The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, is organizing the 4th edition of Pravasi Teerath Darshan Yojana (PTDY) for the people of Indian origin in the age group of 45-65 years with the aim of giving them the opportunity to visit India and reconnect with their roots. The programme will be applicable to PIOs who have never been to India previously and fall in the low income group. Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria are welcome to apply. Programme dates are as follows:

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<td>Delhi, Varanasi, Allahabad, Agra, Ajmer, Patna, Gaya, Chennai, Madurai, Trivandrum, Kochi and Pondicherry</td>
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Eligibility

The age requirement for participation in Pravasi Teerath Darshan Yojana is 45-65 years. The applicant must be from the low income group or must be in a financial position where they would otherwise be unable to pay for travel to India on their own accord. In general, PIOs who are more senior in age would be given preference.

Applying for the Programme

Applications can be submitted online at the portal www.kip.gov.in

Requirements

Applicants are to submit online, a photo (strictly head and shoulder photo), copy of passport, educational qualifications, documents verifying Indian origin status, such as OCI/PIO card. All applicants should complete the “Annexure 1 Form” and have it attested by the Consulate on the basis of related documents indicating Indian origin status before uploading on the KIP portal.

Participants are provided with full hospitality in India for the duration of the programme. They have to pay 10% of the cost of the air ticket for their journey from country of residence to India and back before their departure.

Selected participants are also required to have medical/travel insurance, medical certificate (not more than 1 month before ticket is issued) and passport with at least 6 months validity. This is a mandatory requirement. Visa will be issued gratis. For queries, please contact 031-3350300 or e-mail itec.durban@mea.gov.in