

**Consulate General of India
Osaka-Kobe**

GUIDELINES FOR KNOW INDIA PROGRAMME (KIP)

1. INTRODUCTION

KIP is an engagement programme for Diaspora youth (between the age of 21-35 years) of Indian origin to introduce them to India and promote awareness about different facets of Indian life, our cultural heritage, art and various aspects of contemporary India. This programme is open to youth of Indian origin (excluding Non-Resident Indians) with preference to those from Giritiya countries. The programme has been in existence since 2003-04.

2. MAIN ELEMENTS OF KIP

- i. Presentations on India, and its polity, economy, history, culture, etc.
- ii. Visit to institutes of democracy and governance like Parliament of India, Election Commission of India, Rashtrapati Bhawan and call on High Dignitaries.
- iii. Showcasing achievements in diverse sectors, including Science & Technology, Information Technology, Pharmaceuticals, Infrastructure, Startup ecosystem, Digital infrastructure, India Stack, JAM Trinity, Education, Defence, Agriculture and Tourism.
- iv. Visit to places of historical, and cultural importance.
- v. Familiarisation with cultural and civilizational heritage of India, including Yoga, Ayurveda, Classical forms of Music and Dance.
- vi. Exposure to Govt. of India schemes like Skill India, Digital India, Aatmanirbhar Bharat, StartUp India.
- vii. Visit to industrial sites, public and private firms to showcase India's strength in Manufacturing & Services sector.
- viii. Immersion program along with interaction with faculty and students at a prestigious University/College/Institute.
- ix. Visit to leading Scientific and Research Institutions.
- x. Exposure to Indian Media and Broadcasting industry.
- xi. Visit to one or two State(s) in India to expose the participants to the cultural diversity of India.

3. ARRANGEMENTS

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

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- (i) **Age:** The programme is open to youth of **Indian origin (excluding non-resident Indians)** in the age group of **21-35** years, as on the first day of the month in which the programme is expected to begin.
- (ii) It is open to PIO youth from all over the world. Applicant must provide his/her OCI card number or PIO card number or that of his/her parents or 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/Post.
- (iii) **Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) are not eligible to apply.**
- (iv) **Previous participation:** The applicant should **not** have participated in any previous edition of Know India Programme 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.
- (v) **Educational Qualification:** Minimum qualification required for participating in KIP is **graduation** from a recognized University/Institute. Applicants pursuing graduation are **not** eligible to apply.

(vi) **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.

(vii) The applicants who have not visited India before will be given preference.

5. DURATION.

The duration of the programme is about **three weeks** (including international travel).

6. INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE.

There have been some previous instances in KIPs where participants have faced health issues during their visit to India. In the absence of a valid travel and medical insurance policy, it is difficult to settle the expenditure incurred on the medical care for the participant while in India. Therefore, **all KIP participants will need to submit a copy of a valid international travel insurance and medical insurance policy** for the duration of their visit to India.

The participants will also need to submit a **medical fitness report** or certificate confirming their ability to undertake long-distance and extended-duration travel.

7. SUBMISSION OF PROGRAMME REPORT BY THE SELECTED PARTICIPANTS

For the successful completion of the KIP programme, participants will be required to submit a 750-1000 words Programme Report outlining their experiences and insights from the programme. 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.

8. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS.

(i) The Programme is open to PIO youth from all over the world, with preference given to Indian origin youth from Mauritius, Fiji, Suriname,

Guyana, South Africa, Trinidad & Tobago and Jamaica (also known as Girmitya countries).

(ii) Person selected would be within 21-35 years as on the first day of the month in which the programme is expected to begin.

(iii) If for any reason, the confirmed KIP candidates drop out before KIP starts, the slot will be offered to the candidates in the reserve list as per their placing in the list.

9. PROCEDURE TO APPLY

Interested individuals are requested to send the duly filled in application form and declaration to accts.osakakobe@mea.gov.in by **14 November 2025**.

Mobile/Cell

Fax Number

Email: _____

(ix) Complete mailing address with ZIP Code: _____

(x) Permanent home address with ZIP Code: _____

(xi) Your or your parents place of origin in India : _____

B. Proof of Indian Origin

Hold PIO/OCI Card - Yes/No

PIO Card No: _____ Date of Issue _____ Place of issue _____

OCI Card No: _____ Date of issue _____ Place of issue _____

Please write details of PIO or OCI Card of your Mother/Father/Grandfather _____

Name of PIO/OCI Card holder _____

C. Details of Family/Relative(s) in India

(i) Name, address (if available) and your relationship with your nearest relative who migrated from India:

(a) Complete Name

(b) Last Known address of your relative

(c) Your relationship with him/her

(d) Mobile number of your relative with city code

D. EDUCATION

		Graduate	Undergraduate
(i)	Name/Location College/University from where you graduated or are studying.		
(ii)	Subjects of study		
(iii)	Language of instruction in college/university		
(iv)	Describe your English language skills		

E. Occupation/Employment:

S. No.	Organization/Company (Complete Name and Location address)	Position	Period	
			From	To

F. Any achievements professional/educational or other that you want to share with us:

G. Your interests/hobbies _____

H. International Medical and Travel Insurance Policy

Policy No. –

Name of the insurance company –

Valid from (Date) –

Valid until –

I. OTHER DETAILS:

1. Have you participated in a previous Know India Programme? If yes, provide details. Yes / No
2. Have you visited India earlier? If yes, please month and year of the visits, places visited and purpose: Yes / No
3. Has any sibling/ relative of yours attended KIP before Yes / No
4. Please describe, in not more than 250 words, why do you want to take part in the Know India Programme?

DECLARATION:

I, HEREBY, DECLARE THAT ALL THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THIS Application Form are true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

I also declare that I will abide by the regulations of the Know India Programme, would offer my full cooperation in its smooth conduct, and would not leave it mid-way.

I understand that if I am found guilty of any misconduct or indiscipline during the course of the Programme, I could be refused any further participation in the said programme or participation in any future KIP and that I would not be eligible for reimbursement of the 90% of the return international airfare from my country of residence to India. The said reimbursement of 90% of the international airfare would also not be made to me if I leave the Programme mid-way.

(Signature of the applicant)

Date:

Place:

DECLARATION

(For applicants who do not possess any documentary evidence of Indian Origin)

I _____ (complete name) born on _____
_____ (Date of birth), daughter/son of _____

(Complete name) do hereby state that I am of Indian origin because of the following reasons:

Signature of the Applicant: _____

Complete Name: _____

Date: _____

Place: _____

Countersigned and stamped by

Head of Indian Mission or DCM/DHC/DCG

Complete Name: _____

Office Seal: _____

Date: _____

Place: _____

