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## Indian Honorary Consulate Stuttgart



### INDIA HAS CHOSEN

After a six-week-long election marathon, the results of the general election were finally announced on May 23, 2019: Narendra Modi remains Prime Minister of India. With 850 million voters, India is the largest democracy in the world. Functioning democratic structures also play an essential role in developing the German-Indian relations. Promoting these relations is a key part of my job as Honorary Consul for India.

This year there were already numerous ways to fill the German-Indian friendship with life. The 15th wine festival "Stuttgart meets Mumbai" took place and the 70th Indian Republic Day was celebrated.

At this point I would like to thank all partners and guests who have contributed to the success of these events.

But that should not be enough. The preparations for the Indian Summer and the Indian Film Festival are already in full swing. From 15<sup>th</sup> until 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019 Stuttgart will be sharing the Indian charm once again.

I am pleased to see you at one or other event.

Yours sincerely,

Andreas Lapp

*Honorary Consul of the Republic of India for Baden-Wuerttemberg and Rhineland Palatinate*

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# A FESTIVAL THAT BRIDGES CULTURES

*Andreas Lapp in his role as Honorary Consul of the Republic of India for Baden-Wuerttemberg and Rhineland-Palatinate has once again succeeded in delighting visitors to the "Stuttgart meets Mumbai" wine festival with a varied program of workshops, dance performances, music and live cooking demonstrations.*



*Festival Area*

This is the 15<sup>th</sup> time that he has invited around 2,000 guests from business, politics, film and media, tourism, education and gastronomy to wine festival "Stuttgart Meets Mumbai", which was held on the grounds of the Taj Lands End Hotel in Mumbai on 1st and 2nd February 2019. "Exchange between cultures is particularly important to me. And the best way to make good contacts is at a relaxed event with good entertainment and local specialties," knows Andreas Lapp. Stuttgart and Mumbai have been twin cities for 51 years now. Among the guests of honor at this year's wine festival was also Isabel Fezer, Deputy Mayor for Youth and Education, City of Stuttgart, with a delegation of 10 people.

In order to strengthen the decade-long, close relationships between the two cities, establish important contacts and intensify the international collaboration, the wine festival program included several workshops as a networking platform to exchange ideas and information. Presentations, for example, were held by Stuttgart as a business location and the film office Baden-Wuerttemberg, which will again host the Indian Film Festival in the heart of the regional capital.

There was a lot on offer for guests at "Stuttgart Meets Mumbai": Swabian and Indian specialties, wine from Baden-Wuerttemberg and India as well as an entertaining German-Indian stage show with traditional Swabian music and dance. At a live cooking demonstration, the up-and-coming chefs Moritz Braunwarth and Patrick Baumgartner prepared traditional Swabian "Apfelküchle" (apple fritters) with Deputy Mayor Isabel Fezer. Another highlight of the evening was a dance performance by a dance group, which combined Spanish and Indian dance elements.

*Flamenco Performance*



*Opening of the wine festival "Stuttgart meets Mumbai"*





*Petra Morbard; Inge Lapp-Häuser and Andreas Lapp, Honorary Consul of India; Nand Kumar, Chief of Protocol State of Maharashtra; Isabel Fezer, Mayor of the City of Stuttgart; Hemangi Worlikar, Deputy Mayor City of Mumbai; Dr. Jürgen Morhard, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Mumbai and Bernhard Steinrücke, AHK World Speaker and Director General of the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce*

*Above left: Workshop by the film office Baden-Wuerttemberg*

*Bottom left: Live cooking show with Isabel Fezer, Mayor of the city of Stuttgart and two German chefs*

*Above right: Chief guests of the wine festival*

*Bottom right: Dance Performance*



# INTERVIEW WITH LARS BECKER FROM TEACH FIRST GERMANY AND RAHUL GONDANE FROM TEACH FOR INDIA

*For the first time Lars Becker from Teach First Germany and Rahul Gondane from Teach for India participated in the wine festival “Stuttgart meets Mumbai”. In the following interview they will talk about their experiences, which they have gained during the wine festival.*



Rahul Gondane and Lars Becker

**Teach First Germany and Teach for India participated in the wine festival “Stuttgart meets Mumbai” for the first time this year? How did you like the event?**

It was an amazing event and we are very grateful for having been invited. The wine festival offered us opportunities to connect with people and to present our diverse activities in a hospitable and culturally appealing framework. For the first time a charitable educational organization was invited to the wine festival. The guests showed great interest in us.

