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A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Germany and India are planning to extend their economic cooperation. Therefore, on 1st November 2019, chancellor Angela Merkel travelled with a delegation to India to have discussions with prime minister Narendra Modi on strengthening the partnerships in key sectors such as trade, energy and defense. Modi expressed himself pleased about the strategic partnership and Merkel highlighted India's great potential in the area of digitalization and artificial intelligence.

The German-Indian partnerships do not only develop on state level, but also on national and city level.

As the Honorary Consul of the Republic of India for Baden-Wuerttemberg and Rhineland Palatinate I appreciate this development.

2019 has been an exciting and successful year for the German-Indian cooperation. The wine festival "Stuttgart meets Mumbai", the Indian film festival, visits of Indian delegations and regular German-Indian round tables illustrate that.

There are many reasons to celebrate in 2020. In February our traditional wine festival "Stuttgart meets Mumbai" will take place. Moreover, celebrations on the occasion of the Indian Republic Day and the 5th year's anniversary of the partnership between Baden-Wuerttemberg and Maharashtra await us.

I am looking forward to many exciting encounters in 2020.

Yours sincerely,

Andreas Lapp
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INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL 2019

This year the 16th Indian Film Festival took place from 17th until 21st of July. With more than 40 short, feature, animated and documentary films from all over India, visitors of the film festival could look forward to a varied and exciting program.



Opening of the Indian Film Festival

A highlight of the series of events was the opening film "Namdev Bhau - In Search of Silence". Other special features this year were a tea talk on the relationship between Europe and India and the new section "Making of Indian Cinema", which is dedicated to the topics of camera and image design.

The annual film festival promotes the cultural exchange between Germany and India. At the end of the series of events there is traditionally an award ceremony where the "German Star of India" is issued. It is the award for the best feature film.



Mrs. Paramita Tripathi, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Republic of India is writing in the guest book



Honorary Consul Mr. Andreas Lapp on the red carpet



Chief guests on the red carpet



Indian flair in the city centre of Stuttgart



Guests of the Metropol Cinema



Indian dance during the opening of the Indian Film Festival

Photos: Wolfram Scheible

INDIAN SUMMER IN STUTTGART

The "Indian Summer" has been the supporting program of the Indian Film Festival for many years.



*Andreas Lapp welcomes the guests
(Photo: Wolfram Scheible)*

The series of events started with the opening of the exhibition "Indian Encounters" on Monday, 15th of July 2019 at LAPP. Over 170 guests accepted the invitation and got to know the artworks of young artists and their reflections on India.

Another highlight of the Indian Summer was the German-Indian Round Table. On this occasion the Deputy Chief of Mission of the Indian Embassy in Berlin Mrs. Paramita Tripathi came to Stuttgart.

In addition, the Indian Summer offered an extensive program with specialized lectures, puppet shows with music as well as concerts and dance events.

The Indian Summer serves as a platform to strengthen the communication and understanding between Germany and India.



Exhibition "Indian Encounters" (Photo: Wolfram Scheible)



Indian dance performance



Indian puppet show



German-Indian Round Table (Photo: Karolina Sobel)

FOURTH EDITION OF THE INDIA SUMMER DAYS KARLSRUHE

In July 2019, the “India Summer Days” in Karlsruhe took place for the fourth time. During the three-day event, over 14,000 visitors were able to get to know the great diversity of the Indian culture.

In addition to an extensive stage program with dance and music performances, the guests of the “India Summer Days” could also attend Yoga and Ayrurveda workshops and visit the Indian market with various stands.

Andreas Lapp, Honorary Consul of the Republic of India for Baden-Wuerttemberg and Rhineland-Palatinate, who was invited to the opening of the event, was pleased to see the commitment of the city of Karlsruhe to further develop the Indo-German relations.



*Opening of the “India Summer Days” in Karlsruhe
(Photo: Jürgen Schurr)*



*Dance performance
(Photo: Jürgen Schurr)*



Lamp lighting ceremony during the opening of the “Indian Summer Days”(Photo: jowapress)

GERMAN-INDIAN ROUND TABLE IN OCTOBER 2019

On 10th of October 2019 a German-Indian Round Table took place at the Bischoff Club-Restaurant in Stuttgart. The topic of the evening was "The New Silk Road and its meaning for India".



German-Indian Round Table

The speaker of the evening Dr. Manuel Vermeer gave an interesting presentation about the major project and illustrated its impact on the relationship between China and India.

Following the lecture, the 30 guests from business, politics and education were given the opportunity to ask questions and to exchange on current topics of the German-Indian cooperation.

The German-Indian Round Table Stuttgart takes place under the leadership of Mr. Andreas Lapp several times a year to promote the exchange between Germany and India.

