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70 YEARS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND GERMANY

Again this year, the Corona pandemic had us firmly under control. We all remember the pictures, that reached us from India beginning of 2021, when the country was hit very badly by the second Corona wave. In the meantime, the situation in India has calmed down and travelling to the subcontinent is possible once again.

Despite all the bad news that the Corona pandemic brings with it, there are also of positive things to report: For example, 70 years ago, Germany and India established diplomatic relations. This makes India to one of the first countries to recognize the Federal Republic of Germany diplomatically after the Second World War. The two countries have been linked by a strategic partnership ever since.

In my function as Honorary Consul for India it is a particular concern of mine to further expand this partnership. I am very pleased that we were able to hold face-to-face events again in summer, despite the corona restrictions. This newsletter gives you an overview of the projects and activities of the past months.

There are a lot of things planned for next year: On 11th February 2022 we will celebrate the Indian Republic Day and at the end of February the wine festival STUTTGART MEETS MUMBAI will take place for the 18th time. We have decided on a hybrid format that will allow interested people from Stuttgart, Mumbai and all over the world to participate. You can be curious.

I wish you all the best for the New Year.
Take care!

Warm regards

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18. INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL IN STUTT GART

For the second time, the Indian Film Festival Stuttgart took place online due to the Corona pandemic.

From 21st to 25th July 2021 the participants of the festival could watch about 40 feature films, short films and documentaries from all film regions of India. The main theme of this year's film festival was the Indian caste system. The supporting program invited the visitors to a wanderlust cinema, presented rituals and traditions related to Indian food and offered an online concert with the Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra and young musicians from India. Next year, the Indian Film Festival is planned to take place from 20th until to 24th July 2022.



"Live Talks" during the Indian Film Festival



Opening of the 18th Indian Film Festival at the Wilhelm in Stuttgart



Wanderlust cinema as supporting program of the Indian Film Festival

Fotos: Filmbüro Baden-Württemberg

INDIAN SUMMER IN STUTTGART

After a Corona-related break last year, the Indian Honorary Consulate in Stuttgart organized the Indian Summer once again in 2021, which is the supporting program of the Indian Film Festival

From 19th until 23rd July 2021 interested people had the chance to visit in the exhibition “Indian Encounters” which presented the artworks of young artists from India, virtually or in person.

In addition, the Theater am Faden presented a music and dance film from the Thar desert in Rajasthan for the first time as part of the Indian Summer program and organized classical Indian music concerts. Furthermore, a German Indian Round Table was held as a physical event for the first time after a long break. Consul Dr. Chavan from the Consulate General of India attended the event as guest of honor.



Film recordings with the artists of the exhibition



The exhibition “Indian Encounters” at the premises of LAPP



Puja ceremony before the exhibition opening



Honorary Consul Andreas Lapp opens the exhibition “Indian Encounters”



German-Indian Round Table in July 2021



Classical Indian music concert at Theater am Faden in Stuttgart

CONSUL DR. CHAVAN VISITS STUTTGART

Consul Dr. Suyash Chavan from the Consulate General of India in Munich visited Stuttgart from 19th until 23rd July 2021.

During his visit, the Consul met representatives of the City of Stuttgart and the Film Office of Baden-Wuerttemberg. In addition, Consul Dr. Chavan took a glimpse

in the South Asia exhibition of the Linden-Museum and the production site at the company LAPP. In addition, an exchange with representatives of the Indian associations in Stuttgart was organized. Topics of the exchange were the activities the associations as well as possible cooperation projects.



Consul Dr. Chavan with Honorary Consul Andreas Lapp and representatives of the Linden-Museum



Consul Dr. Chavan at the town hall in Stuttgart



Consul Dr. Chavan visits LAPP



Meeting with representatives of the Indian associations in Stuttgart

INDIAN DANCE EVENING IN KARLSRUHE

Unfortunately, the India Summer Days could not take place in Karlsruhe this year as usual. However, as part of the event series "Kultur in der Klotze" the KME-Karlsruhe Marketing und Event GmbH brought Indian flair to the city.

On Saturday, 7th August 2021 all interested parties could experience an Indian dance evening in the culture tent at the Guenther-Klotz-Anlage in Karlsruhe. The dancers of

the dance school Lasya Priya Fine Arts presented various compositions of classical Indian dance as well as modern dance forms during the event.

Next year, the India Summer Days are supposed to take place once again at the Guenther-Klotz-Anlage in Karlsruhe in July.



Classical Indian dance performance



Chief guests of the Indian dance evening

INDIA DAYS OF THE INDO-GERMAN SOCIETY IN NUREMBERG

From 1st until 3rd October 2021 the India Days of the Indo-German Society (DIG) took place as “on-site” event in Nuremberg after a pandemic break last year.

The event focused on the connection between the younger and older generation. The local chapter and the Youth Council came together to exchange and network. During the annual general meeting of the Indo-German Society, Dr. Juergen Morhard was elected as the new chairman of the society. Dr. Morhard is the Consul General at the German Consulate General in Mumbai until 2022. In this person, the Indo-German Society has found a con-

noisseur and lover of India as its new chairman who will certainly contribute numerous ideas for the future work of DIG.

Another highlight of the India Days was the “India speech” which was given by Prof. Horatschek (University of Kiel). Within the speech Prof. Horatschek discussed the question “What will the next lesson be?” – What can we learn? – Western science-related formats in an Indian context from Amitav Ghosh and Mahasweta Devi.

