

Embassy of India
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Press Release

Embassy of India, Bangkok celebrated Pravasi Bharatiya Divas on 9 January, 2022 following Covid-19 protocol at the Embassy premises. 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 PBD since it was on this day in 1915 that Mahatma Gandhi, the greatest Pravasi (non-resident Indian), returned to India from South Africa and led India's freedom struggle.

This year Government of India is celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) to commemorate 75 years of independence of India. Some prominent Indian diaspora members and the members of academia were present. Ambassador of India to Thailand H.E. Ms. Suchitra Durai inaugurated the event and honoured the prominent members of Indian diaspora and Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awardees who have contributed towards promoting ties between India and Thailand. In her remarks H.E. Ambassador updated the Indian diaspora about the Government of India's various people centric initiatives, welfare schemes and Covid-19 updates.

Mr. Sulabh Dhanuka, a young entrepreneur delivered speech about the contribution of NRIs to India. Cultural programme including dance and a skit named "Bharat darshan" by Thai students of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre and bhajan by members of Indian Association of Thailand were presented. A video clip of the speech delivered by Minister of State H.E. Mr. V. Muraleedharan during the Youth PBD conference held today on the topic "Role of Diaspora Youth in AKAM – Innovation and New technologies" was screened. A photo exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi was also organised.

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