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Government of India
Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs
(Diaspora Services Division)
Akbar Bhawan, Chanakyapuri,
New Delhi-110021

From - Shri M.C. Pandey, DS (DS), MOIA, Akbar Bhawan, New Delhi

To - All HOMs/ HOPs

Dated: 13th November, 2014

Dear HOM / HOP,

This Ministry proposes to start the 3rd Study India Programme (SIP) to enable overseas Indian youth (foreign citizens of Indian origin only; no including Non-Resident Indians) in the age group 18-26 years to undergo a short term course of 4 weeks to familiarize them with the art, culture, heritage, history and social and economic development of India. The Programme will be organized from 22nd December, 2014 to 14th January, 2015 (tentative dates) in partnership with a Institute of repute, Symbiosis Centre for International Education (SCIE), Pune. There would be 30 participants in the programme. The participants would undergo a 3 week programme within the selected Institute with academic and cultural content and 01 week of field visits organized by the Institute.

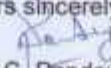
2. Guidelines and application form for the programme are enclosed. Exact date for the programme would be conveyed at least a month before its commencement.
3. The following may be noted in this regard:
 - (i) This programme is open only for Diaspora youth in the age group of 18-26 years. NRI are not eligible to apply for this programme.
 - (ii) It is open to PIOs from all over the world.
 - (iii) Only those nominations may be forwarded to this Ministry which are in accordance with the prescribed guidelines. Applications for the SIP are to be sent to "Deputy Secretary (DS), Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Akbar Bhawan, New Delhi-110 021"; e-mail: [dsds2 @moia.nic.in](mailto:dsds2@moia.nic.in); Fax: (011) 24197942. The application form in original may be subsequently sent by diplomatic bag to the Deputy Secretary (DS).
 - (iv) Nominations are required to be duly recommended by Head of Missions/Head of Post at the given column in the application form.
 - (v) Nominations may be sent by e-mail or fax by the prescribed last date and the originals could be followed by bag/post. Nominations received in the Ministry after the prescribed last date would not be considered.

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- (vi) List of applicants, who have been selected for the SIP could be communicated at the earliest before its commencement.
 - (vii) 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.**
4. Details of the Programme would also be available on the website of this Ministry i.e. <http://moia.gov.in>.
 5. Suitable publicity of the Programme may be done among the Overseas Indian Associations and other interested Indian bodies and individuals. It may also be put up on the website of your Mission/Post.
 6. Indian Missions/Posts are requested that the nominations for 3rd SIP (22nd December, 2014 to 14th January, 2015) should reach this Ministry positively by 28th November, 2014.
 7. Receipt of this e-mail may please be acknowledged.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,


(M.C. Pandey)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

Tel: (011) 24197910

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GUIDELINES FOR FIRST STUDY INDIA PROGRAMME (SIP)

1. The 3rd Study India Programme (SIP) is tentatively scheduled to be held from 22nd December, 2014 to 14th January, 2015.
2. Duration of the programme would be for 4 weeks. If there is any change in the above mentioned dates, revised dates would be communicated in due course.
3. The Programme is open to youth of Indian origin in the age group of 18-26 years as on the first day of the month in which the programme commences. It is open to Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) (not Non-Resident Indians) from all over the world.
4. The total number of participants in any SIP may not exceed 30 at a time.
5. Minimum educational qualification required for applying is graduation. Those who are studying for graduation may also apply.
6. Selected participants would be required to purchase air ticket for their journey from their country of residence to India and back, as per the schedule prescribed by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs for the programme. On successful completion of the programme by the participants, **the concerned Indian Missions/Posts would reimburse 90% of the cost of air-ticket by economy class (direct flight) to the participants. Cost of boarding, lodging, local transportation and course fee during the programme will be borne by Government of India.**
7. The applicant should not have participated in any previous Know India Programme (KIP) or Internship Programme for Diaspora Youth (IPDY), Or Study India Programme (SIP). Students and those who have not visited India before are encouraged to apply.
8. The applicants should be able to converse in English [they should have studied English as a subject at the High School level or should have English as a medium of instruction for the undergraduate course].
9. Gratis visa by Indian Missions/Posts abroad will be granted to the selected participants.
10. The Mission should seek a medical fitness certificate from the participants before recommending them for the programme. Participant should have medical insurance before visa is granted to them.
11. The participants should be made aware of the prevailing weather conditions in India: during visits to rural India air-conditioned accommodation may not always be available.
12. All applicants for the programme may be asked to write an essay of 250 to 300 words on why they want to participate in the programme and what they expect to gain from it.
13. Selected participants would be required to abide by the regulations of the Study India Programme as conveyed to them by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs or its agency nominated to conduct the Programme or through Indian Missions/Posts abroad. The participants are expected to fully cooperate and abide by the regulations of the Programme in order to ensure its smooth conduct and success.
14. In the event a participant is found guilty of misconduct or indiscipline during the course of his / her stay, the participant 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 6 above relating to refund of 90% of the air-fare by the Indian Missions/Posts will 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 take the programme seriously.

