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Dear All,

We are happy to inform you that the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India is organizing the following two 'Know India Programme' (KIPs) during the period January to March 2018 to familiarize Indian Diaspora youth with India's culture, heritage and also with contemporary India:

KIP No.	Dates	Partner State
45 <sup>th</sup> KIP	29 January to 22 February 2018	Rajasthan
46 <sup>th</sup> KIP	12 February to 08 March 2018	Madhya Pradesh

KIPs will be for a 25 days duration, of which participants will spend nearly 10 days in a select State. This programme is open only for Indian origin Diaspora youth in the age group of **18-30 years** as on the first day of the month in which the programme is expected to begin. Non Resident Indians (NRIs) are not eligible. Preference would be given to PIOs who have not visited India so far. Interested Indian-origin youth can submit their applications online through KIP portal: [www.kip.gov.in](http://www.kip.gov.in).

In the application form, the applicant should indicate his/her preferences online. If there are too many applications for a specific KIP, the allotment of candidates will be on first-come-first serve basis and subject to fulfillment of all eligibility criteria. The last date of the online registration by applicant is **19 November 2017**.

Selected participants have to pay 10% of their flight ticket for their journey from the country of residence to India and back, as per schedule prescribed by the Ministry. Indian Mission/Post would arrange the lowest economy excursion fare ticket and pay 90% (ninety percent) of the total cost of air ticket. The selected participants will have to give an undertaking that they would complete the Know India Programme, failing which they would be required to refund 90% of the cost of the ticket paid by the Mission. Selected participants should also submit copy of international valid travel and medical insurance for the visit to India.

**We seek your assistance in spreading the message widely and promoting the initiative among the Indian Diaspora in South Africa. Instructions on how to use the portal is available in the KIP portal.**

With regards,

Yours faithfully,

(Nita K. Ghai)