

ABOUT Know India Programme (KIP)

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1. Know India Programme is a flagship programme of Ministry of External Affairs for engagement with Indian origin youth (between 18-30 years) to enhance their awareness about India, its cultural heritage, art and to familiarize them with various aspects of contemporary India. This programme is open to youth of Indian origin (excluding non-resident Indians) from all over the world with preference to those from Mauritius, Fiji, Suriname, Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago, South Africa, Jamaica. The programme has been in existence since 2003.

2. Know India Programme is a 25 days programme (excluding international travel) during which the participant will visit Delhi, Agra and a select state in India along with visits to places of historical, cultural, religious significance. KIP participants will also have a 2-day orientation programme in New Delhi. Participants will meet opinion makers, leaders, officials to get an overview of India's economy, society and ongoing growth and development story.

3. Participants are provided local hospitality e.g. boarding and Internal transportation in India, return air tickets from their country of residence to India provided participants bear 10% of

the cost of total air fare. Gratis visa shall be granted to participants by the Indian Missions/Posts abroad.

4. Minimum qualification required for participating in KIP is graduation from a recognized University /Institute or enrolled for graduation and ability to speak in English. The applicant should not have visited India through any previous Programme of Government of India. Those who have not visited India before will be given preference.

5. Applicant must provide documentary evidence to prove Indian origin or an undertaking about Indian origin which must be countersigned by Indian Embassy/High Commission/Consul General.

Eligible candidates can apply to the programme online at www.kip.gov.in

[What is the objective of the Know India Programme \(KIP\) and its content?](#)

6. Earlier known as Internship Programme for Diaspora Youth (IPDY), it is a three-week internship programme for Diaspora youth conducted by the Ministry with a view to promote awareness on India, its socio-cultural diversity, its all round development, its emergence as an economic powerhouse, it being a centre of higher education and the ongoing developments in various fields including infrastructure, Information technology etc.

7. The content of the programme may include the following:

Visit and stay at a prominent University/College/Institute;

Activities related to youth;

Visit to Industry (ies);

Visit to a village;

Exposure to Indian media and Film Industry;

Presentations on the country, the constitution, political process etc;

Interaction with NGOs and/or organizations dealing with women affairs;

Calls on high dignitaries, which may include President, Ministers of OIA, Youth Affairs and Sports, Women and Child Development;

Visit to places of historical importance/Monuments;

Cultural events;

8. The programme is open to youth of Indian origin (excluding non-resident Indians) in the age group of 18-30 years as on the first day of the month in which the programme is expected to start. The candidates should either be studying in the undergraduate level or should have completed under-graduation or equivalent. They should be well conversant in English. The applicant should not have participated in any previous KIP or Internship Programme for Diaspora Youth (IPDY).

The applicant needs to apply to the Indian Mission/Post in his country. Subject to the fulfillment of requisite criteria participants are selected by the Ministry. Participation from all countries is encouraged.

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