जानें अपना राजस्थान
प्रवासी राजस्थानी युवाओं को अपनी मातृभूमि से जोड़ने का अभिनव प्रयास

राजस्थानी मूल के हजारों युवा जिनके पूर्वज राजस्थान के निवासी थे, वर्तमान में विश्व के विभिन्न देशों में रह रहे हैं। राजस्थान मूल की इस उर्जातम युवा पीढ़ी को उनकी मातृभूमि से जोड़ने के उद्देश्य से राजस्थान सरकार ने, जानें अपना राजस्थान' योजना बनाई है।

इस कार्यक्रम की घोषणा प्रवासी भारतीय विस्तार 2012 के शुभ अवसर पर माननीय मुख्यमंत्री मोदीदय, राजस्थान, ने जनवरी 2012 जयपुर में की थी।

योजना की घोषणा के पश्चात राजस्थान फाउण्डेशन ने कार्यक्रम की विस्तृत रूपरेखा तैयार की। अगस्त 2012 में फाउण्डेशन के उपाध्यक्ष, माननीय राजीव अरोड़ा ने यह योजना की पुरीता का विमोचन कर, योजना का विषयवस्तु उद्घाटन किया।

इस योजना का प्रमुख लक्ष्य प्रवासी राजस्थानी युवा वर्ग के हदों में राजस्थान के गैरक्षेत्रीय स्वस्थ, सांस्कृतिक ऐतिहासिक एवं वास्तविक स्वस्थ कला के प्रति आस्वाद भाव उत्पन्न करना, साथ ही साथ राजस्थान की आधिकारिक, शैक्षिक, तकनीकी एवं अंतर्राष्ट्रीय प्रतिष्ठित संस्थाओं के अथवा अस्वस्थ स्वस्थ से उनको अवस्था रखना है जिससे पूर्वजों की जनमभूमि के प्रति पुष्टिका में स्थान बनाए रखना हो।

राजस्थान फाउण्डेशन इस योजना का मोडल विभाग में तथा पर्यटन विभाग से योजना के सुलभ क्रियान्वयन हेतु पर्यावरण वातावरण स्थानित किया जा गया।

इस योजना में विश्व के विभिन्न देशों में रह रहे 18 से 28 वर्ष आयुव्रं राजस्थानी मूल के बुद्ध-युवकों भाग ले सकेंगे।

"जानें अपना राजस्थान" कार्यक्रम की समाप्ति लगभग 10 दिन की होगी और इस कार्यक्रम का आयोजन वर्ष में एक बार किया जायेगा।

कार्यक्रम को रोचक एवं आकर्षक बनाने के लिए उसमें समायोजित किये जाने वाले प्रतियोगियों के समर्पित संबंध 15 से 20 प्रति चैंप होगी।

योजना के उद्देश्य

इस योजना का मुख्य उद्देश्य राजस्थानी मूल के प्रवासी भारतीय युवाओं को राजस्थान की जानने, पहचाने और भावना समझने का सुप्रभाव प्रदान करना है ताकि विदेशों में रह रही समस्त एवं प्रतिभा सम्पन्न युवा पीढ़ी अपनी मातृभूमि के उत्तराधिकार स्वस्थ को आत्मसमर्पण कर सकें और वहाँ वापस प्रवेश को विश्व प्रसंग पर उम्मीद बन चुकी हो।

योजना के अन्तर्गत प्रतिभागी राजस्थान की संस्कृति, नृत्य, दृश्य, संगीत, आयाम-बैठना, कृषि एवं वृद्धि, प्राकृतिक परिवहन से परिचित हो सकेंगे।

इस योजना का उद्देश्य प्रवासी युवा राजस्थानी प्रतिभागियों को राजस्थान की संगठनात्मक संरचना,
राजनीतिक प्रक्रिया, सांस्कृतिक धरोहर एवं आयोगिक परिदृश्य से अवगत करना था।

गतिविधियों
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कार्यक्रम में भाग लेने वाले प्रतिभागियों को आया जाने वाली सूचीबद्ध नहीं है।

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Mr. Rajiv Arora took charge as Vice Chairman of Rajasthan Foundation (Minister of State) in May 2012. Born in Jaipur, Mr. Arora comes from a family of highly educated professionals, and himself holds post graduate degrees, in History and Business Administration (MBA).

