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Bharat Ko Janiye Quiz (BKJQ)

The Government of India will launch Bharat Ko Janiye Quiz (Know India Quiz) from July 19-21, 2018 to generate interest among youth, both Non-Resident Indians (NRI) as well as Persons of Indian Origin (PIO), to know and understand India. Registration on the portal <https://www.bharatkojaniye.in/> is mandatory for the eligible contestant to participate in the Quiz.

This Quiz will be held online for the two distinct categories of PIO & NRI aged **15 to 35** years and will be conducted in 04 rounds. In the first round, there will be 30 questions to be selected randomly by the computer to be answered in 25 minutes. There is no negative marking. The **First round** of the Quiz will be conducted online by the Consulate. The **Second round** of the Quiz will be conducted online by Ministry of External Affairs. The **Third and Fourth rounds** (Semi Final & Final round) will be conducted in New Delhi.

Three finalists from each of the NRI and PIO/OCI category in the first round conducted will move to the subsequent rounds. All participants who make it to the Third and Fourth round will be invited to India. Besides the Quiz, they will participate in 15-day tour of India. Top three winners of the Fourth (final) round of BKJ Quiz 2019 from each category of NRI & PIO will receive Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and a Certificate at the Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas (PBD) Convention, 2019.

Guidelines and rules for this Quiz are attached.

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GUIDELINES

I. Eligibility: The Online Quiz is open for overseas Indian youth between the age of 15 and 35 years as on 1 January 2019 (Born not before 01 January 1984 and not after 1 January 2004). The Quiz will be held for two distinct categories of participants –Non-Resident Indians (NRI) and Persons of Indian origin (PIO).

(i) NRI Category: A participant can be an NRI with a valid Indian passport and work permit of country of residence, certifying his/her NRI status provided he/she meets the following criteria:

*[A person is a **resident** who has stayed equal to or more than 182 days in India during the current financial year or he stayed 60 days or more in previous financial year and 365 days more in previous financial years. (Income Tax Act 1961)]*

There is no geographical restriction on location of the participant as long as the participant fulfills the above criteria.

The wards of NRIs/PIOs living/residing in India are otherwise eligible for contesting the Quiz provided their parents meet the eligibility criteria. They should use the passport details of their eligible parent/s in the registration process.

(ii) PIO Category: A participant must hold a valid PIO card or number / OCI Card or number or either of his parents or one of his grandparents from the maternal or paternal side must be OCI/PIO card holders. In the absence of any OCI or PIO card documents, Consulate would certify that the participant selected for the final round is of Indian-Origin on the basis of available documents.

(iii) Verification of Credentials: PIO or NRI status of the winners of the 1st round will be verified by the Consulate. In case PIO or NRI status of the participant turns out to be false, he/she will be disqualified and will not be allowed to take part in the next rounds of the Quiz nor will he/she be considered for medal. However, in case the document cannot be verified, Consulate will take a decision on merit and issue a written certificate.

(iv) No Entry Fee: There is no entry fee for participation in the Bharat Ko Janiye Quiz.

II. Quiz Structure: The Quiz will be conducted in 4 rounds. The **first round** of the Quiz will be conducted by the Consulate **online**, which has been divided into six regions and the second, third and fourth rounds will be conducted by Ministry of External Affairs. The top three contenders/participants of the 1st round of online/onsite Quiz from each category of NRI and PIO will qualify for the **second round**.

III. Quiz Process:

(a) Online Registration mandatory: It is mandatory for the candidate to complete online registration at portal www.bharatkojaniye.in in order to participate in the online/offline Quiz for first round. Participant is required to generate a unique user name and password by registering online at the portal. Following fields need to be submitted for registration:

- (i) First Name
- (ii) Last Name
- (iii) Date of Birth
- (iv) City / country of residence
- (v) Email id
- (vi) Mobile number for Whatsapp
- (vii) NRI/ PIO Card / OCI Card / Passport details or proof of Indian origin

(b) First Round of the Quiz will be conducted by the Consulate online at the portal www.bharatkojaniye.in. In the case of on-site Quiz, contestant must write the Registration No. & the time on the answer sheet before handing it over to the invigilator. There will be 30 questions which are to be answered in a single online session of 25 minutes. Some reading material has been uploaded on BKJQ web portal for participant's reference. There is no negative marking. Top 3 finalists from each category of NRI and PIO will be shortlisted on the basis of scores secured and time taken to answer to the Questions. The Result of the first round of the Quiz will be announced subsequently, which will be posted on the web portal and also communicated to the winners. The Winners of the 1st round from each category of NRI & PIO will be given away medals (**Gold, Silver and Bronze**).

