada

Shri Naval Bajaj, President, Indo Canada Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Director Symbiosis International University, Pune

Shri Sant Singh Chatwal, Chairman and CEO, Hampshire Hotels and Resorts

1600-1630 hrs **Tea/Coffee break**



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(1630-1745 hrs)PBD Oration on 'Gadar Movement'
Venue: Oman Hall

<i>Moderator</i>	Shri M.P. Veerendrakumar* (Former Union Minister)	
<i>Address by</i>	Prof. Harish Puri , Retired Professor of Political Science and Head, B R Ambedkar Chair Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	
1900-2030 hrs	<i>Cultural Programme</i>	Government of Kerala At Bolgatty Palace
2030 hrs	<i>Dinner hosted by</i>	Chief Minister of Kerala At Bolgatty Palace



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(0930-1130 hrs) Plenary 4- Investment Opportunities in States
Venue: Oman Hall

The session will focus on various opportunities in States for the Indian Diaspora. The aim is to forge partnerships and identify investment and charity opportunities in various States.

Moderator **Shri Sam Pitroda**, Advisor to PM on Public Information, infrastructure and Innovation

On Dias **Shri Vayalar Ravi**, Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of India.

Address by Chief Ministers
Shri Manohar Parikkar, Chief Minister, Goa

Shri Arjun Munda, Chief Minister, Jharkhand

Shri Oommen Chandy, Chief Minister, Kerala

Shri Prithviraj Chavan, Chief Minister, Maharashtra

Shri Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister, Rajasthan

Shri Sukhbir Singh Badal, Deputy Chief Minister, Punjab

1130-1200 hrs **Tea/Coffee break**



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(1200-1315 hrs)
Parallel State Sessions

Andhra Pradesh	-	Manapuram 3
Bihar	-	Crowne Plaza
Gujarat	-	CSM
Jharkhand	-	Nayanar Hall 1
Kerala	-	Oman Hall
Madhya Pradesh	-	Manapuram 4
Maharashtra	-	Manapuram 2
Odisha	-	Crowne Plaza
Punjab	-	Crowne Plaza
Rajasthan	-	Manapuram 1

1315-1430 hrs
Lunch hosted by

Shri Jagathrakshakan S , Minister of State for Commerce and Industry,
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(1430-1600 hrs)Concurrent Session 1- Innovation and Technology
Venue: Manapuram 1

The one lesson of the 20th century is that he who innovates shall alone survive. Technology is evolving at a pace where, to remain at the same place, even running may not be enough. How to main-stream the innovation agenda, can be the central focus of this session.

Moderator	Dr.A Didar Singh , Secretary General FICCI
Keynote Address	Shri Sam Pitroda , Advisor to PM on Public Information, infrastructure and Innovation
Address	Shri Jagathrakshakan S , Minister of State, for Commerce and Industry, Government of India Shri Kodikunnil Suresh , Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Government of India
Panelist	Lord Karan Billimoria ,UK Shri P Nanda Kumaran , MD State Bank of Travancore Dr. Abdool Magid Karim Vakil , President, EDISA Bank Dr. M Anirudhan , USA



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**(1430-1600 hrs) Concurrent Session 2- Meeting of Diaspora Organizations
(Safe environment for Overseas Indians)
Venue: Manapuram 2**

This session would bring together the various diaspora organizations and members to share the concerns of Indians abroad. The diaspora organizations have a vital role in collating and voicing these ideas. It would apprise us of the latest trends in the lives of overseas Indians and generate ideas for engaging the diaspora on economic, cultural and social issues.

- Moderator** **Dr. M.K. Muneer**, Minister of Panchayats & Social Welfare,
Government of Kerala
- Keynote Address** **Ms Preneet Kaur**, Minister of State for External Affairs, Government
of India
- Address**
- Justice Moosa Ebrahim**, Zimbabwe
- Shri Harinder Takhar**, Minister of Government Services, Ontario,
Canada
- Dato Sri S.Samy Velu**, Special envoy of the Prime Minister of
Malaysia
- Dr. Ravi Pillai**, Managing Director, RP Group of Companies
- Shri Sunny Wycliffe**, Federation of Kerala Association of North
America (FOKANA)
- Panelist**
- Shri Anto Antony***, Member of Parliament
- Shri P T Thomas**, Member of Parliament
- Shri Mahen Utchanah**, Chairman, Global Organization of People of
Indian Origin (GOPIO) International East
- Dr. Jean- Regis Ramsamy**, Vice President, GOPIO, Reunion Island



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(1430-1600 hrs)Concurrent Session 3- India's Growing Soft Power
Venue: Manapuram 3

Indian cinema, Indian music&dance and yoga are examples of India's soft power that have had a major role to play in both bonding Indian diaspora, as well as popularizing the country abroad. What future do we see for this industry in the coming decades, and what circumstances will shape its future, and how best can India leverage this power in the coming decades can be the major themes of discussion during this session.

Moderator **Shri K P Nayar**, Journalist

Keynote Address **Shri Priyadarshan**, Film Director ,Producer and Screenwriter

Address **Shri Mamooty**, Film actor and Producer

Shri Mohanlal*, Film actor and Producer

Shri Sharat Kumar, Film Actor



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**(1430-1600 hrs)Concurrent Session 4- Overseas Indians and India
Venue: Manapuram 4**

The session will focus on boosting economic, social and holistic engagement with the India Diaspora. Besides acknowledging the contribution of the Indian Diaspora to the Indian subcontinent in terms of their economic engagement& bringing laurels to their land of ancestry, the session will also brainstorm on the role of overseas Indian, as India takes its rightful place in the global economy.

Moderator **Shri E. Ahamed**, Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India

Address **Shri Aryadan Mohammed**, Minister of Power, Government of Kerala

H.E.Senator Datuk Seri G. Palanivel, Minister in Prime Minister's Department, Malaysia

Dr. T.N. Seema, Member of Parliament

Shri Yusuffali M.A., Managing Director, EMKE Group & Vice Chairman NORKA ROOTS

Shri C.K. Menon, Chairman, Behzad Group of Companies

Dr Vinod Shah, Former President, American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI)

Dr. Sudhir Parikh, President, Indian American Forum for Political Education (IAFPE)

Shri Azad Moopen*, Founder and Chairman, DM Healthcare

1600-1630 Hrs **Tea/Coffee break**

Valedictory session will start at 1700hrs. Delegates are requested to be seated by 1640 Hrs.



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**(1700-1800 hrs) Valedictory Session and Conferment of
Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards
Venue: Oman Hall**

National Anthem

On Dias **H.E Governor of Kerala**

Chief Guest **Chief Minister, Kerala**

Welcome by Shri Rajiv Mehrishi, Secretary, Ministry of Overseas
Indians Affairs, Government of India

Address by **Shri Vayalar Ravi**, Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of
India

Presentation of **Pravasi Bharatiya Samman** Awards by the Hon'ble
President of India

Acceptance Speech by one of the Samman Awardees

Valedictory Address by **Shri Pranab Mukherjee**, Hon'ble President of
India

National Anthem

1900-2030 hrs **Cultural Program at Amphitheatre**

- By troupe from Mauritius
- By Sohinimoksha group from Spain

2030hrs **Dinner hosted by Shri Vayalar Ravi**, Minister of Overseas Indian
Affairs, Government of India

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