

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Age: The programme is open to youth of Indian origin in the age group of two categories **18-23 years** (Scholars and Innovators) and 24-28 years (Young Professionals), as on the first day of the month in which the programme is expected to begin.

(ii) It is open to youth of Indian origin including **Person of Indian Origin (PIO), Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs) and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)**, particularly who have not previously visited India.

(iii) Participants must provide their OCI or PIO card number or Indian Citizenship to qualify for NRI status as prescribed by Government of India.

(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 participation is as follows :

Group	Age	Education Qualification
Scholars and Innovators	18-23 years	12 th Class/Graduation from recognized institution.
Young Professionals	24-28 years	Graduation from recognized institution.

(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.

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) Participants have to pay 10% of the total airfare.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

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.

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.
