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Press Release

Know India Programmes (KIPs)

The Government of India is organizing the following six “Know India Programmes (KIPs)” from September 2017 to January 2018 for the benefit of youth of Indian origin (excluding non-resident Indians) between the age group of 18 – 30 years.

No.	Date	State Partner
41 KIP	3-27 September 2017	Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh
42 KIP	1-25 October 2017	Jharkhand & Chhattisgarh
43 KIP	1-25 November 2017	Meghalaya & Assam
44 KIP	29-23 December 2017	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana

KIP is an engagement programme for Diaspora youth 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. The programme has been in existence since 2003.

On 17 June 2017 Mrs. Sushma Swaraj, External Affairs Minister, Government of India, inaugurated a portal for Know India Programme (**KIP**). The portal www.kip.gov.in enables Indian-origin youth can submit applications online for KIP programmes. Applications can be submitted online by the overseas Indian till **21 July, 2017**. In the Application Form, the applicant should indicate his/her preference for each KIP, in the order of priority. The organisation will attempt to allot the first preference of each applicant to the extent possible. If there are too many applicants for a specific KIP, the allotment of candidates will be on first-come-first serve basis and subject to fulfilment of all eligibility criteria.

The main elements of KIP are given below:

- Understanding of India’s political system, economy, society, and developments in various sectors etc.
- Visit to places of historical, cultural, religious importance.
- Familiarisation with art, music and culture of India.
- Visit to industrial sites.

- Visit to a village.
- Interaction with non-profit organizations.
- Meetings with senior leadership/officials in India.
- Visit to a select state in India for 10 days.

Instructions/eligibility criteria/other information for applicants is available on KIP portal **www.kip.gov.in**.

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