Mr. Arora is well known for his initiatives and endeavors to promote Rajasthan’s tourism when he served as Chairman of Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation.

To safeguard the interests of exporters he has been chosen as the President of Federation of Rajasthan Exporters for five terms.

Late Shri Sunil Dutt nominated him as a member of the board of governors of 'Sadbhavana ke Sipahi' to spread communal harmony.

Mr. Arora has also served as a member of the governing board of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan and as a member of Central Board of Film Certification (Government of Rajasthan).

In order to help Jaipur to get its rightful place among the most beautiful heritage cities in the world he became the founder member of the Jaipur Virasat Foundation.

Since early years of life he has displayed an inclination towards public service and leadership. He was the General Secretary of Rajasthan College and was also nominated as the President of Rajasthan University.

He was a founder member of National Students' Union of India (NSUI) and has served as General Secretary of Youth Congress. He was also spokesperson of the Pradesh Congress Committee and served in different capacities in the organization.

In 1978, he started a business of handicrafts with the name 'Amrapali' that later developed into an internationally renowned jewellery brand. Amrapali has outlets all over India, London and New York. His work took him to various parts across the world. Due to his keen design sense, his jewellery has found a place in the New York Fashion Week and Milan Fashion Week among many others. Amrapali jewellery been has adorned by numerous Hollywood celebrities and many Indian stars.

Harrods of London approached Amrapali to be a part of the prestigious up-market department store. He is the first Indian jeweller to be invited by Harrods to trade in its prestigious 'Fine Jewelry' room. He is also a patron of Disha, a school for physically and mentally challenged children. Within a short time since his joining as Vice-Chairman of Rajasthan Foundation, Mr. Arora has infused new energy into the organisation.
Dear Rajasthani Brothers and Sisters,

Namaskar. I am delighted to connect with you, in this new capacity, as the Vice Chairman, Rajasthan Foundation. Through this office, I look forward to doing with greater enthusiasm what I have always liked doing: interacting with all of you and playing a role in the socio-economic development of our motherland.

During my recent visits to Mumbai, Chennai, New York and Hong Kong and in my interactions with the Rajasthanis there, I was delighted to be witness to your attachment with Rajasthan and your urge to play a role in its development.

For centuries, eminent Rajasthanis have not only played a significant role in the development of the nation, but also have remained connected with the land of their origin. They have always earnestly contributed to social development of their hometowns through building of schools, colleges, hospitals and community assets. I am so pleased to see all of you upholding this tradition with full zeal.

I invite you to witness the rapid development of Rajasthan on all fronts under the committed leadership of Shri Ashok Gehlot, our honourable Chief Minister. While on the one hand, people in the remotest villages and farthest corners of the state are benefitting from innovative pro-poor schemes, on the other leading companies from farthest corners of the world are investing and locating in Rajasthan. His dream is to see Rajasthan among the most developed and progressive regions where the benefits of this development reached the most deprived sections of the society. The Government of Rajasthan is working in all directions to see this dream as a reality.

I assure you that the Rajasthan that we are building will make you as proud as we are of you. We plan to further strengthen Rajasthan Foundation as a forum for exchange of positive ideas and genesis of new initiatives with our Non Resident Rajasthanis.

I invite you all to use this platform actively and connect to the land of your origin.

Warm Regards,

Rajiv Arora
Vice Chairman, Rajasthan Foundation
Shri Rajiv Arora, Vice Chairman, Rajasthan Foundation, visited various cities mainly with the objective of conveying the message of Hon’ble Chief Minister, Rajasthan for the Rajasthani Diaspora to associate them in the socio-economic development of their motherland. He also apprised them with the developmental programs of the State.

Shri Arora met the President and other office-bearers of the Rajasthan Foundation (RF) Chennai chapter and other prominent Non-Resident Rajasthanis at Chennai on 10th June 2012. Shri Arora was welcomed by the President of the RF Chennai Chapter, Shri Kailashmull Dugar. The main purpose of the visit was to discuss the future course of activities to be undertaken by the Rajasthan Foundation. It was suggested during the meeting that meetings of all chapters should be held to chalk out future program. Shri Jaswant Munoth, Secretary, RF Chennai Chapter, thanked Shri Arora.

