

## Know India Programme (KIP)

The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs is organising the 60<sup>th</sup> to 65<sup>th</sup> edition of Know India Programme (KIP) from **July 2020** to **February 2021**. KIP is an engagement programme for Diaspora youth (between the age of 18-30 years) to strengthen engagement with young overseas Indians, to give them an exposure to India's diverse cultural heritage, art and various aspects of contemporary India. Since 2004, the Government of India has conducted 59 editions of KIP with the participation of 2061 diaspora youth.

2. In the current FY, six editions (60<sup>th</sup> to 65<sup>th</sup>) are scheduled to be held. This programme is open to youth of Indian origin (excluding non-resident Indians).

### 3. **Main elements of KIP:**

- a) Understanding of India's political system, economy, society, developments in various sectors etc.
- b) Visit to places of historical, cultural, religious importance
- c) Familiarization with art, music and culture of India.
- d) Visit to industrial sites.
- e) Visit to a village.
- f) Interaction with non-profit organizations.
- g) Meetings with senior leadership/officials in India.
- h) Visit to a select State in India for 10 days.

4. This programme is open only for Indian origin Diaspora youth in age group of 18-30 years (excluding no-resident Indians. Preference would be given to PIOs who have not visited India so far or participated in any previous KIP or internship programme for Diaspora Youth (IPDY) or Study Programme of MEA.

5. Minimum qualification required for participating in KIP is graduation from a recognized University/Institute or enrolled for graduation.

6. The duration of the programme will be for a period 25 days (excluding international travel) with 10 days in the partner State. The 25 day period includes the date of arrival and departure.

7. Completed application forms should be submitted by PIOs to the Indian Consulate **latest by 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020**. Selected participants have to purchase their flight ticket for their journey from the country of residence to India and back, as per schedule prescribed by the Ministry. Concerned Indian Mission/Post would reimburse 90% (ninety percent) of the total cost of air ticket (at lowest economy excursion fare) to participants on successful completion of the programme by them.

8. For Guidelines of the KIP you may kindly access the following URL: [www.moai.gov.in](http://www.moai.gov.in)