The next India Days will take place in Bremen in 2022.



Cultural contributions as part of the India Days



The annual general meeting of the Indo-German Society

STUTTGART CELEBRATES THE BIRTHDAY OF MAHATMA GHANDI

Gandhi Jayanti is one of the three official national holidays in India.

On 2nd October 1869 Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was born in the Indian state of Gujarat. Even today the Indian nation commemorates the leader of the independ-

ence movement. A century and a half after his birth Mahatma Gandhi's birthday is an event of great significance that is also celebrated outside of India. On 2nd October 2021 a small ceremony in front of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi took place in Stuttgart. The ceremony was organized by Indian associations in Stuttgart.



Ceremony to honor Mahatma Gandhi



Representatives of various Indian associations in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue

GERMAN-INDIAN ROUND TABLE

On 7th October 2021 the last German-Indian Round Table in 2021 took place at restaurant Speisemeisterei in Stuttgart.

Within the event Prof. Dr. Heinisch and Ms. Laura Heinisch spoke on the topic “Indo-German cooperation in the fight against the Corona pandemic”. Along with an Indi-

an physician they developed a medicine for the preventive and above all curative treatment of COVID-19. During the German-Indian Round Table the guest speakers presented their research results and answered the questions of the audience.



Standing reception at the beginning of the German-Indian Round Table



Discussions during the German-Indian Round Table

CREATIVEDAYS SYMPOSIUM AT HOUSE OF ARCHITECTS IN STUTTGART

On Tuesday, 19th October 2021 the time had finally come: The 5th CreativeDays Symposium took place at House of Architects in Stuttgart.

The theme of the evening was “The Future of Cities – Beyond Architecture”. During the event, architect Shimul Javeri Kadri from SJK Mumbai and architect Thorsten

Kock, Bez + Kock presented their current projects and spoke about their ideas and observations in this extraordinary time.

CreativeDays is an international platform with a symposium and accompanying events founded on the initiative of the interdisciplinary design studio poonamdesigners.



The guests of the symposium



Poonam Choudhry from poonamdesigners opens the CreativeDays symposium

CONSULAR CAMPS IN STUTTGART

On 5th September and 17th October 2021 representatives from the Consulate General of India in Munich travelled to Stuttgart to organize two Consular Camps. During the camps the representatives answered the questions of

the visitors, accepted applications and spoke to the Indian community and all interested parties. We thank Consul Mr. Harvinder Singh and his assistant Mr. Anil Kumar for their efforts.



Consul Singh from the Indian Consulate General in Munich welcomes the guests of the Consular Camp

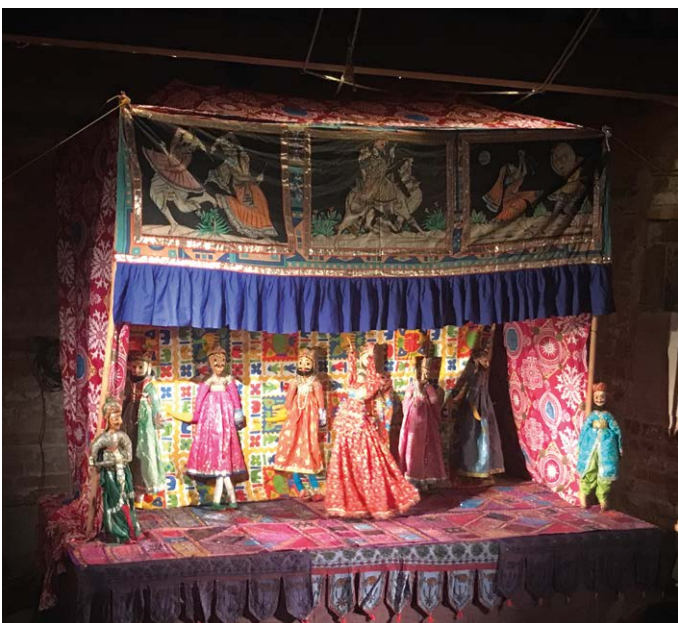


Consul Singh with representatives of the Indian Diaspora and the Managing Director of the Indian Honorary Consulate Stuttgart

TRADITIONAL PUPPET THEATER FROM RAJASTHAN “KATHPUTLI” AT THEATER AM FADEN

Beginning of November 2021 performances of the Indian puppet theater “Kathputli” took place at Theater am Faden after a long break.

This form of puppetry originates from Rajasthan. The visitors of the performance could not only enjoy the colorful puppets, but also experience live music.



Kathputli performance



Puppet players from Rajasthan

Wine Festival STUTTGART MEETS MUMBAI 2022
Next year the wine festival STUTTGART MEETS MUMBAI will take place in a hybrid format from 21st until 27th February 2022. Apart from a small “on-site” event

in Stuttgart and Mumbai a virtual platform will be prepared. On this platform webinars and partner booths can be visited. If you are interested to participate in the wine festival, please do not hesitate to contact us.



→ DATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS →

- **11.02.2022** Celebrations on the occasion of India’s Republic Day in Stuttgart (on-site event)
- **21. – 27.02.2022** 18th wine festival STUTTGART MEETS MUMBAI (hybrid format)
- **Spring 2022** German-Indian Round Table Stuttgart
- **17.03.2022** Indian cooking evening (in cooperation with vhs Stuttgart)
- **July 2022** India Summer Days Karlsruhe
- **18. – 24.07.2022** Indian Summer Stuttgart
- **20. – 24.07.2022** Indian Film Festival Stuttgart

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