

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

MINISTRY OF ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention, 08 – 10 January 2023, Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India

1. This is to inform that the closing date for Registration to the PBD Convention is **Thursday 15th December 2022**.
2. You are accordingly requested to:
 - (a) fill in your online visa application form, which is available on the website of the High Commission of India (<https://hcimauritius.gov.in/>). The following documents, namely one passport-size photograph, PBD Registration Form together with first page of valid passport (six-month validity), have to be deposited at the Special Visa Counter at the High Commission of India, Plot No.65-C, Cybercity, Ebene, which will be opened as from Monday 12 December 2022;
 - (b) book and purchase your airfare tickets with Air Mauritius for the following departure dates, namely 04, 05 and 06 January 2023;
 - (c) take cognizance of the “Guidelines for International Arrivals” dated 21 November 2022 and issued by India’s Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, as available on their website (<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/>); and
 - (d) call at the International Vaccination Centre Mutual Aid Building, Port-Louis on 212 4464 to schedule an appointment (either between 09 15 hours and 11 30 hours or between 13 00 hours and 15 00 hours on 19 – 22 December 2022) for vaccination and to bring along your COVID-19 Vaccination Card, valid National ID/Passport, original + copy of PBD Registration Form and International Vaccination Card. Kindly note that the vaccination to registered participants to PBD Convention 2023 is being provided free of charge.

09 December 2022

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