Shri Arora, on this occasion, Shri Bansilal Rathi, Shri Sugalchand Nahar, Shri S S Goenka, Shri N Sugalchand Jain and many other eminent Non Resident Rajasthanis were also present.

Shri Rajiv Arora visited Hongkong on 24th June 2012 with the purpose of exploring the possibility of opening a chapter of Rajasthan Foundation there. Prominent NRIs were present in the meeting to name a few: Shri Sohan Goenka, Shri Nizamuddin Mansuri, Shri Atula Mehta, Shri Ashu Malpani. They were also briefed about the objectives and activities of the Rajasthan Foundation.

Shri Arora visited New York for interaction with the members of RANA and met the President Shri K K Mehta and other office-bearers of the RF New York chapter and other prominent Non-Resident Rajasthanis based at New York on 28 July, 2012. Shri Arora also attended a special function organized in his honour by the members of RANA and the Rajasthan Foundation Chapter of New York. He was presented a Certificate of Appreciation at the event. On this occasion, Shri Arora said that by the efforts of the Hon’ble Chief Minister, the Rajasthani living outside the State and the country are bonding with their native land.

It was decided that the ‘Rajasthan Divas’ on 30 March, 2013 will also be celebrated with enthusiasm and gusto in New York, wherein the Rajasthani youth based at New York would be apprised of the culture and traditions of their motherland, i.e., Rajasthan.

To revamp the Rajasthan Foundation, Mumbai Chapter and to strengthen the bonds of Pravasi Rajasthanis with their state, an NRR Meet was organized at The Club Millennium, Juhu, Mumbai, on 18th August, 2012 under the chairmanship of Shri Rajiv Arora. Shri Arora spoke at the meeting about the ‘Rajasthan Ratan Award’
announced by the Hon’ble Chief Minister to mark the contribution of NRR community in their respective working sectors. The efforts of the Hon’ble Chief Minister, the Rajasthan is making all-round development and progress in every sphere of life. Shri Vinod Ajmera, Executive Director, Rajasthan Foundation, welcomed and briefed the audience about the functions and objectives of Rajasthan Foundation. Around 75 most eminent NRR’s participated in the meeting. Eminent Pravasi Rajasthani Shri Shankar Kejriwal suggested to have a Rajasthan Bhawan dedicated to the Pravasi Rajasthan community. Shri Ashok Saraf and Shri K.C.Jain emphasized on the need to have continuous interaction with the state, Shri Praveen Maheshwari, CFO, Hindalco Ltd. offered help for development through Social Corporate Responsibility, Shri Uttam Agarwal, Ex. Chairman, ICAI Regulatory Body briefed about his upcoming project in Education sector in Abu Road with the investment of 90 crores (approx).

VC, Shri Rajiv Arora addressing the Rajasthan Foundation, Mumbai Chapter

Siddharth Mahajan
joins as Commissioner, Rajasthan Foundation

Mr. Siddharth Mahajan, IAS took charge as the Commissioner, Rajasthan Foundation in October, 2012. Born in Delhi, Mr. Mahajan is an intellectual professional and holds Bachelor degrees in both Economics and Law. He is a visionary leader who has deep inclination towards public service and a sense of responsibility for his state and for his people. He has successfully presided over various prestigious Government offices for around a decade now. Prior to joining as the Commissioner, he served as Collector and District Magistrate of many districts in Rajasthan including Jodhpur, Sawai Madhopur, Baran and Sirohi. He has also worked as Officer on Special Duty, Department of Personnel, Rajasthan and Joint Magistrate, Nanital and Ranikhet.