**Can you describe briefly what is Teach First Germany and Teach for India and how does the cooperation between the organizations look like?**

Teach First Germany and Teach for India are part of a global network (Teach for All), which is active in 50 countries. We are a leadership program which stands up for educationally disadvantaged children. We recruit, train, and connect future leaders (fellows) and place them in hotspot schools, in which they enable socio-economically disadvantaged students to be successful. Furthermore we connect these so called fellows und train them, to be competent leaders, able to face global challenges in the economic, public and civic sector.

**You presented yourself at the wine festival with a partner booth and you held a workshop? What was the audience's response?**

In a simplified way we presented to the audience, mainly from the industry, our adaptive leadership learning experience. We were glad to see how interested and participatory the attendees were. It is a positive sign for respect and successful intersectorality. We have taken great efforts to show what you can learn outside of the corporate world for your own professional tasks.

**Were there any special experiences and encounters at the wine festival that you remember?**

There was such a great interest on a culinary level for the two cultural societies. Maultaschen for the Indian guests and Chicken Tikka Masala for the Swabians that fits. One final point which really inspired us was how Mr. Lapp exuded from every pore his love for the partnership between Stuttgart and Mumbai. You can feel it and this is outstanding. We need more people like him in this world.

**How do the future plans of Teach First and Teach for India look like?**

Regularly we organize global conferences in our global network but we have not really curated experiences on a municipal partner level. There are existing partnerships between Stuttgart and Mumbai, Pune and Karlsruhe, Maharashtra and Baden-Wuerttemberg. We would like to be a key player to vitalize this partnership with educational life.



# INDIAN REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS IN STUTT GART

*On Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2019 Andreas Lapp, Honorary Consul of the Republic of India for Baden-Wuerttemberg and Rhine-land-Palatinate in Stuttgart, celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> Indian National Day with around 300 guests.*

In his speech Andreas Lapp emphasized the cultural bridges between India and Germany. Quoting Mahatma Gandhi “The culture of a nation lives in the hearts and souls of its people” he stated that culture must be fostered, so that it stays and won’t be lost.

Sugandh Rajaram, Consul of the Republic of India in Munich, spoke to the guests about the great economic progress in India.

Theresa Schopper, State Minister of the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg and Stuttgart’s Mayor Isabel Fezer praised Andreas Lapp, who has been India’s Honorary Consul since 2000. “Your commitment for India has great impact. We appreciate this very much”, Ms. Schopper said. And Mayor Fezer explained: “It’s inspiring to see the way you bring people together and build relationships. You are leaving a fertile ground for future generations”.

The event was framed by a diverse cultural program, which included dance and music performances. The Pullman hotel provided the guests with an extensive Indian buffet.



*Andreas Lapp, Indian Honorary Consul and Isabel Fezer, Mayor of Stuttgart*

*Bottom left: The guests during the performance of the national anthem  
Bottom right: Indian group Indrajala*



*State minister Theresa Schopper; Mayor of Stuttgart, Isabel Fezer; ambassador of Malaysia, Datin Sarah Nava Rani Al Bakri Devadason; Serbian minister of Education, Science and Technological Development, Mladen Šarčević; Consul General of Indian in Munich, Sugandh Rajaram and Indian Honorary Consul, Andreas Lapp*



# INAUGURAL VISIT OF THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR

*On 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 state minister, Mrs. Theresa Schopper, welcomed Ambassador of the Republic of India, Mrs. Mukta Dutta Tomar, for an inaugural visit at the state ministry. Andreas Lapp, Honorary Consul of the Republic of India for Baden-Wuerttemberg and Rhineland-Palatinate accompanied the Indian Ambassador to the visit.*

During the meeting Mrs. Schopper, Mrs. Tomar and Mr. Lapp were talking, among other things, about the wine festival “Stuttgart meets Mumbai”, the Indian Republic Day celebrations and the upcoming Indian Film Festival, which will be accompanied by the program of the Indian Summer.

