



33rd and 34th Know India Programmes

The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs has been organising the Know India Program (earlier Internship Programme for Diaspora Youth (IPDY)) to create awareness about the phenomenal transformation taking place in India and the country's progress from just a destination for culture, heritage and art to an emerging powerhouse in the global economic system. Thirty two such programmes have been organised till date in partnership with different states. Following the success of the programmes and based on the positive feedback received from the interns, the next Know India Programmes (KIPs) are proposed to be organised for 40 participants to be selected from countries all over the world. The KIP in the nature of an Orientation Programme is expected to provide the participants exposure to various facets of the Indian way of life, culture, spirituality, adventure and sports, creativity and composite character of India and interaction with youth from different parts of the country.

2. Guidelines and application form for these programmes may be accessed on MOIA website (www.moia.gov.in).

3. The following may be noted in this regard:

i. The tentative schedule of the 33rd and 34th Know India Programmes (KIP) during 2015-16 is:

KIP Edition	Proposed Tentative Period	Proposed Partner State	Last date for receipt of nominations in the Embassy
33 rd KIP	29 th June, 2015 to 19 th July, 2015	Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Goa, Madhya Pradesh.	08 th June 2015
34 th KIP	17 th August, 2015 to 07 th September 2015	Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Goa, Madhya Pradesh.	17 th July, 2015

ii. Duration of each of these programmes would be 3 weeks. Exact dates would be communicated in due course.

iii. 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 commence. It is open to PIOs from all over the world.

iv. Minimum qualification required for applying is graduate or studying for graduation.

- v. The applicants should be able to converse in English. [They should have studied English as a subject at the High School level or should have English as a medium of instruction for under-graduate course]
 - vi. The applicant should not have participated in any previous KIP or Internship Programme for Diaspora Youth (IPDY). Students and those who have not visited India before are encouraged to apply.
 - vii. The content of the programme may include the following:
 - a) Presentations on the country, political process, developments in various sectors.
 - b) Interaction with faculty and students at a prestigious University/College/Institute,
 - c) Presentation on the industrial development and visits to some Industries/factories,
 - d) Visit to a village to better understand the typical village life,
 - e) Exposure to Indian media,
 - f) Interaction with NGOs and organizations dealing with women affairs
 - g) Visit to places of historical importance/Monuments,
 - h) Taking part in Cultural programmes,
 - i) Exposure to yoga,
 - j) Call on high dignitaries, which may include President of India, Chief Election Commissioner of India, Comptroller and Auditor General of India, and Ministers in-charge of Overseas Indian Affairs, Youth Affairs and Sports.
4. The participants are provided the following hospitality/facilities in India:
- i. local hospitality e.g. boarding/lodging in State guest houses or budget hotels,
 - ii. Internal travel as per the Programme.
 - iii. Per diem allowance of Rs. 100/- for out-of-pocket expenses,
5. Selected participants would be required to purchase air ticket for their journey from the country of residence to India and back, as per the schedule prescribed for the Programme by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs. The Embassy would reimburse 90% (ninety percent) of the total cost of air ticket for the cheapest economy class travel to the participants on successful completion of the programme by them.
6. Interested applicants may send their completed application forms along with an essay of 250 to 300 words on why they want to participate and what they expect to gain from the programme to the Cultural Desk of the Embassy of India before the last dates mentioned above.