Mr. Siddharth Mahajan is a man who believes in action and he will play an able and significant role in bringing the Rajasthani Diaspora together and connecting them with Rajasthan.
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tुका है।

राजस्थान सरकार द्वारा गठित कुछ वर्चुअल में किये गए प्रयासों के परिणाम स्वरूप राजस्थान भारत में ही नहीं, अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर भी निवेशकों की पसंद बन चुका है। उन्हें एक और 
इंजीनियरिंग, जैविक जीवन व वह ने जैसी नहीं आईं। तो रेस्यों में यह आ चुकी है, यही 
रुझान और त्यही अवधि इंजीनियरिंग भी यहां स्थापित हो रही है। इनमें आपसी कम्पनी 
सेंटो गोवेन, प्राव सो कृ मिंजर जी नाम की रोटें मोटर्स प्रमुख हैं। इस औद्योगिक 
रन प्राप्त प्रदान करते हुए राज्य में आर्थिक विकास व रोजगार सुनिधि के उद्देश्य से 
राज्य के संस्था मंडल ने अन्त में अपनी बैठक में 8808 करोड़ रुपयों के प्रस्ताव 
निवेश के 10 प्रकरण स्वीकृत किये। इसके द्वारा राज्य में 5576 रोजगार के अवसर 
सुनित होगे।

चत्वार फ्लोडिलीजर्स एण्ड कैमराल्स लिए। कौटोरा में प्रस्तावित फ्लोडिलीजर इक्वाई के 
सिस्टर हेतु स्वीकृत होगी। इस परियोजना में 4500 करोड़ रुपयों का निवेश प्रस्तावित 
है एवं इसके द्वारा 150 लोगों को रोजगार उपलब्ध होगा।

जैसी इंडिया लिए। की जगुरा में प्रस्तावित बैंक, लोड, मेट्रिक वैन-इंडस्ट्रीय सुविधा 
था फोर्सिक्शन इक्वाई हेतु स्वीकृत होगी। इस परियोजना में 5 वर्ष की अवधि में 500 
करोड़ रुपयों का निवेश प्रस्तावित है एवं इसके द्वारा 1000 लोगों को रोजगार मिलेगा।

हीरो इंडस्ट्रील क्लास की नीमतगार एवं बूस्ट में प्रस्तावित उनकी दू-कॉयल बैंक पैकेजिंग 
व असेम्बलिंग की चौथी इक्वाई हेतु स्वीकृत होगी। इस परियोजना के अन्तर्गत एक 
स्वाल पार्टस सेंटर तथा एक डिजाइन डेवलपमेंट सेंटर भी स्थापित किया जायेगा।

इस परियोजना में 900 करोड़ रुपयों का निवेश प्रस्तावित है एवं इसके द्वारा 5000 लोगों 
हेतु रोजगार सुनित होगा।

पट्टी इंडिया प्राइवेट लिए। की जगुरा में प्रस्तावित एयरपोर्ट बैंक पैकेजिंग इक्वाई हेतु स्वीकृत होगी। इस परियोजना में 168 करोड़ रुपयों का निवेश प्रस्तावित है एवं इसके द्वारा 1300 
लोगो को रोजगार उपलब्ध होगा।

कोडिया पामस्पर्फिक्स लिए। की उद्यम से प्रस्तावित वलन इक्वाई हेतु स्वीकृत होगी। इस परियोजना में 130 करोड़ रुपयों का निवेश प्रस्तावित है एवं इसके द्वारा 850 
लोगो को रोजगार उपलब्ध होगा।

सिरी विनाथ सीमेंट लिए। की पाली में प्रस्तावित सीमेंट इक्वाई हेतु स्वीकृत होगी। इस 
परियोजना में 1200 करोड़ रुपयों का निवेश प्रस्तावित है एवं इसके द्वारा 200 लोगो को 
रोजगार उपलब्ध होगा।

संयुक्त सीमेंट की कोटा में प्रस्तावित सीमेंट परियोजना स्वीकृत की गई जिसमें 553 
करोड़ रुपयों का निवेश प्रस्तावित है एवं इसके द्वारा लगभग 500 लोगो को रोजगार 
उपलब्ध होगा।

इसी प्रकार श्री सीमेंट की जगुरा में प्रस्तावित सीमेंट परियोजना स्वीकृत की गई जिसमें 
रुपये 572 करोड़ का निवेश प्रस्तावित है एवं इसके द्वारा लगभग 226 लोगो को रोजगार 
उपलब्ध होगा।

सूर्योदय एन्जाइ सी.डी. द्वारा प्रस्तुत किये गये रोड ब्रेक बैंक पैकेजिंग के प्रस्ताव को 
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द्वारा लगभग 150 लोगो को रोजगार उपलब्ध होगा। इस प्रकार राज्य में सीमेंट, 
भिंडिमांग, जोधपुर जिले में विविध क्षेत्रों में निवेश प्रस्तावित करने का पुराजो प्रयास 
किया गया है।
Dr. Arvind Panagariya was awarded with the Padma Bhushan, by Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil, Hon’ble former President of India. He is an economist & Jagdish Bhagwati Professor of Indian Political Economy at Columbia University. He is also a Non-resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution and holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Princeton University.

