Subject: Know India Programme (KIP) for youths from Indian diaspora

Dear all,

Greetings from the Consulate General of India!

The Consulate General of India in Johannesburg is pleased to inform that the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India has decided to organise its 54th, 55th and 56th Know India Programme (KIP) for the Indian youth diaspora with the objective of giving them exposure about the various aspects of contemporary India’s form of art, culture and heritage, etc. KIP provides a unique forum for students and young professionals of Indian origin to visit India, share their views and experiences and develop closer bonds with India.

2. The Programme is of 25 days duration together with 10 days tour to one or two partner states. The partner States of these KIPs are Punjab, Haryana, Goa and Kerala.

3. The cost of lodging and internal transportation in India are fully covered and 90% of the cost of airfare will be borne by the Government of India.

4. Only youths of Indian diaspora (South African nationals of Indian origin), in the age group of 18-30 years are eligible. Further, no application of an applicant will be considered for these KIPs, if the said applicant had already visited India under any one of the scheme funded by the Government of India. More details of the KIP are available at the website www.kip.gov.in.

5. The registration for the 54th to 56th KIPs is open on the portal https://kip.gov.in/home/register. The schedule of various Know India Programmes and the last date of receipt of applications may be noted as follows:

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6. Interested youths may apply by filling in the online application form at www.kip.gov.in. A printout of the filled-in form must be completed as per the terms and conditions and sent to the Consulate General of India in Johannesburg for further processing and updates along with all the required documents.

7. You are requested to kindly share this information with all concerned for onward widespread dissemination so that the eligible and desirous applicants are able to avail of this opportunity. In case of any further clarification, you may wish to contact Mr. Balbir Raj Saini, Consul (Culture & Education) at Tel: +27 (011) 482-8484 Email: cce@indconjoburg.co.za and Mobile +27 71 671 7678.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Balbir Raj Saini)