

Highlights and Achievements

- PBD 2004 was a successful endeavour in taking forward the collective task initiated at PBD 2003 of bringing together India and its Diaspora and leveraging the potential offered by the global Indian family for mutual advancement.
- The enactment of Dual citizenship underlined Indian Government's commitment to engage with its Diaspora. This made Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (where this initiative was announced last year) a platform to cultivate India's constructive relationship with its people abroad.
- Participation of 19 Diaspora youth interns from 11 countries for the Youth Internship Program marked the beginning of an effort to cultivate and productively engage with the younger generation of the Indian Diaspora.
- Serious trade and investment opportunities were explored by Diaspora delegates. Associations like AAPI and AAHOA are keenly exploring investment opportunities in healthcare and tourism sector in India.
- An MoU was signed between the Indian Chambers of Commerce and Trade Associations from 19 countries to integrate the activities of the Indian trade organisations in various parts of the world. FICCI has initiated the process along with these chambers to chart out a vigorous agenda for this.
- The Ethnic Media Exhibition and directory was the first ever endeavour to strengthen linkages of Ethnic Media abroad with Indian Media.
- Positive feedback from the delegates who appreciated the overall organization of the event and praised the conference, food festivals and entertainment programmes as also the invocation ceremony at the inaugural.
- Good participation of over 2500 delegates; around 1300 were Diaspora members from 61 countries.
- An extremely good mix of panelists representing both Advanced and Developing countries. High quality discourse in all sessions of the conference.
- A unique example of public-private partnership where FICCI and MEA joined hands to successfully host the event.
- Impressive media coverage - both print and electronic - Reportage largely positive and appreciative.
- The event symbolized a successful Multi-Ministerial effort put forward by the Government of India.