He has served as the Chief Economist of the Asian Development Bank and as a Professor of Economics and Co-director, Center for International Economics, University of Maryland. He has also worked for the World Bank, IMF, WTO, and UNCTAD in various capacities.


Devendra Jhajharia, the gold medallist and the first and only paralympion from India to receive the Padma Shree Award. He is a one-armed javelin thrower and hails from a small village in Churu, Rajasthan. He won the gold medal in javelin throw at the 2004 Summer Paralympics in Athens. He set up a new world record with 62.15m eclipsing the old one of 59.77m. He also won the gold medal in the 8th FESPIC Games (2002) in Korea. He is trained by Dronacharya Awardee coach Mr. R.D. Singh who found Devendra Jhajharia in a school competition in 1997.
Swapan Guha is the first Padma Shri Award recipient from the Indian ceramic industry. Mr Guha is associated with bone china tableware for three decades now and he has set up industrial units in three villages of Rajasthan, generating employment for around 1200 local people. He is a fellow of The Institute of Ceramics. He graduated from Kolkata and started his career with Kerala Ceramics Ltd. A Government of Kerala undertaking, as a Research and Development Officer. In 1998, he joined Bharat Potteries Ltd. in Jaipur as Technical Advisor. Later, he went on to become the CEO and Director (Works) at NCL Industries Ltd. of Nagarjuna Group in Hyderabad as General Manager (Works) in their bone china and stoneware unit. In 1995, Mr Guha started a bone-china tableware unit named Jaipur Ceramics Pvt. Ltd (JCPL) in Rajawas village near Jaipur. Mr Guha has also undertaken several projects for providing jobs and educational opportunities to villagers of Rajawas, Jetpura and Govindgarh.

In 2002, Mr Guha, started another project called Hopewell Ceramics Pvt. Ltd. for manufacturing of ceramic colours, glazes, etc. in RIICO industrial area at village Jetpura. In the same year, he also started Kalpataru Ceraware Pvt. Ltd. for manufacturing of high tension electrical insulators. These two units together provide employment to more than 500 locals.

Mr. Guha is also the chairman of the Apex Committee for Technology vision 2020 Mission Project relating to rural technology.

Mohanlal Chaturbhuj Kumhar

Mohan Lal is a world renowned sculpturist who was awarded with the Shilp Guru award in 2003 for his skills in terracotta sculpture. He was born in 1939 in Nathdwara, a small town in Rajasthan.

In the 23rd Surajkund Crafts Mela, he was awarded the precious Kalamani for his work in terracotta. His great passion for craft and shilp kala has taken him around the world. He has promoted the traditional art form in various countries like Spain, USA and Australia.
**Limba Ram**

Limba Ram, an Indian archer has represented the country in various international championships including the Olympics. He is perhaps the most famous archer to have existed in the history of Indian Sports. Hailing from a small village called Saradeet in Udaipur district, Rajasthan. With his sheer determination, he went on to become one of the most successful Indian sports person in his discipline and made Rajasthan proud.

In 1987 at the age of 15, Limba Ram was spotted by the Sports Authority of India and from there his formal training in archery began. In the same year he became the champion in National Junior Level Archery Tournament held at Bangalore and in the following year, he represented India at the Seoul Olympics. His International career soon took off and he bagged many laurels for India starting from Beijing Asia Championship where he won a gold medal and then in the Barcelona Olympics where he won a bronze medal. The Government of India honoured him with the Arjuna award in 1991 and the Padma Shri Award in 2012.

