

FAQs

[1. Who is eligible for participation ?](#)

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).

[2. Is there any category in the quiz ?](#)

Yes: The Quiz will be held for two distinct categories of participants –Non-Resident Indians (NRI) and Persons of Indian origin (PIO)

[3. What is 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)**]

[4. Is there any geographical locational restriction?](#)

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

[5. Can Children/wards of NRI/PIOs living in India participate ?](#)

YES. 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 parents in the Registration Process.

[6. What is 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, Mission would certify that the participant selected for the final round is of Indian-Origin on the basis of available documents

[7. Will there be verifications of credentials ?](#)

YES. PIO or NRI status of the winners of the 1st round will be verified by the concerned Missions/Posts abroad. 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, Missions may take a decision on merit and issue a written certificate.

[8. Is there any FEE for participation ?](#)

NO.

9. What is the structure of the proposed QUIZ ?

The Quiz will be conducted in 4 rounds.

The first round of the Quiz will be conducted by the Missions/Posts abroad preferably online, which has been divided into six regions.

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.

10. Is Registration mandatory ?

YES. It is mandatory for the candidate to complete online registration at portal www.bharatkojaniye.in in order to participate in the online/offline Quiz to be conducted by the Missions/Posts (first round), however in cases where the contestants are living in India, while their parents are eligible being NRI/OCI/PIO, they should use the Parent's passport details in the registration process. Participant is required to generate a unique user name and password by registering online at the portal.

11. What do I get when I WIN?

10 top candidates from each category of NRI and PIO from 2nd round of the Quiz will be invited for a 15-day Bharat KoJaniyeYatra and to participate in the third round. Government of India will bear international airfare and all expenses including board and lodging. Winning candidates may stay in touch with their respective mission concerned.

12. What happens if there is 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 tiebreaker 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.

13. Are there any topics to cover for quiz?

Yes there are: :

These will generally include besides Government of India Schemes/Programs for diaspora, the following topics which are only indicative in nature. Participants are free to refer other sources of information to prepare the quiz.

- 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

[14. Where should we refer for reading material?](#)

Some reading material is available on BKJ Quiz website for participant's reference. The material provided in this website are indicative and do not constitute the 'syllabus' for the Quiz. Participants are free to refer to other sources of information to prepare for the Quiz.

[15. What are the 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

[16. I participated in last edition of the BKJ. Can I participate again this year ?](#)

Yes