

**High Commission fo India
Dar es Salaam**

30TH & 31ST KNOW INDIA PROGRAMME

(Exclusively for PIOs)

The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of India, will be organizing the 30th and 31st Know India Programme (KIP) on the schedule as shown below:-

KIP Edition	Proposed Tentative Period	Proposed Partner State	Last date for receipt of nominations
30 th KIP	23 rd December, 2014 to 12 th January, 2015	Gujarat	1 st November, 2014
31 st KIP	2 nd January, 2015 to 22 nd January, 2015	Gujarat	15 th November, 2014

KIP is in the nature of an Orientation Programme and will 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.

40 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 will be selected from countries all over the world. It is open to PIOs from all over the world. NRIs are not eligible to apply for this programme.

The expenses on to and fro international air travel (90%), subject to conditions being met, will be reimbursed by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs through the High Commission of India, Dar es Salam. The organizers will take care of the participants during the duration of the Programme.

Interested candidates may send their duly completed application forms (in duplicate), along with passport size photographs, to the High Commission of India, Dar es Salam, by the last date mentioned against each of the above KIPs. The envelopes should be clearly marked 'KNOW INDIA PROGRAMME' and should be addressed to **First Secretary (Consular), High Commission of India, Dar es Salaam**. Nominations received after the due date, incomplete and unsigned applications, or forms not accompanied with photographs would be summarily rejected. For more details about the KIP please visit the link <http://moia.gov.in/services.aspx?id1=42&idp=42&mainid=23>.

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GUIDELINES FOR KNOW INDIA PROGRAMME (KIP)

1. Duration of each of these programmes would be 3 weeks. Exact dates would be communicated in due course.
2. 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.
3. The total number of participants in any KIP may not exceed 40.
4. Minimum qualification required for applying is graduate or studying for graduation.
5. 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]
6. 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.
7. 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;
 - e. Visit to a village to better understand the typical village life;
 - f. Exposure to Indian media;
 - g. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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. Concerned Indian Mission/Post 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.
10. Gratis visa by Indian Missions/Posts abroad may be granted to selected participants.
11. Participants are required to submit medical fitness certificate from a doctor. Every participant should have medical insurance before the visa is granted to them.
12. All applicants for the programme will be asked to write an essay of 250 to 300 words on why they want to participate and what they expect to gain from the programme.
13. Selected participants would be required to abide by the regulations of the Know India Programme as conveyed to them by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs or an agency nominated by it for the conduct of the Programme directly or through Indian Missions/Posts abroad. They are expected to cooperate fully in the programme in order to ensure its smooth conduct.

14. In case a participant is found guilty of misconduct or indiscipline during the course of his/her stay, 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 and 'clause 10' above on refund of 90% of the total cost of air ticket by Indian Missions/Posts would not be applicable to them. 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.
15. The participants would also not be permitted to leave the Programme midway. 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 either the airfare or the per diem allowance.
16. 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.
17. Duly Completed application for the programme, along with a passport size photograph, is to be submitted in the prescribed application form at the High Commission of India, Dar es Salaam. Nominations received after the due date, incomplete and unsigned applications, or forms not accompanied with photographs would be summarily rejected.
18. Details of the Programme would also be posted on the website www.moia.gov.in

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The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of India, will be organizing the above KIP [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 the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of India, website (www.moia.gov.in). Details of these programmes would also be available on the website of the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, i.e. <http://moia.gov.in>.

3. 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 will be selected from countries all over the world. NRI's are not eligible to apply for this programme.

4. The expenses on to and fro international air travel (90%), subject to conditions being met, will be reimbursed by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs through the Indian Mission. The organizers will take care of the participants during the duration of the Programme.

5. Interested candidates may send their duly completed application forms (in duplicate), along with passport size photographs, to the Indian High Commission by **01 November, 2014**. The envelopes should be clearly marked 'KNOW INDIA PROGRAMME' and should be addressed to First Secretary (Consular), High Commission of India, Dar es Salaam. Nominations received after the due date, incomplete and unsigned applications, or forms not accompanied with photographs would be summarily rejected. For more details

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