**Kamancha Maestro Sakar Khan**

Sakar Khan hails from Hamira village in Rajasthan’s Jaisalmer district. A living folk legend not just in his motherland, Rajasthan but even in the west including parts of Europe. Belonging to the Manganiyar community who are well known for their classical and folk music, Sakar’s instrument training began at a very young age under the tutelage of his father, Chunar Khan who himself was a learned Kamancha player.

Sakar Khan is a trained ‘Kamancha’ player and has received the highest Indian civilian honour the Padma Shri Award in 2012 for his invaluable contribution to the Indian music. The Kamancha maestro has also shared the stage with world legends like Yehudi Menuhin and George Harrison (Beatles). He also has to his credit numerous international performances which include music festivals in USA, France, Japan and USSR.

Sakar Khan has also been honoured by prestigious Indian awards like Tulsi Samman in 1990 (Madhya Pradesh Government), Sangeet Natak Academi Award, 1991 (National award). To those who love traditional music, his music and kamancha connect the branches of music across continents.
Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is an annual celebration to connect India
with its Diaspora through business deliberations, bonding and
networking. Rajasthan was the Partner State for organizing this
historic event in 2012 which was held from 7-9th January at the city
of Jaipur. The 10th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, was organized jointly by
Government of India, Government of Rajasthan and Confederation
of Indian Industry (CII). PBD is celebrated to commemorate the day
that Mahatma Gandhi arrived back in India from South Africa to join
India’s freedom movement.

"PBD 2012 that was held in Jaipur is
considered to be the most successful
PBD so far", said Shri Vayalar Ravi,
Minister, Ministry of Overseas Indian
Affairs. The 10th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas
achieved a break through
record of visitors, surpassing visitor
footfall in the previous years, with a
total of 2014 delegates from 60
countries, who gathered in Jaipur for
the event.

Rajasthan Foundation was one of the nodal agencies that played a
significant role in making this event historically successful.
The theme for Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2012 was "Global Indian-Inclusive
Growth". The 10th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was a wonderful opportunity
The theme for Pravasi Bharatiya Divas -2012 was "Global Indian-Inclusive Growth".

for the Diaspora not only to experience the vibrant culture and hospitality of the State but also to witness its emergence as an ideal place for business and investment. The magic was experienced in a span of three days in the heart of Pink City. The focal point of the event was to have a meaningful and interactive session that would address issues and concerns of the overseas Indian community. Overseas Indians have emerged as important constituents of their adopted countries. They have contributed to their countries by participating in political processes and adding value to thought and innovation of their destination countries. They also serve to build bridges between their homeland and the land of their ancestors.

The event was inaugurated by Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India, who expressed his appreciation for the contributions made by the Indian community living abroad, and highlighted some of the Government’s key initiatives for the overseas Indians.

Dr. Manmohan Singh announced a Pension and Life Insurance Fund for overseas Indian workers to encourage them to save a part of their earnings and to help them resettle when they return home to India. The Prime Minister appreciated the proposal of the Government of Rajasthan to build a Pravasi Bharatiya Bhawan at Jaipur, which will also house the offices of Protector of Emigrants and Migrant Resource Centre. The Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Mr. Ashok Gehlot, said that the Diaspora from Rajasthan is recognized throughout the world for its

PBD 2012, the most successful PBD edition so far

Over 700 participants turned for the youth event at PBD,2012

Announcement of 'Jaane Apna Rajasthan' Scheme

The brains behind the event, (from left)
1. Shri Sunil Arora, Secretary Industries
2. Hon’ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Shri Ashok Gehlot
3. Dr Purshottam Agarwal, Former Commissioner, Rajasthan Foundation
4. Mr. Vinod Ajmera, Executive Director, Rajasthan Foundation

Ms Renu Khator addressing the Youth Session, ‘Global Indian-Inclusive Growth’ at PBD 2012

Ms Kamla Prasad Bissessar, Chief Guest, PBD 2012 with the business delegation from Trinidad & Tobago
"The Chief Guest at the 10th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was Ms Kamla Prasad Bissessar, Prime Minister of Trinidad & Tobago. He announced the 'Jaane Apna Rajasthan' scheme, under which Non-Resident Rajasthani youth would be invited by the State Government every year to visit and experience Rajasthan.