INDIAN DELEGATIONS VISIT LAPP

In July and September 2019, multiple delegations from India visited LAPP Stuttgart. The groups consisted of representatives of small and medium-sized enterprises from various sectors.



Guided tour through the cable plant

Within a company presentation the guests could learn more about LAPP, the company history and its products. The highlight of each visit was a tour through the production.

The groups showed great interest in the topic digitalization processes at LAPP. Furthermore the guests asked questions on eMobility applications and the shopfloor management at LAPP.

At the end of each visit the groups received an overview of the work of the Indian Honorary Consulate and the services of the Indian Business Center.

The company visits ended with a get-together, where the delegates could learn more about business opportunities in Germany.



Indian delegations visit LAPP



Honorary Consul Andreas Lapp welcomes the guests and holds a presentation on the history of LAPP

MASTER CLASSES IN DELHI AND PUNE

"To sing is to pray twice." Inspired by the saying of St Augustine, the student Frazan Adil Kotwal from the State University of Music and the Performing Arts Stuttgart (HMDK) organized a music master class for 17 students in Delhi and Pune.



Participants of the master class

The class was led by Prof. Ulrike Sonntag who works as an academic voice teacher at Mr. Kotwal's university. Previously she was a member of the State Theatre Stuttgart, of Vienna State Opera and other ensembles.

She has already given master classes on western classical music in several countries. In August 2019 she travelled to Pune and Delhi to teach students on classical music.

The class focused on vocal techniques, harmony and melody, style of eras, pronunciation in German, French, Italian and English as well as personal expression, interpretation and performance training. In Delhi, Prof. Sonntag additionally provided training to the teachers of the Delhi School of Music, where she shared her teachers experiences.

At the end of the course the participants organized a concert which was acknowledged as a huge success and inspiration for further initiatives.

INDIAN MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN STUTTGART

From 14th until 18th of September 2019 the Indian minister for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, Mr. Arvind Sawant along with a small delegation visited Stuttgart.

Apart from political appointments the delegation visited several companies in the region.

On Sunday the Indian Honorary Consulate organized a little sightseeing tour for the group. In the morning the delegates visited the famous Mercedes-Benz Museum



The minister and his wife visit Stuttgart

in Stuttgart. During a guided tour the visitors got to know about the history of the Mercedes-Benz brand and its popular cars. The minister enjoyed the visit a lot and asked many questions.

In the afternoon the delegation went to the Wuerttemberg mountain to visit the funeral chapel. The group enjoyed the view on the city and its vineyards a lot. The day ended with a short visit of the pumpkin exhibition in Ludwigsburg.



Visit of Mercedes-Benz museum

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Indian business day Mannheim

At the Indian business day on 19th September 2019 in Mannheim, organized by the IHK Rhein-Neckar International, selected entrepreneurs shared their experiences and explained the role of India in their international corporate strategy. Andreas Lapp gave a lecture about the India and Asia strategy of LAPP Group.

India Days in Halle

From 25th until 27th of October 2019 the German-Indian Society e.V. organized the India Days in Halle. As part of this series of events the annual general meeting of DIG e.V. took place. Furthermore, the Gisela Bonn Prize and the Rabindranath Tagore Culture Prize were awarded. Another highlight was the speech on the topic of “Unity in diversity? About the challenges posed by India's linguistic and written diversity” by Prof. Dr. Carmen Brandt.

→ DATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS →

- **01.–08.02.2020** Delegation trip to India under the leadership of state secretary Mrs. Petra Olschowski (Ministry of science, research and art), Subject of the trip: Cultural collaboration with India: Media, film, music, dance
- **02.–08.02.2020** Delegation trip to India under the leadership of state minister Mrs. Theresa Schopper (State ministry of Baden-Wuerttemberg), Subject of the trip: Agriculture and food industry
- **07.–08.02.2020** 16. Wine Festival „Stuttgart meets Mumbai“
- **14.02.2020** Indian Republic Day Celebration in Stuttgart
- **Spring 2020** German-Indian Round Table Stuttgart
- **13.–19.07.2020** Indian Summer Stuttgart
- **15.–19.07.2020** Indian Film Festival Stuttgart
- **18.–19.07.2020** India Summer Days Karlsruhe

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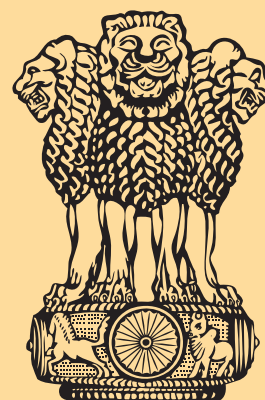
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