

**Representative Office of India
Ramallah**

**85th Edition of the Know India Programme (KIP)
06-27 January 2026**

We are pleased to invite participation of members of the Indian diaspora in the **Special Edition of the Know India Programme (KIP)**, being organised by the Ministry of External Affairs in partnership with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, coinciding with the **Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD)** and the **National Youth Festival (NYF)** on **January 12, 2026**.

2. The Know India Programme (KIP) is a fully funded programme by the Government of India to reconnect Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) in the age-group of 21-35 years to their ethnic roots besides showcasing the rich cultural heritage of India and recent developments in Indian art, culture, economy, innovations, start-ups, science & technology etc. It will provide a platform for youth to present transformative solutions on **Governance, Education, Sustainability, and Entrepreneurship etc.**

3. This year, selected participants of KIP will also have a chance to take part in the VBYLD and NYF through a challenge **unfolding in the following stages:**

- **Online Quiz**
- **Essay Competition**
- **Presentation and Leadership Assessments**
- **National Championship, where finalists would present their ideas to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi.**

4. The VBYLD would assemble 3000 exceptional youth leaders from India and the Indian diaspora and would feature the following tracks:-

- Viksit Bharat Challenge Track
- Cultural Track
- Design Track – Design for Bharat
- Tech Track – Hack for Social Cause

Eligibility:

- Age: 21 to 35 years
- Education: Graduate from a recognised university/educational institution.
- Medical: Medical Fitness Certificate.
- Proof/Certificates of Indian origin, such as OCI, PIO etc.

Please send a covering note with relevant documents no later than **08 December 2025** to: repoff.ramallah@mea.gov.in / cons.ramallah@mea.gov.in

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