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## GUIDELINES FOR KNOW INDIA PROGRAMME (KIP)

Government of India is pleased to announce the Know India Programme (KIP), a flagship initiative of the Ministry of External Affairs aimed at strengthening the connection of the Indian diaspora youth with their ancestral roots and familiarizing them with contemporary India's remarkable growth and development. Since its launch in 2003-04, KIP has served as an important platform to engage youth members of the Indian diaspora and encourage their participation in India's developmental journey towards Viksit Bharat @2047.

The Programme is open to youth of Indian origin, including Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs), Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs), and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), particularly those who have not previously visited India. Special preference is accorded to NRIs residing in the Gulf region and participants from Girmitiya countries.

**The KIP has been redesigned with a differentiated focus on two age-based cohorts:**

- Scholars and Innovators (18–23 years)
- Young Professionals (24–28 years)

Each edition of the Programme will comprise 25 participants and will be conducted over a period of two weeks (including travel time).

**Elements of the KIP:**

a) For the Scholars and Innovators (18–23 years) cohort, the Programme offers exposure to India's innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem through interactions with start-ups, incubators, entrepreneurs and leading institutions such as IITs, IIMs, ISRO, BARC and other premier scientific organisations. Participants will engage in discussions on innovation, governance, public policy and flagship initiatives such as Digital India, Startup India, Skill India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat. The programme also includes interactions with students and researchers, visits to heritage and cultural sites, exposure to Yoga, Ayurveda, classical arts and visits to at least two States/Union Territories showcasing India's diversity.

b) For the Young Professionals (24–28 years) cohort, the Programme includes visits to key institutions of democracy and governance such as Parliament, Rashtrapati Bhavan, Election Commission of India, Reserve Bank of India, NITI Aayog, UIDAI, NPCI and MP-IDSA. Participants will gain insights into India's governance architecture, economic development, innovation ecosystem and evolving global role through interactions with policymakers, entrepreneurs and industry leaders. The programme also includes visits to historical and cultural sites, exposure to India's civilizational heritage and visits to at least two States/Union Territories.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

| **Criteria** | **Details** |
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| Age<br>(To be determined as on the first day of the month in which the programme is scheduled to commence) | Scholars and Innovators: 18–23 years; Young Professionals: 24–28 years |
| Who Can Apply | PIOs, OCIs and NRIs |
| Proof of Indian Origin | OCI/PIO card number of self or of parents/ grandparents |
| Previous Participation | Not eligible if participated in any earlier KIP or other Govt.-sponsored programme |
| Educational Qualification | Minimum 12th Class qualification for Scholars and Innovators; Graduation for Young Professionals |
| Language | Applicants should be proficient in spoken English and should have studied English at High School level or completed undergraduate education in English medium |

**Note:**

a) Preference will be given to applicants who have not visited India previously.

b) Preference will be accorded to NRIs residing in the Gulf region and participants from Girmitiya countries.

c) All selected participants must submit a valid comprehensive international travel and medical insurance policy covering the entire duration of their stay in India, along with a medical fitness certificate confirming their ability to undertake long-distance and extended-duration travel.

d) For successful completion of the Programme, participants will be required to submit a 750–1000 word Programme Report outlining their experiences, key learnings and understanding of contemporary India and its rich cultural heritage. The report will be detailed account of their learnings from the Programme and how the visit has helped improve their understanding about India. The participants will receive Certificates only after the acceptance of their Programme Reports.

e) Certificates will be awarded upon successful completion of the Programme.

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