

Indian consulate in New York recognises diaspora on Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

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PM Modi at Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2021: Ready to protect humanity with two 'Made in India' vaccines

Synopsis In a virtual message, Consul General Randhir Jaiswal said that the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is an occasion to remember and honour achievements of the Indian diaspora and its strong connection with the homeland.

New York: Several prominent members of the Indian-American diaspora and community organisations were recognised by the Consulate General of India here on the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas for their contribution, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, towards strengthening the US-India ties. In a virtual message, Consul General Randhir Jaiswal said that the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is an occasion to remember and honour achievements of the Indian diaspora and its strong connection with the homeland. "It is a day when we take great pride in all that you have done for yourself and for India," he said, lauding efforts of the Indian-American community for working with the Consulate to help and support those in need, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. Deputy Consul General Shatrughna Sinha said that during the last few years, the Consulate has used the occasion of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, commemorated to mark Mahatma Gandhi's arrival in India from South Africa on January 9, 1915, to recognise members of the Indian-American diaspora for their work towards the community and their help in promoting India-US ties as well as supporting people in need. Sinha said the challenging year of 2020, when people from the community came together and partnered with the Consulate to help those in need and struggling in the pandemic, has shown that "we need to stand together, stand with each other and that unity is our strength." The lesson from the crisis and the pandemic is that "we need to stand by each other, stand together and only then will we succeed."