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Celebration of 72nd Independence Day of India in Frankfurt

The Consulate General of India Frankfurt celebrated the 72nd Independence Day of India at its premises amongst members of Indian community and the Consulate family. Consul General Ms. Pratibha Parkar unfurled the National flag which was followed by the singing of the National Anthem. CG read the speech delivered by Hon'ble President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind broadcasted on the eve of the Independence Day. This was followed by a cultural performance.

There was also a Madhubani workshop organised at the Consulate by Bhavishya Group to promote Indian handicraft.

Over 250 members of the Indian community attended the celebrations.



Upcoming events in India:

India Chem 2018

Date: 4th Oct—6th Oct 2018

Venue: Bombay Exhibition
Center,
Mumbai, India

Ayush India Expo 2018

Date: 19 Oct - 21 Oct 2018

Venue: Gujrat University
Ground,
Ahmedabad, India

IndExpo Aurangabad 2018

Date: 26th—28th Oct 2018

Venue: Ayodhya Nagari
Defence Ground, Near
Railway Station,
Aurangabad,
Aurangabad, India

Krishi Kumbh 2018

Date: 26th—28th Oct 2018

Venue: Indian Institute Of
Sugarcane Research(IISR),
Lucknow, India

Economic Report

Clean Ganga: Germany To Assist India With Rs 990 Crore Soft Loan

German development agency GIZ will provide a soft loan of 120 million Euros (approximately Rs 990 crore) to clean up the river Ganga. These funds will be used to build sewage treatment plants and rehabilitation of existing waste-water systems.

The project would focus on extension and replacement of around 360 kilometres of a sewerage system. It would also include complete house connection to the network, construction of sewage treatment plants of 150 million litres per day capacity and 13 sewage pumping stations.

German development agency GIZ has developed a 'Ganga Box' to educate school going children about the river Ganga. The German government had committed to provide aid, training and share best practices to clean up the river Ganga. This announcement is seen as a continuation of the same agenda.

India receives KfW loan of more than 200 million euros for further expansion of photovoltaic and wind power:

The loan agreement has been concluded between KfW and the Indian development agency Rural Electrification Corporate Limited (REC). It will pass the funds on as low-interest loans to photo voltaic and wind power investors in the country. India ranks third in the list of countries with the highest CO2 emissions. In light of the ongoing growth in the economy and population, demand for electricity will also continue to rise. KfW's financing to promote the increased use of renewables will make an important contribution to slowing the rise in greenhouse gas emissions and reducing the deficit in the power supply", says Professor Joachim Nagel, Member of the KfW Group Executive Board.

The Indian government is planning to expand capacity for producing power from renewables to 175 gigawatts by 2022. Renewables would thus represent some 50% of the current total generation capacity of around 344 GW. Photovoltaic plants are due to contribute 100 gigawatts, with a further 60 GW coming from wind power, 10 GW from biomass and 5 GW from small-scale hydropower plants. The measures funded with this KfW-financed credit line will provide 200 megawatts, saving up to 285,000 tonnes of CO2 every year. This new source of capacity will also be able to supply power to around 270,000 homes.

In addition to the above, there was signing of Memorandum of Understanding for Renewable Energy Financing Facility-I of €200 mn between Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd & KfW Development Bank in Frankfurt on 13th August 2018. The Agreement was signed by Dr. P.V. Ramesh, Chairman Managing Director, Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd. & Mr. Roland Siller, Member of the Management Committee-Europe & Asia, KfW Present also was Dr. Arun K. Verma, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India. CG was also present during the Signing ceremony.



Commercial Newsletter for Sept
2018 is out.

For more details, see the link
below:

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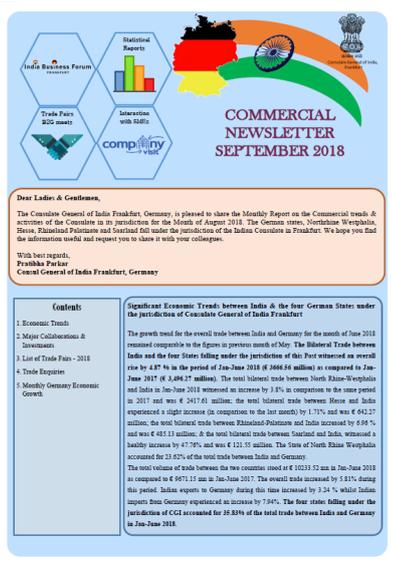
Outreach Activities

Annual Reception: India Business Forum 2018

CGI, Frankfurt in cooperation with Ministry of Economics, Energy, Transport and Regional Development State of Hessen, City of Königstein & Hessen Trade & Invest GmbH organised the Annual Reception of the India Business Forum and Hessen Brexit Seminar at the Königstein castle ruins. The event was also to mark the 4th Anniversary of the Make in India initiative launched by the Government of India in 2014 to promote India as a global manufacturing hub and to provide an impetus to the inflow of foreign direct investment in the country.

