



India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians

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India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI) is a not-for-profit Trust set-up by the Government of India to facilitate philanthropic contributions by Overseas Indians to social and development projects in India. IDF-OI is chaired by External Affairs Minister, Smt. Sushma Swaraj yesterday

Presently, IDF-OI is promoting flagship programmes of Government of India- Swachh Bharat Mission and National Mission for Clean Ganga; and projects identified by the State Govts, for funding by Overseas Indians.

Working with State Governments in areas such as sanitation; education; drinking water; women's empowerment et/c, IDF-OI is offering projects for funding by Overseas Indians. Overseas Indians can contribute as an individual, or a group of individuals or even through their respective Indian Associations.

IDF-OI does not recover any administrative cost from contributions received from Overseas Indians.

At the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention 2017 the Plenary Session I focused on *The Indian Diaspora- Catalyst for Realising India's Development* on 08 January 2017, chaired by Minister of State for External Affairs, Shri M.J Akbar. The session discussed how IDF-OI can effectively enable Overseas Indians to reconnect and contribute to India's social and development efforts. They expressed interest in working with IDF-OI and highlighted the need for credibility i.e. accountability, efficiency, and transparency in project implementation and fund utilisation.

At the conclusion of the session IDF-OI also received contributions from Overseas Indians.

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