(c) Second Round of the Quiz : The top three contenders/participants of the 1st round Quiz from each category of NRI and PIO will qualify for the **second round (online)** to be conducted by the Ministry. Only those who qualify in the 1st round will have online access for participation in the 2nd round. The second online round will have 60 questions to be answered in a single session of 60 minutes. The day and time of the 2nd round scheduled to be held in **August, 2018** will be posted on the BKJ Website. Top 10 finalists from each category of NRI and PIO will be shortlisted on the basis of scores secured and time taken to complete the 2nd round.

(d) Third & Fourth Rounds (on-site round): 3rd and 4th on-site Rounds of the Quiz will be held in two stages (Semi-Final and Final) in India. From the Semi-Final round (third round), top 3 candidates will be selected to participate in the final round (fourth round). Winners and runners up from each category of PIO and NRI will be decided on the basis of scores obtained in the final round. **The venue for the 3rd and 4th rounds will be posted on BKJ Quiz website and the eligible contenders will also be communicated individually.**

(e) Bharat Ko Janiye Yatra: 10 top candidates from each category of NRI and PIO from 2nd round of the Quiz will be invited for a 15-day Bharat Ko Janiye Yatra including **Lakshadweep** and to participate in the 3rd round. Government of India will bear international airfare and all expenses including board and lodging. Participants will visit Delhi, Agra and one State for familiarization. The main element of the visit could be :

- (i) Visit to a University, College or Institute
- (ii) Visit to Industries/visit to village
- (iii) A one-day orientation programme in Foreign Service Institute, New Delhi - about India's political, economic, foreign policy and other aspects.
- (iv) Visit to places of historical, industrial, cultural and tourist importance
- (v) Interaction with senior officials, policy makers and opinion makers

Hotel accommodation (4 Star Hotel on twin sharing basis), local transportation (by AC vehicle on twin sharing basis), boarding and lodging for Quiz participants during their stay in India; airport-hotel-airport transfer during arrival and departure from India will be arranged by the Ministry & (vi) Participation in Youth Pravasi Bhartiya Divvas (PBD) at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

(f) Workshop: workshop/s would be organized in New Delhi before the commencement of Bharat Ko Janiye Yatra, for the finalists to familiarize them with the Quiz format and provide guidance about how to handle the Semi-Final and Final rounds.

(g) Prizes: Top 3 winners of the final round of BKJ Quiz 2019 from each category of NRI & PIO will receive Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and a Certificate at the PBD Convention, 2019.

(h) In case of a tie: In case of a Tie where two or more contestants have the same score, the performance in Tie breaker questions will be checked. These are Questions 5,10,15,20,25,30.

A contestant who has answered more of these 6 tie breaker questions correctly will move to the next round.

Sudden Death: In case of two or more participants scoring exactly the same even after checking the performance on tie-breaker questions, then 'sudden death' format will be used to adjudge the winner.

In 'sudden death' format' the contestant who first gives a wrong answer will be adjudged as having 'lost' and the other contestant(s) shall be declared selected. Still if there is a tie, the contestant who first gives 5/ 10/15/20/25/30 right questions within the shortest time shall be declared selected.

IV. Quiz Rules:

(a) Rules for the First Round of BKJ Quiz conducted by Missions/Posts:

(i) All registered participants will be eligible to take part in the 1st Round.

(ii) Questions would be based on the topics mentioned below. Questions for each participant may be different for the same topic. A participant will have to **answer 30 multiple choice objective type questions in 25 minutes**. Each Question will have 4 answer options out of which only one is correct. Each correct answer shall be awarded 1 point. A participant can shuffle between questions any time during the Quiz as per convenience within the stipulated time of 25 minutes. To select an answer, participant has to click on one of the option buttons. To change the answer, click another desired option button. The participant must then press the 'SAVE' button. On completion of the Quiz, the participant must press the 'SUBMIT' button.

(iii) The Quiz can be completed in multiple attempts (within the stipulated time) by using the log in credentials provided he/she has not pressed the 'SUBMIT' button. Once a question has been attempted and saved, its answer cannot be changed. However, in case the participant wishes to take a break, he/she has to log out first; keeping in mind the total time allocated is **25 minutes**. The contestant has to complete the Quiz within the remaining time available.

(iv) Participants are required to end first round by pressing SAVE & SUBMIT button. The answers that are received by the system after pressing the 'SUBMIT' button will only be considered for evaluation.

(v) Participants will get to know about correct number of questions immediately after completion of the Quiz. However, the correct answers will be announced only after the completion of the 1st Round. The top 3 winners of the first round will only be eligible to take part in the second online round.

(vi) Participants may check result of the Quiz rounds on web portal www.bharatkojaniye.in. The top 3 winners would also receive email.

(vii) Some reading material along with model questions is available on BKJQ website for participant's reference.

