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### Celebration of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2017 in Brunei Darussalam



Smt Nagma M Mallick, High Commissioner addressing the Indian community on the occasion of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2017

The High Commission of India celebrated the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2017 on 9 January 2017 from 1500 hours at the Chancery premises.

About 50 members of the Indian community in Brunei participated in the event. In her remarks, Smt Nagma M Mallick, High Commissioner gave a brief background of the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas and informed the audience that January 9 was chosen as the day to celebrate this occasion since it was on this day in 1915 that Mahatma Gandhi, the greatest Pravasi, had returned to India from South Africa after having lived there for more than 20 years to lead India's freedom struggle. High Commissioner informed the audience that Mr. Nazir Ahmed Zakiriah has been awarded the Pravasi Bhartiya Samman Award. High Commissioner mentioned about the Consular open house being conducted by the Mission twice a month and members of the Indian community were welcome to attend the open house. She spoke about the availability of ICWF and the assistance which could be given to distressed Indian nationals. She also read out a few excerpts from Prime Minister's key Note address. The video film on PBD 2017 was also screened on the occasion. The event was covered by the local media.



Members of the Indian Community attending the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2017

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*Brunei Darussalam  
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