

## **Launch of Portal for Know India Programme - 2017**

On 17 June 2017 EAM inaugurated a portal for Know India Programme (KIP), the Ministry's flagship initiative for engagement with young overseas Indians to enhance their awareness about India, its cultural heritage, art and to familiarise them with various aspects of contemporary India. . The portal [www.kip.gov.in](http://www.kip.gov.in) enables Indian-origin youth (excluding non-resident Indians) to apply online for KIP programmes.

2. KIP is a 25 days programme (excluding international travel) during which the participant will visit Delhi, Agra and a select state in India alongwith 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.

3. 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 air fare. Gratis visa shall be granted to participants by the Indian Missions/Posts abroad.

4. Minimum qualification required for participating in KIP is graduation from a recognized University /Institute or enrolled for graduation and 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.

5. 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.

6. **For registration, kindly visit the portal [www.kip.gov.in](http://www.kip.gov.in) and apply online for KIP programme.**

7. Interested eligible PIOs (Indian origin diaspora youth between the age of 18 to 30 years) are requested to send their applications to this office well before 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.