

Know India Programme from 05 May to 01 June, 2016

The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India is organizing Know India Programme (KIP) from 07 May to 01 June, 2016 to familiarize Indian Diaspora youth with India's culture, heritage and also with contemporary India. Duration of the KIP is of 25 days, of which participants will spend nearly 10 days in a select State.

The highlight of this year's KIP is a tour of Maharashtra, on board the luxury train "Deccan Odyssey".

This programme is open only for Indian origin Diaspora youth in age group of 18-26 years. NRIs (Indian Passport holders) are not eligible. Preference would be given to PIOs who have not visited India so far.

Completed application forms should be submitted by PIOs to the High Commission of India, Brunei Darussalam latest by 05 April, 2016.

Selected participants will be responsible to purchase flight tickets for their journey to India and back. 90% of the total cost of air ticket (at lowest economy excursion fare) will be reimbursable on successful completion of the programme.

For further assistance interested eligible PIOs may please contact to:

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Following is the link for Guidelines for KIP, application form, tentative programme and itinerary:

[https://mea.gov.in/Portal/CountryNews/5992_30_March_16 -
_Know_India_Programme.pdf](https://mea.gov.in/Portal/CountryNews/5992_30_March_16_-_Know_India_Programme.pdf)

GUIDELINES FOR KNOW INDIA PROGRAMME (KIP)

G. About the Programme:

KIP is an engagement programme for Diaspora youths (between the age of 18-26 years) of Indian origin to introduce them to India and promote awareness about different facets of Indian life, our cultural heritage, art and the transformation taking place in India. This programme is open to youth of Indian origin (excluding non-resident Indians). The programme has been in existence since 2003.

2. Main elements of KIP

a) Classroom presentations on India's , political system, economy, society, and developments in various sectors etc.

- b) Interaction with students at University/ College.
- c) Visit to places of historical importance
- d) Participation in cultural programmes, yoga
- e) Visit to industrial sites
- f) Visit to a village
- g) Interaction with non-profits
- h) Meetings with senior political leadership in India
- i) Visit to a select state in India for 10 days

3. Assistance provided:

- (a) The Ministry of External Affairs will take care of participants only for the duration of the program. If participants wish to come early or stay late, they will have to make their own arrangements.
- (b) The participants are provided local hospitality e.g. boarding/lodging in State guest houses or budget hotels and Internal travel in India.
- (c) Participants have to purchase air tickets for their journey from the country of residence to India and back, as per schedule prescribed for the Programme by the Ministry. Indian Mission/Post will reimburse 90% (ninety percent) of the total cost of air ticket for the cheapest economy class travel to participants on successful completion of the programme by them and by showing award of certificate to participant given by MEA.
- (d) Gratis visa shall be granted to selected participants by the Indian Missions/Posts abroad. (no visa fee will be charged).

4. Eligibility Criteria:

Age: The programme is open to youth of Indian origin (excluding non-resident Indians) in the age group of 18-26 years as on the first day of the month in which the programme is expected to begin. It is open to PIO youths from all over the world.

Previous participations: The applicant should not have participated in any previous KIP or Internship Programme for Diaspora Youth (IPDY) or Study India Programme of MEA. Students who have not visited India before will be given preference.

Educational Qualification: Minimum qualification required for applying is graduation from a recognized University /Institute or studying for graduation.

Language: The applicants should be able to speak in English, should have studied English as a subject at the High School level or have English as the medium of instruction for undergraduate course.

5. How to apply:

- a) Completed signed application/ form for the programme, along with a passport size photograph, should be submitted in the given application form. Form should be sent to the Indian Embassy/ consulate by email & post. Nominations received after the due date, incomplete and unsigned applications,

or forms not accompanied with photographs and without HOMs/ HOPs clear approval / recommendation would be rejected.

b) The Mission will seek a medical certificate before recommending participants for the programme. Every participant should have travel and medical insurance before visa is granted to them.

c) Nominations, recommended by HOM/HOP, shall be sent by e-mail by the Indian Embassy/ Consulate to Under Secretary (OIA-II), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi usds2@moia.nic.in; The application form in original will be sent by diplomatic bag to Under Secretary (OIA-II), Room No. 1032, 10th Floor, Akbar Bhawan, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. .

6. Duration

a) The duration of KIP will be 25 days with 10 days in the partner State.

7. Intake:

- (i) The total number of participants in any KIP will not exceed 40. If there are less than 20 applicants, that KIP will not be conducted and applicants will be permitted to opt for any other KIP of the year, if they wish so.
- (ii) A maximum of five candidates will be selected from a country. A reserve list of candidates will be maintained to fill the slots if the required number of candidates are not available for that particular KIP.

