

Invitation to 'Know India Programme' (KIP) for young PIOs

Young members of the Indian Diaspora (PIO) are cordially invited to participate in the 'Know India Programme' (KIP) to rediscover their Indian roots.

2. Under KIP, the Ministry of External Affairs of India offers a 25 days visit to young PIOs to give them an exposure to various aspects of contemporary India, and India's diverse forms of art, heritage, and culture.

3. The schedule for the next KIP's are as under:

Know India Programme (KIP)	Tour dates	Partner State	Schedule for visiting Partner State	Last date of submission on KIP Portal
54 th KIP	01 - 25 Aug, 2019	Punjab & Haryana	Punjab: 6-10 Aug, 2019; Haryana: 10-15 Aug, 2019	June 30 2019
55 th KIP	03 - 27 Sept, 2019	Goa	07-16 Sept, 2019	July 30, 2019
56 th KIP	1 - 25 Oct, 2019	Kerala	05-14 Oct, 2019	August 30, 2019

4. Broad terms and guidelines

- i. Duration of the programme is 25 days with 10 days in the partner state.
- ii. The programme is open to Persons of Indian origin (PIO) in the age group of 18-30 years.
- ii. The total number of participants in any KIP may not exceed 40.
- iii. Minimum qualification required for applying is graduation from a recognized University or enrolled for graduation.
- iv. The applicants should be able to converse in English.
- v. The applicant should not have participated in any previous KIP or Internship Programme for Diaspora Youth (IPDY) or Study India Programme of MEA.
- vi. Students and those who have not visited India before are encouraged to apply.
- vii. The content of the programme may include the following:
 - a. Understanding of 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.
 - e. Visit to industrial sites.

- f. Visit to a village.
 - g. Interaction with non-profit organizations.
 - h. Meetings with senior leadership/officials in India.
 - i. Visit to a select state in India for 10 days.
- viii. The participants are provided the following hospitality/facilities in India:
 - j. local hospitality e.g. boarding/lodging in State guest houses or budget hotels,
 - ii. Internal travel as per the Programme.
- 5. High Commission of India, Ottawa may arrange return cheapest economy air tickets for the selected participants. However, the participant would be required to pay 10% of total airfare before they leave for India. They will also have to give a written undertaking that they will complete the KIP, failing which amount spent on airfare by Government of India will be reimbursed to the High Commission of India, Ottawa.
- 6. Every participant should have an international travel and medical insurance before the ticket and gratis visa are issued to her/him and is also required to submit the fitness certificate with the application.
- 7. The organizers will take care of the participants for the duration of the program only. If the participants wish to come early or stay late they will have to make their own arrangements.
- 8. All applicants need to register at <https://kip.gov.in/home/register>. Successful candidate(s) only will be contacted by the High Commission of India.
- 9. More details are available on www.kip.gov.in

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