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IDC PRESIDENT RAMSARAN MEETS WITH MEA/OIA SEC. MISHRA



(l-r) Indian Consul General in New York Amb. Randhir Jaiswal, IDC President Ashook Ramsaran, MEA/OIA Dep. Secretary Amit Kumar Mishra, Parikh News President Dr Sudhir Parikh.

The **Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC)** president Ashook Ramsaran was among selected Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (PBSA) awardees from the NY-NJ-CT tri-state area who attended special meeting on 28th April 2023 at the Indian Consulate in New York to meet with Shri Amit Kumar Mishra, Deputy Secretary of Overseas Indian Affairs in India's Ministry of External Affairs. Also attending were four (4) scientists, researchers and educators.

"The focus of the meeting to discuss the forthcoming PBSA Convention and contribution of diaspora scientists towards scientific research in India. The Ministry of External Affairs plans to organize a Convention in January 2024 with participation of previous Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (PBSA) awardees".

"The Convention is being planned a mechanism for sustained engagement with the PBSA awardees to facilitate their contribution to growth and development of India. The Convention will include Sectoral Conferences to deliberate and collate actionable inputs from PBSA awardees for respective sectors (industry, science and technology, education, social sectors, arts and culture, etc.). The Convention will be followed up with setting up of a mechanism for interaction between select PBSA awardees from each sector with officials of concerned Ministry for effective implementations of the recommendations/inputs emerging from the Convention".