"The Chief Guest at the 10th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was Ms Kamla Prasad Bissessar, Prime Minister of Trinidad & Tobago. She congratulated the Government of Rajasthan for organizing the event which represented a spirit of unity and cooperation and provided a pragmatic and effective platform for Diaspora engagement. The other dignitaries at the convention were business tycoon Mr. Lakshmi Nivas Mittal and cricketing legend Brian Lara.

Some of the noted speakers at the inaugural event were H.E Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, Hon’ble President of India (and the then Union Finance Minister), H.E Shivraj V Patil (the then Governor of Rajasthan), Mr Arjun Munda (Hon’ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand), Shri Narendra Modi (Hon’ble Chief Minister of Gujarat), Mr. Oommen Chandi (Hon’ble Chief Minister of Kerala), Mr. B. Muthuraman (President, CII and Vice Chairman, Tata Steel Ltd. and Chairman, Tata International Ltd), Mr Parvez Dewan (Secretary, Union Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs) and Sam Pitroda (entrepreneur and policymaker).

Rajasthani Diaspora showed active participation in the state interactive session and discussed the state’s NRI Policies at length. The exhibition of Rajasthani handicrafts and Rajasthan State Pavilion at the venue also proved to be a major centre of attraction. Every year esteemed individuals from the Indian diaspora who have excelled in their contribution in public welfare services are awarded with the 'Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award' at Pravasi Bhartiya Divas. Mrs. Pratibha Devisingh Patil gave away the prestigious Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards to Pravasi achievers from different fields. The closing ceremony of the PBD 2012 was marked by H.E Mrs. Pratibha Devisingh Patil (the then President of India) who emphasized on Health, Education and Skill Development as the key priorities of the country.

The 10th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas conclave concluded as a truly successful event which saw a colourful display, depicting the rich and vibrant Rajasthani culture, followed by 6 parallel brainstorming sessions convened on subjects such as water management, solar energy, health care, tourism and the potential of youth.
families of Indian diaspora living in Kuwait and their motherland India should be streamlined. Both Mr. Satish Mehta and VC, RF, Mr. Arora believe in developing a close and cordial bond between the Government of Rajasthan & the Indian Embassy in Kuwait.

A positive and firm assurance was given by Mr. Rajiv Arora that Rajasthan Foundation will play an active role in addressing the issues and concerns of the overseas Indians living in Kuwait. The discussion also paved way for the wonderful opportunity that existed for the Diaspora not only to experience the vibrant culture and hospitality of the State but to witness its emergence as an ideal place for business and investment.

Shri Ashok Gehlot, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan also met Mr. Satish Mehta and expressed his desire to felicitate NRRs of Kuwait in association with Rajasthan Foundation for the laurels and goodwill they have brought to their motherland.

Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awardees - 2012

Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (Overseas Indian Award) is conferred by the Hon'ble President of India every year during the valedictory session of Pravasi Bhartiya Divas. In 2012 the noted personalities from diverse fields were honored with the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award. Smt. Kamla Persad Bissessar, the Hon’ble Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Shri P.V Radhakrishna Pillai from Bahrain, Professor Sachchidanand Sahai from Cambodia, Shri Deepak Naraindas Shivdasani, a Cote D'Ivoire-based businessman, Dr. Victor Shahed Smetacek, a renowned scientist from Germany, Shri Jose Parayanken businessman from Mozambique, Smt. Kiran Navinchandra Ahers from Oman, Shri Hassan Abdulkarim Chougule from Qatar, Shri S R Nathan, former President of Singapore, Dr. Khorsheed Noshir Ginwala-Rustomjee from South Africa, a medical practitioner, Shri Rajesh Kumar Saraiya from Ukraine, Professor Surendra Kumar Kaushik from the US, Dr. Kalpalatha Kummamuri Guntupalli from the US and Shri Prakash Lohia, Chairman of Indorama Corporation, Indonesia. Mr. S P Lohia has brought glory to the country by his achievements which include expansion of his business empire across many countries.

