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Press Release

Know India Programme (KIP)

On 17 June 2017 External Affairs Ministry, Smt. Sushma Swaraj inaugurated a portal for Know India Programme (**KIP**), the Ministry's flagship initiative for engagement with young overseas Indians between the age of 18-30 years 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 youth of Indian origin (excluding non-resident Indians). The portal www.kip.gov.in enables Indian-origin youth to apply online for KIP programmes.

This year i.e. in 2017-18, we will organize six KIPs with participation of 40 overseas Indians in each programme. The schedule of KIPs has been finalized and can be seen online. Indian-origin youth can submit applications online for the following first four KIPs to be held in 2017 i.e. 41, 42, 43 & 44:

No.	Date	State Partner
41 st KIP	3-27 September 2017	Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh
42 nd KIP	1-25 October 2017	Jharkhand & Chhattisgarh
43 rd KIP	1-25 November 2017	Meghalaya & Assam
44 th KIP	29 Nov -23 Dec 2017	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana

45th and 46th KIPs will be held in early 2018. Applications for these KIPs will be accepted in October 2017.

Among new features, the applicants can indicate their preferences online for any three KIPs. We will give preference to the applicants who have never visited India so far. Applications can be submitted online by the overseas Indians from **23 June to 21 July 2017**.

Following primary facilities will be provided to the participants:

- The participants are provided local hospitality e.g. boarding/lodging in budget hotels and internal transportation in India.
- Indian Missions/ Aboard Posts will arrange for return air tickets before participants leave for India, after getting 10% of total air fare from them.
- Gratis visa shall be granted to selected participants by the Indian Missions/Posts abroad.

Please visit www.kip.gov.in for detailed information on Know India Programme.

- Houston, 28th June 2017