

**High Commission of India
Port Moresby**

90th Know India Programme

The Know India Programme (KIP) launched in 2003-04 is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, aimed at strengthening engagement and connecting the young members of the Indian Diaspora with their ancestral roots while providing them an opportunity to experience and appreciate contemporary India's remarkable growth and development across diverse sectors as the country progresses towards Viksit Bharat @2047. The Programme seeks to acquaint participants with India's rich cultural heritage, economic transformation, innovations and start-up ecosystem, scientific and technological advancements and other significant facets of contemporary India. The Programme also aims to motivate and inspire young members of the Indian diaspora to contribute to and participate in India's developmental journey.

2. The KIP guidelines have been revised with a view to make the Programme more attractive and appealing to prospective participants. The revised guidelines incorporate the following key provisions:-

i. The eligibility age criteria for participants was revised from 21–35 years to 18–28 years, with participants divided into two cohorts: 18–23 years (Scholars and Innovators) and 24–28 years (Young Professionals).

ii. Separate editions of the Programme are being organized for the two cohorts, with each edition comprising of 25 participants.

iii. The duration of each Programme will be two weeks, inclusive of travel time.

iv. The Programme is open to youths of Indian origin, including **Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs), Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs), as well as Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)**.

3. The Ministry proposes to organize the 90th edition of the Know India Programme, in accordance with the revised guidelines, **from 18 to 31 October 2026 for 'Young Professionals' in the 24-28 years age group**. Under this edition, 25 youth members of the Indian diaspora, including PIOs, OCIs and NRIs, will be invited to visit India for the two-week Programme, as per the following timelines:-

Edition of KIP	Duration	Deadline to receive applications by the Mission	Forwarding to the Ministry
90th	18-31 October 2026	28 th September 2026	30 th September 2026

4. A copy of guidelines and application form alongwith Promotional Flyer for 90th KIP are attached. Interested candidates may send in their completed application forms by 28th September 2026, to the High Commission of India, Port Moresby by e-mail to: -

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