

**High Commission of India
Lilongwe**

The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of India, has been organising the Know India Program to create awareness about the phenomenal transformation taking place in India and the country's progress from just a destination for culture, heritage and art to an emerging powerhouse in the global economic system. Twenty seven such programmes have been organised up till now in partnership with different states.

2. The KIP in the nature of an Orientation Programme is expected to provide the participants exposure to various facets of the Indian way of life, culture, spirituality, adventure and sports, creativity and composite character of India and interaction with youth from different parts of the country. Following the success of the programmes and based on the positive feedback received from the interns, the next Know India Programmes (KIP) – 54th, 55th and 56th - are proposed to be organised for 40 participants to be selected from countries all over the world, as per schedule given below:

KIP Edition	Proposed Tentative Period	Proposed Partner State	Last date for receipt of nominations on KIP Portal through High Commission
54 th KIP	1-25 August, 2019	Punjab & Haryana	30 June 2019
55 th KIP	3-27 September, 2019	Goa	15 July 2014
56 th KIP	1-25 October, 2019	Kerala	15 August 2014

3. The following may be noted in this regard:

- (i) The complete online submitted form should be routed through the High Commission of India. The programme is open to youth of Indian origin (excluding non-resident Indians) in the age group of 18-30 years, as on the first day of the month in which the programme is expected to begin. Applicant must provide his/her previous PIO card number or that of his parents, grandparents or great grandparents. In the absence of any documentary proof of Indian Origin, the applicant must submit a written undertaking about his Indian Origin.
- (ii) Minimum qualification required for participating in KIP is graduation from a recognized University /Institute or enrolled for graduation.
- (iv) 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.
- (v) List of applicants who have been selected for a particular Know India Programme would be communicated to the selected participants well in advance before its commencement.
- (vi) Selected participants would be provided one return air ticket for their journey after getting 10% of total air fare from the participants. Selected Participants will also be required to give a signed written undertaking that he/she will reimburse to the Indian Mission/Post the amount spent on airfare by Govt. of India, if he/she will not complete the KIP.
- (vii) Visa will be granted as Gratis after submission of copy of valid travel and medical insurance for the duration of their visit to India by High Commission.

3. Guidelines and application form for these programmes may be accessed on KIP portal www.kip.gov.in.
