

Facilities for Indian Diaspora at the Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra (PBK), New Delhi

Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on October 2, 2016. The Kendra is located in the Chanakypuri Diplomatic Area. A number of facilities are available at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra including . an auditorium with a capacity of over 300 persons, conference rooms that can accommodate 20 to 35 persons, class rooms that can be used for training sessions/workshops, a Banquet Hall, having an aesthetically elegant interior décor, which can seat about 120 persons, and a restaurant area which can be used for larger sit-down or buffet lunches/dinners (over 300 for buffet), and 24 guest rooms. A modern Museum on Mahatma Gandhi with a significant level of digital character, and a Library comprising about three thousand titles with orientation towards Diaspora-related subjects/themes/authorship, are added attractions at the Kendra. The Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra has a regular high-quality in-house catering service, and has also engaged the services of well-trained hospitality personnel. The Kendra also has round-the-clock security and house keeping/maintenance services monitored by professionals.

2. Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra is a sought-after venue for major events taking place in Delhi. The President, the Prime Minister and the External Affairs Minister are frequent visitors to PBK. The External Affairs Minister has chaired several meetings in PBK including meetings associated with Pravasi affairs. On 21st June, 2017, an International Day of Yoga event for the Diplomatic Corps in New Delhi was held at the PBK. Meetings/conferences at Cabinet Ministers level are now a regular feature at PBK. The Vice-President of India has attended events at PBK. Diplomatic Missions in Delhi have also started utilizing the facilities at PBK.

3. It has now been decided by Government of India to make the facility available to the People of Indian Origin (PIO) at discounted rates. The Museum and the Library are accessible to all visitors free of charge. A PIO with an OCI/PIO card can book the guest rooms directly by writing to PBK at email: reservations.pbk@mea.gov.in (phone nos. +91-11-

24156400/24156430/24156405). However, hiring of other facilities by PIO associations for Pravasi-related event would be considered on a case by case basis on the recommendation of the High Commission/Consulates concerned. Hiring the venues will not be entertained for private events.

4. Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awardees, Office bearers of Indian Associations/Business Chambers on the recommendation of the concerned Mission, overseas members of Board of Trustees of India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI) and Governing Council of India Centre for Migration (ICM) are eligible to stay in PBK guest rooms, on availability basis.
