

KNOW INDIA PROGRAMME (KIP)

The Government of India has been organizing Know India Programme every year to provide the young Indian diaspora a bridge to their motherland and give them an exposure to India's diverse cultural heritage and different aspects of modern India.

2. This year, six editions (60th to 65th) are scheduled to be held. The selected participants will be visiting Karnataka, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Odisha and more States. However, due to uncertainty with regard to international travel and COVID-19 situation, we are unable to firm up the dates with the States and announce schedule for the forthcoming KIPs. **In the meantime, we are identifying candidates who would like to participate in the KIP on short notice later this year or early next year. Interested candidates please contact on email (itec.suva@mea.gov.in).**

The following may, however, be noted:

- This programme is open only for Persons of Indian origin (PIOs) in the age group of 18-30 years from all over the world.
- Should not have participated in any previous KIP or previously visited India.
- Minimum qualification for applying is graduate or studying for graduation.
- Applications from Fiji are required to be made to the Indian High Commission in Suva.
- Applications received after the prescribed last date would not be considered.
- High Commission of India in Suva will arrange for return air tickets before participants leave for India, after getting 10% of total air fare from the participants. Mission will obtain a signed written undertaking from the participant that he/she will reimburse to the Indian Mission/Post the amount spent on airfare by Govt. of India, if he/she will not complete the KIP.
- Gratis visa by High Commission shall be granted to selected participants after participant submits copy of valid travel and medical insurance for the duration of their visit to India. This is a mandatory provision before issuing ticket and visa.
- In case a participant is found guilty of misconduct or indiscipline during the course of his/her stays, he/she may be asked to leave the Programme. Such participants would have to meet the entire cost of their air travel from his/her country of residence to India & back. Drinking and smoking in many places in India is banned and is discouraged during the programme. Participants are

expected to remain with the group and maintain seriousness towards the programme.

- The participants would also not be permitted to leave the Programme mid-way. All are expected to participate in the various programmes organized for them enthusiastically & are not expected to stay back in their hotel room, except for medical reason as advised by the doctor. Participants who leave the program on their own will not be entitled to the airfare.
- The organizers will take care of the participants for the duration of the program only. If the participants wish to come early or stay late they will have to make their own arrangements.
- Duly Completed online application for the programme, along with a passport size photograph, is to be submitted in the prescribed application form at the Indian Diplomatic Mission/Consular Post that covers the area of residence of the applicant. Nominations received after the due date, incomplete and unsigned applications, or forms not accompanied with photographs would be summarily rejected.

GUIDELINES FOR KNOW INDIA PROGRAMME (KIP):

- Please visit KIP Website: <https://kip.gov.in/home/guidelines>

ONLINE REGISTRATION/APPLICATION FORM:

- Please visit KIP Website upon announcement of the schedule:
<https://kip.gov.in/>