



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. Twenty seven such programmes have been organised up till now 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 (KIP) 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](http://www.moia.gov.in)). Details of these Programmes would also be available on the website of this Ministry i.e. <http://moia.gov.in>

3. The following may be noted in this regard:

(i) The participants comprising of overseas Indians in the age group of 18-26 years who have distinguished themselves in any field and have abiding interest in India and links with India through parentage, shall be selected by the Mission. NRIs are not eligible to apply for this programme.

List of applicants who have been selected for a particular Know India Programme would be communicated well in advance before its commencement.

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 by the Ministry.

The Mission will reimburse 90% (ninety percent) of the total cost of air ticket (at lowest economy excursion fare) to the participants on successful completion of the programme by them.

4. Generally the activities of KIP Participants within Partner State will involve visit to historical, cultural, industrial and academic and tourist places along with meetings with constitutional head, Hon'ble Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, Chief Minister, and other eminent personalities. They will be given exposure of village life and interactive sessions in premier university / institution / organisation within the State.

5. Jammu and Kashmir is the partner state for 28<sup>th</sup> KIP while Himachal Pradesh shall be the partner state for 29<sup>th</sup> KIP. The last date of receipt of application for the 28<sup>th</sup> KIP is April 8<sup>th</sup> 2014. For the 29<sup>th</sup> KIP, the last date for application is July 21<sup>st</sup> 2014. The applicants may send their completed application forms to The Cultural Desk of the Embassy of India.