15. The participants will 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 residential facility except for medical reasons, on the advice of the doctor. Participants who leave the programme on their own will not be entitled to the airfare.
16. The organizers will take care of the participants only for the duration of the scheduled programme. If the participants wish to arrive early or delay departure they will have to make their own arrangements at their own cost.
17. Duly completed application form for the programme, along with a passport size photograph, is to be submitted at the Indian Diplomatic Mission/Consular Post that covers the area of residence of the applicant. Nominations received after the due date, incomplete and unsigned applications, or forms not accompanied with photographs would be summarily rejected.
18. Nominations, duly recommended by HOM/HOP, should be forwarded by e-mail/fax to the Deputy Secretary (DS), Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Akbar Bhawan, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi – 110021; e-mail: dsds2@moia.nic.in; fax: (011) 24197942. The application form in original should be sent by diplomatic bag to Deputy Secretary (DS), MOIA, Akbar Bhawan, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021.
19. Details of the Programme will be posted on the Ministry's website. <http://www.moia.gov.in>.

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MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
Government of India
New Delhi

APPLICATION FORM FOR STUDY INDIA PROGRAMME (SIP)

[Tentative schedule for the 3rd SIP is 22nd December – 14th January, 2015]



PERSONAL PARTICULARS

(i) Name (as in Passport in **BLOCK** letters)

(Surname) (First Name) (Middle
Name)

(ii) Gender Male/Female

(iii) Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy) (iv) Place of birth _____
(City) (Country)

(v) Nationality _____ (vi) Domicile _____
(Country where you live in permanently)

(vii) Marital status _____

(viii) Passport Particulars

No. _____

Place of issue _____
(City) (Country)

Date of issue _____
(dd/mm/yyyy)

Date of Expiry _____
(dd/mm/yyyy)

- (ix) Telephone number: Work -----
 (With country and city code) Residence-----
 Mobile/Cell-----
 Fax Number -----
 (With country and city code)
 E-mail Address -----
- (x) Complete mailing address with PIN/ZIP Code
- (xi) Permanent home address with PIN/ZIP Code
- (xii) Name, address (if available) and your relationship with your ancestor who migrated from India:
- (a) Name
 (b) Last known address
 (c) Your relationship with him/her
 (d) The year when he/she migrated from India, if known
- (xiii) Particulars in respect of your closest relative in India:
- (a) Name
 (b) Present address
 (c) Your relationship with him/her
 (d) Contact telephone numbers with city code

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL PARTICULARS

1. Educational qualification
- (i) Graduate / Undergraduate
- (ii) State the name and address of the College/University from where you completed graduation or under graduation or are doing or have joined for under graduation/graduation.
- (iii) Subjects of study
- (iv) Medium of instruction

2. Qualification in English language

3. Details of Occupation/employment:

S.N.	Organization/Office/Firm (Name and address)	Position held	Period	
			From	To

4. Contact particulars of the present employer:

Telephone number: Work -----

(With country and city code) Mobile/Cell -----

Fax Number -----

(With country and city code)
E-mail Address -----

5. Personal Achievements, If
any _____

OTHER DETAILS

1. Details of Community Activities, if undertaken:
2. Are you a member of any Overseas Indian Association/Organization? If yes, give its name and address
3. How did you come to know about the SIP?

(Through an Indian Diplomatic Mission/Post,
Media advertisement, or others- to be specified)

4. Have you participated in a previous Know India Programme (KIP) or Internship Programme for Diaspora Youth (IPDY)/ SIP . If yes, provide details.
5. Have you visited India earlier? if yes, please provide details of your last two visits including the month and year of the visit, places visited and the purpose for your visit Yes/No
6. Has any sibling / relative of yours attended KIP/IPDY/SIP before
Yes/No
7. Please state (in 250 to 300 words) why you wish to take part in the Study India Programme and what you expect to gain?

DECLARATION

I, hereby, declare that all the information given in this Application Form are true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

I also declare that I will abide by the regulations of the Study India Programme, would offer my full cooperation in its smooth conduct, and would not leave it mid-way.

I understand that if I am found guilty of any misconduct or indiscipline during the course of the Programme, I could be refused any further participation in the said SIP or participation in any future SIP and that I would not be eligible for reimbursement of the 90% of the return international airfare from my country of residence to India. The said reimbursement of 90% of the international airfare would also not be made to me if I leave the Programme mid-way.

(Signature of the applicant)
Name of the applicant

Date:

ENDORSEMENT OF THE CONCERNED INDIAN MISSION/POST

Name of Indian Mission/Post:

Recommendations of the Head of Mission/Post

Signature of HOM/HOP _____

Name of the HOM/HOP _____

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