

Know India Programme for Diaspora Youth

Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs of India has proposed to organise three slots 'Know India Programmes (KIPs)' for Diaspora youth of Indian Origin (excluding NRIs) in the age group of 18 to 26 years as per tentative schedule given below:

	Tentative Period	Partner States	Last date for receipt of nominations
12th KIP	August - September 09	Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh	20 th June 2009
13th KIP	December 09 - January 2010	Kerala, Haryana	20 th September 2009
14th KIP	March 2010	Rajasthan, Goa	21 st December 2009

These KIPs are organised with a view to promote awareness on India, its socio-cultural diversity, as a centre of higher education and emergence as an economic power. This will be a three-week internship programme undertaken in partnership with State Governments. So far, eleven such KIPs have been held.

Interested youths of Indian Origin (excluding NRIs) in the age group of 18-26 years fulfilling the criteria may forward their application forms to the High Commission of India in Abuja (hoc.abuja@mea.gov.in) or Office of High Commission of India in Lagos (fs1@hcilagos.org). Last date for receipt of nominations for 12th KIP is **20th June 2009**, for 13th KIP is **20th September 2009** and for 14th KIP is **21st December 2009**.

Selected participants would be required to purchase air ticket for their journey to India and back as per schedule prescribed for the programme. High Commission of India would reimburse **90% (Ninety percent)** of the total cost of air ticket for the **cheapest economy class travel** to the participants on successful completion of the programme by them.

Guidelines are given in the links indicated. Application Form is also attached. The websites <http://knowindiaprogram.com> and <http://moia.gov.in> could be seen for further details.