Shri S P Lohia was also one of the recipient of the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award, 2012. He is the Founder and Chairman of Indorama Corporation and Indorama Ventures PCL. Indorama Corporation is a diversified petrochemical and textile company while Indorama Ventures is most notably the world’s largest producer of polyester. An influential business magnet, Mr. S P Lohia has spent the majority of his professional life in Indonesia. In 2012 Mr. Lohia was ranked as the 8th richest person in Indonesia with a net worth of US$2 Billion. He has more than thirty three years of experience in the industry and he sits on the board of various companies.
Shri Vinod Ajmera with Spanish Investors at CEVISANA 2012

CEVISAMA 2012 was an international trade show held in Valencia, Spain between 7 to 10 February, 2012. The objective behind the event was to promote trade of ceramic tiles, surface coverings, bathroom & kitchen equipment, raw materials, glazes, frits and machinery. Over 450 exhibitors participated in the program.

A six member delegation from Rajasthan went to Spain to participate in the trade show in 2012 to promote CeraGlass India 2012 (an International B2B Trade Fair & Conference on Ceramics Glass & Allied Products) and the proposed Ceramic Zone in Rajasthan. The delegation members included Mr. Vinod Ajmera and senior officers from RICCO, Bureau of Investment Promotion and Confederation of Indian Industries. Mr. Ajmera along with Mr. Bhanawat briefed about the proposed Ceramic Zone in Rajasthan and invited Spanish companies to invest in Rajasthan. He also invited the Spanish companies to participate at CeraGlass India 2012 and use it as a platform to exhibit, collaborate and explore business opportunities in Rajasthan.

Pride of Rajasthan

Rajasthani origin Mr. M K Patodia is a Fellow Member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. His family hails from Navalgarh, a small town in Rajasthan. Mr. M K Patodia is the visionary behind The GTN Group which produces world class cotton yarn and textiles. Under his able guidance and generation-next leadership the GTN group’s operations reached new heights and has emerged as the largest exporter of cotton yarn in the mill sector in India with 15 consecutive years of Texprocil Awards for best export performances. Backed by over 30 years of rich experience in various capacities as the promoter of business in manufacturing cotton yarn, Mr. Patodia established close touch with the cotton markets worldwide.

Mr. Patodia has been recognized for his unique and outstanding achievements as an innovative business leader. He received the ‘Best Entrepreneur’ award in the year 2004 by Hyderabad Management Association. He has also presided over prestigious Government offices and he was also the Vice Chairman of CII (Confederation of Indian Industry), AP Region in 2004-05 and 2005-06.
Young Indians (YI) is an integral part of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), a non-government, not-for-profit industry playing a proactive role in India's development process. Yi was formed in the year 2002, with an objective of promoting leadership skills and creating a platform for young Indians to realise the dream of a developed nation.

Yi has around 1200 direct members in 24 city chapters, 160 members in 3 corporate chapters and engages around 12,000 members through its district chapter.

Mr. Rajiv Arora, Vice Chairman Rajasthan Foundation launched the 26th chapter of Young Indians on 19th October, 2012 at Jaipur. In his address he mentioned that the launching of YI Jaipur chapter would contribute towards realizing the dream of a developed Rajasthan and in making Yi the voice of Rajasthani Youth globally.

Yi membership includes young progressive Indians between the age group of 25 & 40 and comprises entrepreneurs, professionals and achievers from different walks of life.

It has successfully conducted campaigns and developed projects in India across the focus area of education, environment, healthcare, next practices, employability and arts contributing positively to its surrounding eco system and the nation.

On the international arena, Yi has engaged with the BMW Foundation to promote the "Indo German Young Leaders Forum" for young thought leaders from both countries to engage in a constructive dialogue for improving trade, economic and people relations. It also joined hands with the Commonwealth Youth Programme, Asia Centre to facilitate and organise the 'Envisioning Workshop' of Youth Entrepreneurship organisations in the Commonwealth Asia Region to form the Commonwealth Asia Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs.

The National Summit of Yi is a yearly feature that helps the young minds to connect with people and organizations that have displayed excellence through their work and stand out as an inspiration to the youth today. Its newly launch chapter in Jaipur will surely provide a good platform and international exposure to the youth of Jaipur.

With nine years of glorious past and decades ahead that promise nothing short, Yi intends to become a larger movement of young people and promote the attitude of "We Can, We Will".