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(Diaspora Services Division)
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From - Shri T.K. Manoj Kumar, JS (DS), MOIA, Akbar Bhawan, New Delhi

To - All HOMs/ HOPs

Dated: 1st May, 2015

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Dear Missions,

The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs has been organising the Know India Program (earlier Internship Programme for Diaspora Youth (IPDY)) 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. **Thirty Two** such programmes have been organised up till now in partnership with different states. Following the success of the programmes and based on the positive feedback received from the interns, the next Know India Programmes (KIP) are proposed to be organised for 40 participants to be selected from countries all over the world. 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.

2. Guidelines and application form for these programmes may be accessed on MOIA website (www.moia.gov.in). Details of these Programmes would also be available on the website of this Ministry i.e. <http://moia.gov.in>

3. The following may be noted in this regard:

(i) The participants comprising of overseas Indians in the age group of 18-26 years who have distinguished themselves in any field and have abiding interest in India and links with India through parentage, are selected by the Indian Missions in their respective countries. **NRIs are not eligible** to apply for this programme.

(ii) It is open to PIOs from all over the world.

(iii) Only those nominations may be sent to the Under Secretary (DS), Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Akbar Bhawan, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021 Email: usds2@moia.nic.in Tel: 011-24197926/27 Fax: 011-24197942 which are in accordance with the prescribed guidelines.

(iv) Nominations are required to be duly **recommended by Head of Mission/Head of Post** at the given column in the application form.

(v) List of applicants who have been selected for a particular Know India Programme would be communicated well in advance before its commencement.

(vi) Selected participants would be required to purchase air ticket for their journey from the country of residence to India and back, as per the schedule prescribed by the Ministry. **Concerned Indian Mission/Post would reimburse 90% (ninety percent) of the total cost of air ticket (at lowest economy excursion fare) to the participants on successful completion of the programme by them.**