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- g. Visit to places of historical importance/Monuments,
  - h. Taking part in Cultural programmes,
  - i. Exposure to yoga,
  - j. Call on high dignitaries, which may include President of India, Chief Election Commissioner of India, Comptroller and Auditor General of India, and Ministers in-charge of Overseas Indian Affairs, Youth Affairs and Sports.
9. The participants are provided the following hospitality/facilities in India:
- i. local hospitality e.g. boarding/lodging in State guest houses or budget hotels,
  - ii. Internal travel as per the Programme.
  - iii. Per diem allowance of Rs. 100/- for out-of-pocket expenses,

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 for the Programme by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs. Concerned Indian Mission/Post would reimburse 90% (ninety percent) of the total cost of air ticket for the cheapest economy class travel to the participants on successful completion of the programme by them.

Gratis visa by Indian Missions/Posts abroad may be granted to selected participants.

The Mission should seek a medical fitness certificate from the participants before recommending them for the programme. Every participant should have medical insurance before the visa is granted to them.

The weather condition of India should also be communicated to the participants and they should also be briefed that stay in a rural area is the part of the programme where air-conditioned accommodation is often not available.

All applicants for the programme may be asked to write an essay of 250 to 300 words on why they want to participate and what they expect to gain from the programme.

Selected participants would be required to abide by the regulations of the Know India Programme as conveyed to them by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs or an agency nominated by it for the conduct of the Programme directly or through Indian Missions/Posts abroad. They are expected to cooperate fully in the programme in order to ensure its smooth conduct.

In case a participant is found guilty of misconduct or indiscipline during the course of his/her stay, he/she may be asked to leave the Programme. Such participants would have to meet the entire cost of their air travel from his/her country of residence to India & back and 'clause 10' above on refund of 90% of the total cost of air ticket by Indian Missions/Posts would not be applicable to them. Drinking and smoking in many places in India is banned and is discouraged during the programme. Participants are expected to remain with the group and maintain seriousness towards the programme.

The participants would also not be permitted to leave the Programme mid-way. All are expected to participate in the various programmes organized for them enthusiastically & are not expected to stay back in their hotel room, except for medical reason as advised by the doctor. Participants who leave the program on their own will not be entitled to either the airfare or the per diem allowance.

The organizers will take care of the participants for the duration of the program only. If the participants wish to come early or stay late they will have to make their own arrangements.

Duly Completed application for the programme, along with a passport size photograph, is to be