

PRESS RELEASE

Know India Programme (KIP) – for Elders

The High Commission of India, Georgetown is pleased to announce that applications are invited by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India (GOI) for the **Special Know India Programmes (KIPs)** for the elder generation to visit India and reconnect with their root. The Programme is available to **Persons of Indian Origin (in the age group of 45 to 65) who have never been to India previously and fall in the low income group.**

Know India Programme (KIP) is a flagship initiative of GOI which familiarizes the People of Indian Origin with their Indian root and contemporary India, through a 25-day orientation programme organised by the MEA. The KIP, in the past, was only available to youths between 18 - 30 years.

The Special Know India Programmes (KIPs) referred to as Pravasi Teerath Darshan Yojana) will be held in India for 22 days with partner states Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Tamil Nadu and Kerala from January 19, 2019 to February 10, 2019 which coincides with the Annual Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention for which applicants would also have to register for. The second KIP will be organised from January 31, 2019 to February 16, 2019.

The Government of India will bear complete expenditure on boarding/lodging/gratis visa and 90% of the economy class return air-ticket to the participants.

The Guidelines for Know India Programme (KIP) can be downloaded at <http://kip.gov.in/home/guidelines>. Applications are to be filled online at <http://kip.gov.in/home/register>. When filling the Application Form, the applicant should indicate their order of preferences for the KIPs.

Printed and signed Application and Annexure Form, along with 1 recent Passport size photograph and a copy of Guyanese Passport are to be submitted to High Commission of India for Pravasi Teerath Darshan Yojanas latest by **October 31, 2018.**

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA

307 Church & Peter Rose Streets,

Queenstown, Georgetown.

Guyana, South America.

Tel. # (592) 226-3996, 226-8965, 226-3240

Fax # (592) 225 – 7012

Email: hoc.georgetown@mea.gov.in

Website: www.hcigeorgetown.org