8. Dos and Don'ts for participants:

- (i) Selected participants have to follow the regulations of the Know India Programme as conveyed to them by the Ministry of External Affairs or an agency nominated by it for conduct of the Programme directly or through Indian Missions/Posts abroad. They are expected to cooperate fully to ensure smooth conduct of KIP.
- (ii) In case a participant is found guilty of misconduct or indiscipline during the course of his/her stay, he/she may be asked to leave the Programme. Such participants would have to meet the entire cost of their air travel from his/her country of residence to India & back and 'clause 3I' above on refund of 90% of the total cost of air ticket by Indian Missions/Posts would not be applicable to them. Drinking and smoking in many places in India is banned and is discouraged. Participants are expected to remain with the group and show interest towards the programme.
- (iii) The participants would not be permitted to leave the Programme mid-way. All are expected to participate in the various programmes organized for them enthusiastically & are not expected to stay back in their hotel room, except for medical reason as advised by the doctor. Participants who leave the program on their own will not be entitled to either the airfare or the per diem allowance.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTNER STATE:

- (G) The Partner State shall bear the costs during the stay of the KIP participants 10 days.
- (G) The State Government will ensure that the participants visit places of historic, cultural, industrial, academic and tourist importance in the state.
- (G) The State Government will facilitate participants meeting with leadership in State Government.
- (G) Ensure that participants are given exposure of village life for one/ two days.
- (iv) Arrange interactive sessions in premier universities/ organizations of the State.
 - (G) Arrange cultural programmes showcasing the State's cultural and host a dinner for participants.
- (vii) Ensure security of KIP participants and provide medical care as per requirement.
- (viii) Designate a Nodal Officer for coordinating the programme within the state
- (ix) Arrange for a wrap up session chaired by a high dignitary/ Minister of the State and distribute certificates of the programme, if it ends in the State.

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NEW DELHI**

APPLICATION FORM FOR KNOW INDIA PROGRAMME (KIP)

IP No. K

A. PERSONAL DETAILS

(i) Complete Name (as in Passport in **BLOCK** letters)

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Last Name

Middle Name

First Name

(ii) Gender : Male/Female

(G) Date of Birth:

(G) Place of Birth

(G) Nationality

(G) Place of Residence

(vii) Passport

Number

Place of issue:

(City)

(Country)

Date of issue:

Date of Expiry:

(viii) Telephone Number:

(with country and city code)

Work

Residence

Mobile/Cell

Fax Number

Email: _____ @ _____

(ix) Complete mailing address with ZIP Code: _____

Know India Programme 2016 – 2017

1st KIP – May 2016

Partner State Maharashtra

Travel schedule

Mumbai – Delhi – Agra – Mumbai [25 Nights/ 26 Days]

Day	Date	Sector	Overnight
Day 01	Thursday, May 05, 2016	Arrive Mumbai	Mumbai
Day 02	Friday, May 06, 2016	Begin Deccan Odyssey, Train Journey	Deccan Odyssey
Day 03	Saturday, May 07, 2016	Aurangabad	Deccan Odyssey
Day 04	Sunday, May 08, 2016	Aurangabad	Deccan Odyssey
Day 05	Monday, May 09, 2016	Pench National Park	Deccan Odyssey
Day 06	Tuesday, May 10, 2016	Tadoba National Park	Deccan Odyssey
Day 07	Wednesday, May 11, 2016	Ajanta	Deccan Odyssey
Day 08	Thursday, May 12, 2016	Nashik	Deccan Odyssey
Day 09	Friday, May 13, 2016	End of Deccan Odyssey, Train Journey	Mumbai
Day 10	Saturday, May 14, 2016	Mumbai to Delhi	Delhi
Day 11	Sunday, May 15, 2016	Delhi	Delhi
Day 12	Monday, May 16, 2016	Delhi	Delhi
Day 13	Tuesday, May 17, 2016	Delhi	Delhi
Day 14	Wednesday, May 18, 2016	Delhi	Delhi
Day 15	Thursday, May 19, 2016	Delhi	Delhi
Day 16	Friday, May 20, 2016	Delhi	Delhi
Day 17	Saturday, May 21, 2016	Delhi	Delhi
Day 18	Sunday, May 22, 2016	Delhi	Delhi
Day 19	Monday, May 23, 2016	Delhi	Delhi
Day 20	Tuesday, May 24, 2016	Delhi	Delhi
Day 21	Wednesday, May 25, 2016	Delhi	Delhi
Day 22	Thursday, May 26, 2016	Delhi	Delhi
Day 23	Friday, May 27, 2016	Delhi	Delhi
Day 24	Saturday, May 28, 2016	Delhi to Agra	Agra
Day 25	Sunday, May 29, 2016	Agra to Delhi	Delhi
Day 26	Monday, May 30, 2016	Departure from India	

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