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(b) Rules for the Second Round of BKJ Quiz conducted by Ministry:

(i) The Second Round of the Quiz will be held online in August/September 2018. The precise date and time will be posted on the web portal. The contestants who qualify in the 1st round will have online access for participation in the 2nd round.

(ii) In the 2nd round of the Quiz, the participant will answer 60 multiple choice questions within a time limit of 60 minutes in single online session. The set of questions may vary for each participant. Questions would be based on the topics mentioned below including other aspects of India. Each Question will have 4 answer options out of which only one is correct. Each correct answer shall be awarded 1 point. A participant can shuffle between questions any time during the Quiz as per convenience within the stipulated time of 60 minutes. To select an answer, participant has to click on one of the option buttons. To change the answer, click another desired option button. The participant must then press the 'SAVE' button. On completion of the Quiz, the participant must press the 'SUBMIT' button. **Once the 'SUBMIT' button is pressed, contestant cannot log in again under the registered email ID.**

(iii) The Quiz can be completed in multiple attempts by using the log in credentials provided he/she has not pressed the 'SUBMIT' button. **Once a question has been attempted and saved, its answer cannot be changed.** However, in case the participant wishes to take a break, he/she has to log out first keeping in mind the total time allocated is 25 Minutes. The contestant has to complete the Quiz within the remaining time available.

(iv) Participants are required to end the 2nd round by pressing SAVE & SUBMIT button. The answers that are received by the system after pressing the 'SUBMIT' button will only be considered for evaluation.

(v) Participants will get to know about correct number of questions immediately after completion of the Quiz. However, the correct answers will be announced only after the completion of the 2nd Round. The results of the second round of the Quiz would be posted on the web portal and individual winners will be intimated by email.

(vi) Top 10 finalists from each category of NRI and PIO will be shortlisted from the 2nd round of online Quiz for the next round.

(vii) The verification of NRI/PIO status of the participants shall be done by Indian Embassies/High Commissions and / or Government of India departments as in 1st round. In case any information provided by the finalist is found to be incorrect, the person who obtained the next highest score in the first round would be invited for the third and fourth rounds to be held in India.

(viii) The contents for the 1st and 2nd rounds of the Quiz will include among other aspects of India the following topics:

- Indian History till 1857
- Freedom Struggle (1857-1947)
- Indian Geography
- Language and Literature
- Mythology
- Cinema
- Environment & wildlife □ Indian Economy
- Sports
- Indian Music & Instruments
- Art & Architecture
- Drama, Theatre and Dance Forms
- Scientific Achievements
- Indian handicrafts
- Well known personalities of India
- Indian polity and Constitution
- Awards and Honours
- Miscellaneous

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(c) Third and Fourth Rounds in India

(i) The 2nd round Online Quiz will be followed by Semi Final and Final Rounds in India, date/s and venue/s for which will be intimated in due course.

(ii) The top 10 finalists from each category of NRI and PIO will be invited to India for a 15-day Bharat Ko Janiye Yatra. Government of India will pay for their international airfare for the cheapest economy class, travel, accommodation and local hospitality in India. Dates for Bharat Ko Janiye Yatra, which coincides with Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention to be held on 21-23 January, 2019 at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, will be communicated in due course.

(iii) The structure & format of the Final Live Round shall be shared with the participants on arrival in Delhi. The Question will have multiple formats consisting of audio-visual & buzzer rounds etc.

(d) General Rules and Regulations:

The Quiz is organized by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.

Participation is open to all NRIs and PIOs between the age group of 15-35 years. This shall be deemed to include all persons born not before 01 January 1984 and not after 1 January 2004.

Eligible contestant can appear for the Quiz only once.

Participation in this Quiz is voluntary.

Online registration for all the contestants participating in the online or offline Bharat Ko Janiye Quiz is mandatory.

An online Quiz requires the participants to have a suitable internet connection.

Any person/ entity associated directly with this Quiz is not eligible to participate in this online Quiz.

The registered Participants can immediately play a practice round available on the portal. This practice round will be playable any number of times. Scores received in this round will not be taken into consideration.

In case of identity of the contestant found to be false at any stage, he/she will be disqualified from participating in the ongoing/next round of Quiz and medal, if any, will be withdrawn.

The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India retains the right to make any changes to the event, its format, schedule, rules and in any matter related to this event, at any time before or during the event.

The Organisers are not bound to provide either the internet connection or related devices to enable participants to participate in the online Quiz rounds.

The questions in the Online Quiz will not be limited to the material supplied in the content sets. These sets have been provided as an aid to participants, but it does not purport to constitute the 'syllabus' of this online Test. Participants are free to refer to other sources of information to prepare for the Quiz.

Any recourse to unfair means will render the participants liable for summarily exclusion and/or further penal actions.

The decision of the organizers would be final and binding in all matters pertaining to the Bharat Ko Janiye Online/offline Quiz.

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