

## **Global Pravasi Rishta Portal**

The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India has developed and launched the **Global Pravasi Rishta Portal on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2020**. The Prime Minister and the President of India have highlighted the importance of the portal in their addresses at the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Convention in January 2021.

The Indian Diaspora which is estimated to be over 30 million has been playing an important role in economic & financial development of India and promoting India's rich cultural heritage abroad. Government of India duly recognizes the importance of the Diaspora; and engagement with the diaspora has been a key aspect of our diplomatic efforts. However, effective communication with Indian diaspora has been a challenge not only during normal circumstances but also during emergencies.

Rishta Portal has been designed to facilitate communication between the Ministry, Missions/Posts and the Diaspora. The portal would enable communication with the Diaspora on a real-time basis and support issuing emergency alerts/advisories. It would also enable the Diaspora to reach the consular officers/services in times of emergency.

The Portal would feature auto-updating and intimation to Mission as soon as any registered diaspora members enters the jurisdiction of the Mission. The dashboard of the Indian nationals would automatically reflect on the home page of the local Indian Mission/Post. It would monitor movement of diaspora across the world and update the location status of individuals automatically, and help notify next of kin in case of any mishaps. It would have provision to generate report listing all diaspora members and visiting Indians on the dashboard of the Mission.

The portal would provide latest information on the existing and new government schemes launched for the benefits of the diaspora. It can also be used for collecting opinion of the diaspora on important policy issues, sharing e-newsletters, conducting surveys, online B2B matchmaking, presentation of technical innovations, submission of diaspora literary & art works etc.

Missions could also share information on events organized and send common invites to Diaspora members.

The Portal is proposed to be integrated with the E-migrate, MADAD, Pravasi Bharatiya Sahayata Kendra (PBSK), Passport Seva Project and IVFRT Portals to facilitate monitoring, data exchange and better delivery of services.

The High Commission of India requests Indian diaspora (NRIs/PIOs) to register themselves on the link <https://pravasirishta.gov.in/userreg> and send feedback/suggestions, if any, to improve the Rishta Portal.

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