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KNOW INDIA PROGRAMME (KIP)

Since 2004, the Government of India has been organizing "Know India Programmes" for Youths of Indian origin, with an objective to introduce them to India and promote awareness about different facets of Indian life, cultural heritage, art and various aspects of contemporary India. This programme is open to youths of Indian origin of all countries with preference to those from Girmitya countries (*Mauritius, Fiji, Suriname, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica etc.*). For more details on KIP, kindly visit **www.kip.gov.in**.

2. The Embassy of India, Bucharest invites applications from Overseas Indian Youths to participate in the 54th / 55th / 56th Know India Programmes, The schedule of KIPs is, as below:

Edition	Partner State	Duration of the KIP	Schedule for visiting Partner State	Last date for submission of application
54 th KIP	Punjab, Haryana.	AUGUST 1 st to 25 th , 2019	Punjab: August 6 th to 10 th , 2019 Haryana: August 10 th to 15 th , 2019	30th June, 2019
55 th KIP	Goa	SEPTEMBER 3 rd to 27 th , 2019	September 7 th to 16 th , 2019	30th July, 2019
56 th KIP	Kerala	OCTOBER 1 st to 25 th , 2019	October 5 th to 14 th , 2019	30th August, 2019

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Non Resident Indians (NRIs) are not eligible for KIPs.
- Applicant should be in the age group of 18-30 years, as on the first day of the month in which the programme is expected to begin.
- Applicant should not have participated in any previous KIP or Internship Programme for Diaspora Youth (IPDY) Study India Programme of Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) or any other programme organized and paid for by the MEA and any other Ministry/Department in Government of India or a State Government in India.
- Those who have not visited India before will be given preference.
- Minimum educational qualification is Graduation from a recognized University/ Institute or enrolled for graduation.

f) 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.

HOW TO APPLY FOR KIP:

Applicant has to register online in the KIP Portal (www.kip.gov.in). Thereafter, Application Form alongwith supportive documents and photographs have to be submitted at this Embassy.

ARRANGEMENTS:

- a) The MEA will take care of participants for the duration of the program.
- b) Participants will be provided local hospitality e.g. boarding/lodging and transportation in India.
- c) the Embassy will arrange for return air tickets before participants leave for India, after getting 10% of total air fare from them.
- d) Gratis visa will be granted to selected participants.

International Medical and Travel Insurance:

All KIP participants are advised to obtain an international travel and medical insurance policy for their visit to India.

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