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**Press Release****Know India Programme(KIPs)**

The Government of India is organizing the following three “Know India Programme (KIP)” from August 2019 to October 2019 for the benefit of youth of Indian origin (excluding non-resident Indians) between the age group of 18 – 30 years.

No.	No. of KIP	Partner State	Duration of the whole KIP in India	Schedule for visiting Partner State.	Last date of online submission of applications on KIP Portal.
1	54 <sup>th</sup> KIP	Punjab, and Haryana.	1 <sup>st</sup> August to 25 <sup>th</sup> August , 2019	<b>Punjab</b> – 6 August to 10 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019; & <b>Haryana</b> -10 <sup>th</sup> August to 15 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019.	<b>30<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.</b>
2	55 <sup>th</sup> KIP	Goa	3 <sup>rd</sup> September to 27 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019.	7 <sup>th</sup> September to 16 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019	<b>15<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.</b>
3	56 <sup>th</sup> KIP	Kerala,	1 <sup>st</sup> October to 25 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019.	5 <sup>th</sup> October to 14 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019.	<b>15<sup>th</sup> August, 2019</b>

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, cultural heritage, art and various aspects of contemporary India. The programme has been in existence since 2003.

The information and guidelines about KIP is available on [www.kip.gov.in](http://www.kip.gov.in). The portal [www.kip.gov.in](http://www.kip.gov.in) also enables Indian-origin youth to submit applications online for KIP programmes. Applications can be submitted online by the overseas Indian. In the Application Form, the applicant should indicate his/her preference for each KIP, in the order of priority. The organisers of KIP 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.

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](http://www.kip.gov.in)

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