Before Mukta Dutta Tomar became ambassador of the Republic of India in Germany in April 2017 she held various positions at the Indian foreign ministry in New Delhi and the embassies of the Republic of India in Madrid, Kathmandu, Paris, Yangon, Bangladesh and Chicago.



*State Minister Theresa Schopper, Honorary Consul for Indian, Andreas Lapp and the Indian ambassador, Mukta Dutta Tomar*



*Andreas Lapp, Honorary Consul for India with Mukta Dutta Tomar, Indian ambassador*

*Photos: © Staatsministerium Baden-Wuerttemberg*

## GERMAN-INDIAN ROUND TABLE ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

*On 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 the Indian Honorary Consulate organized the first German-Indian Round Table (GIRT) this year.*



*Mr. Dörrich from Don Bosco Mondo talks about Vocational Education*

The speaker was Hans-Jürgen Dörrich from Don Bosco Mondo e.V., a non-governmental organization of international development cooperation. The topic of the evening was “Vocational training – an opportunity to address the skills shortage in India?”.

In his speech, Mr. Dörrich presented the system of vocational education in India and discussed with the guests how it can contribute to the solution of the shortage of skilled workers. Including concrete examples he showed the integration of elements of dual training in a corporate context.

# SPRING RECEPTION OF IHK HEILBRONN-FRANKEN

*On 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 Andreas Lapp, Honorary Consul of the Republic of India for Baden-Wuerttemberg and Rhineland-Palatinate accepted an invitation from the IHK Heilbronn-Franken to take part at the spring reception.*

Mr. Lapp gave a key-note speech on the topic: “Production site India: Opportunities and challenges for the German-Indian economic relations”.

In his speech Andreas Lapp explained that relationship building and relationship maintenance play a key role to be economically successful in India. Other topics highlighted by the Honorary Consul were renewable energies, digitalization and the understanding of democracy in India. At the end of his lecture, Andreas Lapp called the entrepreneurs present to invest in India.



*Andreas Lapp is giving an overview on the production site India*



*Andreas Lapp was thanked for his commitment*



*Andreas Lapp and Prof. Dr. Harald Unkelbach*



*Prof. Dr. Harald Unkelbach, President of the IHK Franken-Heilbronn; Kirsten Hirschmann, Vice-President of the IHK Franken-Heilbronn; Andreas Lapp, Honorary Consul of the Republic of India for Baden-Wuerttemberg and Rhineland-Palatinate and Elke Döring, Managing Director of the IHK Franken-Heilbronn*

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*New Managing Director of the Indian Honorary Consulate,  
Maria Dobritsch*

### **New Managing Director of the Indian Honorary Consulate Stuttgart**

Since April 2019 Ms. Maria Dobritsch is in charge for the Indian Honorary Consulate in Stuttgart. She took over this position from Ms. Parvati Vasanta. Ms. Dobritsch has been working for the Indian Honorary Consulate since December 2018 and co-organized the wine festival “Stuttgart meets Mumbai” in January 2019.

Maria Dobritsch holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Management and a Master's degree in Business Ethics & CSR Management. With India she is already familiar. During a volunteer service in Chennai and an internship at the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce in Pune, Ms. Dobritsch had the opportunity to live and work in India.

Ms. Dobritsch is looking forward to the exciting work at the Indian Honorary Consulate and numerous new encounters.

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- **12.07.2019** “India Board meets Maharashtra” Karlsruhe
- **13. – 14. 07.2019** India Summer Days Karlsruhe
- **15. – 21.07.2019** Indian Summer Stuttgart
- **15.07.2019** Exhibition Opening „Indian Encounters“
- **17.07. – 21.07.2019** Indian Film Festival Stuttgart
- **17.07.2019** 2. German-Indian Round Table
- **10.10.2019** 3. German-Indian Round Table
- **18.–23.11.2019** Information trip to India for companies of the agricultural and food sector

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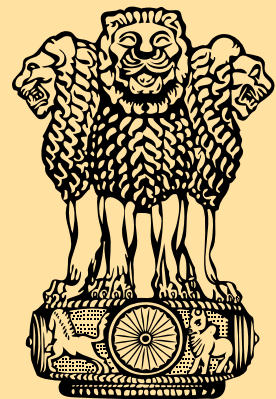
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