

Know India Programme

85th edition of the Know India Programme (KIP) will be organised by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India (GOI) from 06 to 27 January 2026. 40 youth PIO members in the age group of 21-35 years would be invited to visit India for a 3-week programme.

2. The upcoming 85th edition of the KIP is projected to be Special and Unique since MEA, in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, has endeavoured to schedule participation of partakers of this edition in the upcoming Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD) coinciding with the National Youth Festival on January 12, 2026. To celebrate the spirit of Yuva Shakti through Innovation, Leadership, and Collaboration, the VBYLD through the Viksit Bharat Challenge Track will provide a platform for the youth members of both India and the Indian diaspora to ideate on 10 different tracks and present transformative solutions on national priorities of India such as Governance, Education, Sustainability, and Entrepreneurship. **The Challenge would unfold through four stages, beginning with an online quiz, followed by an essay competition, presentations and leadership assessments, and culminating in the National Championship, where finalists would present their ideas to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi. Selected participants of the upcoming 85th KIP would be accorded the unique and cherished opportunity to present their ideas on this stage.** Bringing together 3,000 exceptional youth leaders from across India and the Indian diaspora, VBYLD would feature four dynamic segments: Viksit Bharat Challenge Track, Cultural Track, Design for Bharat- Design Track and Hack for a Social Cause- Tech Track. Supported by Pathbreakers, who are young achievers and mentors guiding participants across tracks, the Dialogue would serve as a national movement to empower youth as catalysts for change and architects of a developed India by 2047. The Concept Note on the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue is **attached**.

3. KIP is a flagship programme of MEA that seeks to reconnect Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) in the age-group of 21-35 years to their ethnic roots besides showcasing the rich cultural heritage of India and its recent spectacular developmental efforts. MEA endeavours to present various facets of contemporary Indian Art, Heritage, Culture, Economy, Innovations, Start-ups, Science & Technology, etc., to the youth members of the Indian Diaspora and strives to motivate and inspire them to contribute and participate in the transformative initiatives of the GOI as part of its march towards *Viksit Bharat*. Since its inception in 2003-04, MEA has successfully organized more than 80 editions of the KIP with participation of around 3000 youth PIO members.

3. Guidelines, Application proforma, Flyers etc., for the KIP are attached. Interested participants may kindly share **scanned copies of the duly filled Application Form, Educational Qualification Certificate, Passport, Passport sized coloured photograph, PIO/OCI Card, etc.** to the Embassy of India, Copenhagen by e-mail to inf.copenhagen@mea.gov.in with a copy to hoc.copenhagen@mea.gov.in, latest by 8 December 2025.

Since this KIP is special and unique, cooperation of all Association Heads is solicited to give it wide publicity in their groups and encourage PIOs in the age group of 21-35 years to apply for this KIP. Embassy may be contacted for any additional information and/or clarification.