## Know India Programme(KIP)

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## About the KIP

- Know India Programme is a flagship programme of Ministry of External Affairs for engagement with Indian origin youth (between 18-30 years) to enhance their awareness about India, its cultural heritage, art and to familiarise them with various aspects of contemporary India. The programme has been in existence since 2003.
- Participants: This programme is open to youth of Indian origin (excluding non-resident Indians) from all over the world with preference to those from Mauritius, Fiji, Suriname, Guyana, Trinidad &Tobago, South Africa, Jamaica.
- It is a 25 days programme (excluding international travel) during which the participant will visit Delhi, Agra and a select state in India along with visits to places of historical, cultural, religious significance.
- KIP participants will also have a 2-day orientation programme in New Delhi. Participants will meet opinion makers, leaders, officials to get an overview of India's economy, society, and ongoing growth and development story.
- Participants are provided local hospitality e.g. boarding and Internal transportation in India, return air tickets from their country of residence to India provided participants bear 10% of the cost of total airfare. Gratis visa shall be granted to participants by the Indian Missions/Posts abroad.

## • Qualification:

 The minimum qualification required for participating in KIP is graduation from a

- recognized University /Institute or enrolled for graduation and the ability to speak in English.
- The applicant should not have visited India through any previous Programme of Government of India.
- Those who have not visited India before will be given preference.
- Documents: Applicant must provide documentary evidence to prove Indian origin or an undertaking about Indian origin which must be countersigned by Indian Embassy/High Commission/Consul General
- •KIP provides a unique forum for students & young professionals of Indian origin to visit India, share their views, expectations & experiences and to develop closer bonds with contemporary India.