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Vishwa Hindi Divas & Pravasi Bhartiya Divas was celebrated at the Consulate General of India, Toronto on 10 January 2019 from 4.30 pm to 7.00 pm with traditional gaiety and fervor. Both events were organized as part of efforts by the Consulate to strengthen the bonds with the Indian Diaspora and to further promote interest in the Hindi language especially among the children living in the Greater Toronto Area.

Consul General Shri Dinesh Bhatia addressed the gathering and highlighted how Hindi Diwas holds a lot of significance in the country and stands as a patriotic reminder to Indian population of their common roots and unity. The Consul General read out the invite by Hon’ble Prime Minister on the occasion of Pravasi Bhartiya Divas. In his address, Consul General acknowledged the support of the Indian community residing here in orgranising the Vishwa Hindi Diwas and also gave details of the Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas to be held in Varansi this month. All organizations promoting Hindi were requested to work together to make it a big success.

CG’s speech was followed by presentation of gold, silver and bronze medals to candidates from Canada for securing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd position in ‘Bharat ko Janiye’ contest conducted by MEA, Government of India. On this occasion, a cultural programme was presented by children who showcased the glory of Hindi language through Hindi Bhajans.

About 20 eminent Hindi lovers/writers from different Hindi organisations in GTA recited poems and songs. The Hindi Divas was well attended by the local Indian community members, India based and local staff members of the Consulate, with over 100 people in attendance. During the event, light refreshment was served.

Event ended with distribution of certificates to all participants by the Consul General.