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Connect to India Programme

"Visiting Students are the best good-will ambassadors for any country"

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and University Grants Commission (UGC) announce to launch **Connect to India Programme** in select Indian universities from the forthcoming academic session (**June-July**) of 2014-15.

Objective: The aim of the programme is to provide opportunities for undergraduate students from different countries such as U.S., U.K., Australia, New Zealand, Germany, France etc. to visit India, experience and understand the different facets of life in India, the progress made by the country in various fields, especially Economic and Industrial Development, Science and Technology, Communication and Information Technology, Indian Education, Art, Culture etc. The programme would offer short term courses in the form of summer schools to enable foreign students to better understand and appreciate contemporary India, foster closer ties and enhance their engagement with India.

Eligibility:

1. Under-Graduate students would be eligible to participate in the programme.
2. Applicant should not have participated in any previous Connect to India Programme or Internship Programme or Study India Programme offered in India and funded by the Government of India.
3. Students who have not visited India earlier will be encouraged to apply.

Course Contents: Short-term courses related to Economic and Industrial Development, Science and Technology, Communication and Information Technology, Indian Education, History, Political Processes, Art, Culture etc. It will also include visits to places of historical importance/monuments, NGOs etc., participation in cultural programmes, exposure to yoga and so on.

Costs: The following costs would be borne by the host institutions:

- Accommodation
- Food
- Airport pickup and drop

- Tuition Fee
- Per Diem@ INR 200 for meeting local expenses

The participants would bear the following costs:

- Return Air travel
- Visa Fees
- Medical Expenses
- Travel Insurance
- Vaccinations

Other General Instructions:

- **The total number of participants would be about 30 per university/institution.**
- **The University would select the participants for the course and the application forms would be available on the websites of the respective Universities.**
- **Gratis visa by Indian Missions/Posts abroad may be granted to selected participants.**
- **The Mission should seek a medical fitness certificate from the participants and every participant should have medical insurance before the visa is granted to them.**
- **The weather condition of India should also be communicated to the participants and they should also be briefed that stay in a rural area is the part of the programme where air-conditioned accommodation is often not available.**
- **Selected participants would be required to abide by the regulations of the **Connect to India Programme** as conveyed to them by the university/institution. They are expected to cooperate fully in the programme in order to ensure its smooth conduct.**
- **In case a participant is found guilty of misconduct or indiscipline during the course of his/her stay, he/she may be asked to leave the programme**
- **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 maintain seriousness towards the programme.**
- **The participants would also not be permitted to leave the programme mid-way. All are expected to participate in various programmes organised for them. Participants who leave the programme on their own will not be entitled to the per diem allowance.**
- **The organisers will take care of the participants for the duration of the programme only. If the participants wish to come early or stay late they will have to make their own arrangements.**

The **Indian Universities** offering **Connect to India Programme** (with contact details of coordinators) for the current academic session of 2014-15 are as follows:

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