

## KNOW INDIA PROGRAMME

Since 2004, Government of India has been organizing “**Know India Programmes**” (KIPs) for the Indian youth diaspora in the age group of 18-30, with an objective to connect them with their motherland and to give them an exposure about the various aspect of contemporary India’s form of Art, Culture and heritage etc.

2. In its series, the Government has decided to organize 6 KIPs during the financial year 2019-20. Out of these 6 KIPs, the Government has already announced 3 Know India Programmes on the KIP portal on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The schedule of these KIPs are as under:-

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>No. of KIP</b>	<b>Partner State</b>	<b>Duration of the whole KIP in India</b>	<b>Schedule for visiting Partner State.</b>	<b>Last date of online submission of applications on KIP Portal.</b>
1	54 <sup>th</sup> KIP	Punjab, and Haryana.	1 <sup>st</sup> August to 25 <sup>th</sup> August , 2019	<b>Punjab</b> – 6 August to 10 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019; & <b>Haryana</b> -10 <sup>th</sup> August to 15 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019.	<b>30<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.</b>
2	55 <sup>th</sup> KIP	Goa	3 <sup>rd</sup> September to 27 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019.	7 <sup>th</sup> September to 16 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019	<b>15<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.</b>
3	56 <sup>th</sup> KIP	Kerala,	1 <sup>st</sup> October to 25 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019.	5 <sup>th</sup> October to 14 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019.	<b>15<sup>th</sup> August, 2019</b>

### 3. Main elements of KIP

- a) Understanding of India’s political system, economy, society, and developments in various sectors etc;
- b) Visit to places of historical, cultural, religious importance.
- c) Familiarisation 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. **Arrangements:**

- (a) The Ministry of External Affairs will take care of participants only for the duration of the program. If participants wish to arrive in India early or stay extra, they will have to make their own arrangements.
- (b) The participants are provided local hospitality e.g. boarding/lodging in budget hotels and internal transportation in India.
- (c) Indian Missions/ Aboard Posts will arrange for return air tickets before participants leave for India, after getting 10% of total air fare from them.
- (d) Gratis visa shall be granted to selected participants by the Indian Missions/Posts abroad.

5. **Eligibility Criteria:**

**Non Resident Indians are not eligible for KIPs.**

6. **Age:**

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 begin. It is open to PIO youth from all over the world. Applicant must provide his/her previous PIO card number or that of his parents, grandparents or great grandparents. In the absence of any documentary proof of Indian Origin, the applicant must submit a written undertaking about his Indian Origin which must be attested by DCM/DCG or HOM/HOP of the Mission/Consulate.

7. **Previous participation:**

The applicant should not have participated in any previous KIP or Internship Programme for Diaspora Youth (IPDY) Study India Programme of MEA or any other programme organized and paid for by the Ministry of External Affairs and

any other Ministry/Department in Government of India or a State Government in India.

Those who have not visited India before will be given preference.

8. **Educational Qualification:**

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

9. **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.

10. **Duration**

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

Details of the programme and submission of application can be done at the Ministry's Portal **[www.kip.gov.in](http://www.kip.gov.in)**