Mayor of Königstein, Mr. Leonhard Helm addressed the gathering and spoke about Königstein as a business friendly destination for domestic and international businesses. CG highlighted the changes and progress that India has undergone in the light of the economic and structural reforms undertaken by the Government of India. Mr. Bernd Kistner, Head of Division Foreign Trade, Location Policy, Trade Fairs, Development Cooperation, Ministry of Economics, Energy, Transport & Regional Development State of Hessen represented Minister Mr. Tarek Al-Wazir and emphasized on the goodwill and increasing cooperation between India and the State of Hesse. Dr. Rainer Waldschmidt, CEO, Hessen Trade & Invest echoed the same sentiment and was upbeat about the furthering of Indo-Hessen relations, especially in the post-Brexit times. Mr. Michael Möller, CEO, WIKUS-Sägenfabrik, Wilhelm H. Kullmann GmbH & Co KG shared his company's best practices and the success of their operations in India and encouraged German businesses to seriously consider India as a manufacturing destination as part of their expansion plans.

The event also included a guided tour and an overview of the history of the of the castle ruins by Dr. Mark Scheibe and a fireshow by artists from Hessen. Around 100 representatives from the Indo-German business enterprises and multinational corporations attended the event.



Outreach Activities

A visit to Saarland University and Europa Institut (MBA) in Saarbrücken

CG met the President of the University of Saarland, Prof. Dr. Manfred Schmitt. Mr. Schmitt gave a presentation on the University on 10th Aug, 2018. CG also had a discussion with the Indian students studying there in various streams. Cooperation between the Universities of the two countries at students and teachers level was very crucial point of discussion. Saarland university excels in the branch of Informatics.

CG also met Prof. Bastian Popp of Europa Institut (MBA) Saarbrücken, who gave an extensive presentation about the various MBA programmes offered by the the Institute and international collaborations of the Institute with India featuring prominently among them. Some Indian students attending the MBA programme at the Institute were present and discussed about the studies and



3rd Friends of India Group Meeting

The third quarterly meet for Friends of India was organized at the Consulate on 24th Aug, 2018.

The meeting was organised for briefing the members of the Indian associations on the upcoming event Indien Fest which was organised on 1st Sept 2018 in great grandeur. The event was jointly organised by the Consulate & the Indian Associations. There were food stalls & shops with Indian delicacies, cultural performances lined up at the event.

CG addressed the members and motivated them to work together for a common cause which was indeed to delineate the Indian Culture to Germany. Followed by presentation on Indien Fest by Ms. Soni Dahiya (Consul PIC) & Mr. Ajit Ranada (coordinator of FOI Group) addressed the member's queries.



Culture

Indian Spices:

India has a glorious past, pleasant present and a bright future with respect to production and export of spices. Pepper, cardamom, chillies, turmeric and ginger are some of the important spices produced in India. India is a great exporter of spices. During the past few years, there has been a steady increase in area and production of spices in India. Top spices produced in the country include pepper, cardamom, chilli, ginger, turmeric, coriander, cumin, celery, fennel, fenugreek, ajwain, dill seed, garlic, tamarind, clove, and nutmeg among others.

Total spices export from India stood at 1.08 billion kgs, valued at US\$ 3.11 billion in the year 2017-18. Major importers of Indian spices are US, Vietnam, China, UAE, Iran, Thailand, UK, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia and Germany

Pepper

Pepper is the dried mature berry of *Piper nigrum*, a climbing, perennial shrub mostly found in hot, moist region considered originated in the hills of South Western Ghats of India. Pepper is largely used by meat packers and in canning, pickling, baking, considering for its preservative value. Black pepper is an essential ingredient in Indian system of medicine while white pepper is used in products like mayonnaise where, black specks of black pepper are not liked.



Cardamom:

Cardamom of commerce is the dried ripe fruit (capsules of cardamom plant) often referred as the “Queen of Spices” because of its very pleasant aroma and taste. Cardamom is a perennial, herbaceous, rhizomatous plant. Cardamom is widely used from northern to southern tip of India is several delicacies including sweets & curries. The major use is for the preparation of ‘gahwa’– a strong cardamom coffee concoction which is a symbol for hospitality among Arabs.

