

88th Edition of the Know India Programme (KIP)

16 August – 29 August 2026

The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, is pleased to announce the 88th Edition of the Know India Programme (KIP).

The Know India Programme (KIP) is a flagship initiative launched in 2003–04 to strengthen the connection of Indian diaspora youth with their roots and provide exposure to India's cultural heritage, development, innovation ecosystem, and contemporary achievements.

This edition of the programme is designed for Young Professional of Indian origin in the age group of 24–28 years under two categories:

Participants will gain exposure to:

- India's culture, heritage, governance, and development journey
- Innovation, entrepreneurship, science and technology
- Interactions with institutions, industry leaders, and youth across India
- Visits to different States/UTs to experience India's diversity

Eligibility

Applicants should be PIOs, OCIs, or NRIs, possess proficiency in English, and should not have previously participated in KIP or any Government of India-funded programme.

Documents Required

- Application form
- Passport copy
- Passport-size photograph
- OCI/PIO details or declaration of Indian origin
- Proof of NRI status (if applicable)

Selected participants must also submit a medical fitness certificate and travel/medical insurance.

Key Dates

Programme Duration:

16 August – 29 August 2026

Deadline for submission of applications:

16 July 2026

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must be:

- Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs)
- Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs)
- Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)

Young Professionals: 24–28 years

- Minimum qualification: Graduation from a recognized University/Institute

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Application Process

Please visit the following link for the application form and additional information:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19PVAwxjgHWl1PJWPWAT4shl4PmPhimc>

Eligible candidates may send their application to the Indian Embassy (*R. Pêro da Covilhã 16A, 1400-297 Lisboa*) either:

- By post, or
- By email: cul.lisbon@mea.gov.in

Applications should be submitted at the earliest



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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR

KNOW INDIA PROGRAMME (KIP) 88TH EDITION



LAST DATE TO APPLY: 16TH JULY 2026



PROGRAMME DURATION:

16TH AUGUST 2026 to 29TH AUGUST 2026

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Persons of India Origin (PIO)
- Overseas Citizen of India (OCIs)
- Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)
- Age 24-28 years

**TO APPLY: CONTACT YOUR NEAREST INDIAN EMBASSY/
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