

Brief Report

36th Know India Programme – Partner State: Punjab **1st to 25th October 2016**

The 36th Know India Programmes was organised by FICCI jointly with Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India with the objective of familiarizing the Indian Diaspora Youth, in the age group of 18 – 30 years, with developments and achievements made by the country and bringing them closer to the land of their ancestors. The programme provided a unique forum for students and young professionals of Indian origin to visit India, share their views, expectations and experiences and to bond closely with the contemporary India. The 36th Know India Program involved a stay of 25 days / 24 nights in India for 40 participants from 13 countries namely Canada, Trinidad, Fiji, Portugal, Mauritius, Uganda, Myanmar, Indonesia, Israel, Malaysia, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka.

The component programme consisted of presentations on the country, political process, economy, developments in various sectors etc, The programme also included visit to places of historical importance/monuments, visit to religious places, Interaction with faculty and students at a prestigious institution, participation in cultural programmes, exposure to Yoga, visits to Industrial factories, Interaction with NGOs and organisations, calls on high dignitaries etc. The schedule of the 36th KIP included the visit to Delhi, Agra, Partner State- Punjab and Delhi.

The participants of KIP participated in the Inaugural Ceremony at Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra at Delhi. The PBK was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Shri Narendra Modi. The KIP Group called on Hon'ble Minister for NRI Affairs at Punjab and also had an interactive meeting with Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of External Affairs, wherein the Hon'ble Minister of State at Delhi wherein HOMS on distributed Certificates to the 36th KIP participants.