Chilly

Chilly is the dried ripe fruit of the genus *Capsicum*. *Capsicum annum* is an annual sub-shrub, the flowers of which are borne singly and fruits usually pendent, which provide red peppers, cayenne, paprika and chillies and sweet pepper (bell pepper) a mild form with large inflated fruits.

Capsicum frutescens is a perennial chilly with small sized pods which are highly pungent. There are approximately 9 more varieties of chillies grown in India. Dry chilly is extensively used in Indian cuisine as spice in curried dishes.



Cumin

Cumin is the dried, white fruit with greyish brown colour of a small slender annual herb. Cumin seed have an aromatic odor and bitter taste. It is used as a condiment, and is an ingredient in curry powders, seasonings of breads, cakes and cheese. Cumin seed oil is used in perfumery and for flavoring liqueurs and cordials.

Spices Imported by the four states from India in the first half of 2018

States	Jan-June 2017		Jan -June 2018	
	Weight in ton	Value in 1000 (Euro)	Weight in ton	Value in 1000 (Euro)
NRW	351.8	1943	402	1583
Hessen	152.6	714	157.3	646
RLP	63.8	342	38.3	162
Saarland	114.6	294	28.3	94

Tourism

India is a land of many religions & celebrates many festivals. Some of the widely celebrated festivals in the country during the month of October include:

Gandhi Jayanti (October 2, 2018) – The Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi's Birth Anniversary is celebrated by the nation on 2nd Oct, 2018.

Navratri (10-19th Oct, 2018) - This is a nine-day festival that culminates in Dussehra. Over the period of nine days, there are rituals performed accompanied by dance and music. In Gujarat a form of dance called Dandiya Raas is performed which is popular around the globe.

Durga Puja Festival (October 18, 2018) - One of the most celebrated festivals of India, this is popular in West Bengal. It is celebrated for four days. Durga Puja festival marks the battle of goddess Durga with the shape-shifting, deceptive and powerful buffalo demon Mahishasura.

Dussehra (October 19, 2018) - Dussehra is observed on the ninth day of the Navratri festival and signifies the day of the victory of truth and justice when Lord Rama was successful in killing the demon king Ravana in the famous Indian epic of Ramayana. On this day, huge effigies of Ravan are burnt and people gather to witness it.

Kutch, Gujarat: Spend an October night in huts in the middle of the white sand deserts

One of the most surreal places in India, with a white salt desert and beautiful moonlight nights, Kutch lies in the western most part of India. With deserts, oasis, beaches, heritage palaces, delicious food, religious temples, wildlife sanctuaries, etc. all in the same district, Bhuj including Kutch is one of the few destination in India that offers almost everything. Kutch looks even more fantastic on full-moon nights with light falling on the white salt desert. The beauty of the place and pleasant weather makes it one of the best places to visit in India in October. On the sidelines of Kutch, this is the best season to visit Gujarat as 9 days Navratri festival is celebrated in Gujarat.



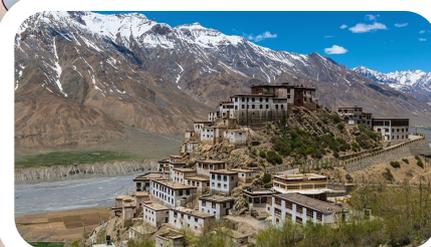
Ziro:

Perfect for an offbeat October holiday, Ziro is a small town in eastern part of Arunachal Pradesh. Surrounded by hills on the sides with lush green paddy fields in the town, Ziro is mostly inhabited by the Apatani Tribes. October holidays are the right time to visit Ziro with monsoon season over and winters just starting to set in. Bamboo chicken is a local dish that must be tried with rice beer, which is a speciality of the place.



Lahaul & Spiti: The valley of life and awesomeness

Lahaul & Spiti is the best place in Himachal to travel in October. Enjoy the wide and variety of flora and fauna found in Pin Valley National Park, catch the breathtaking view of the Milky Way galaxy lying under stars, and take the challenge of completing the Spiti Trek all at Lahaul & Spiti. Your to do list while you are here includes Chandratal and Suraj Tal, Pin Valley National Park, Ki & Kaza, Dhankar, Tabo Monasteries, and Kunzum Pass.



News Round-up

Upcoming Events :

Hindi Diwas celebrations
(Essay & Poetry competition)

Date: 27th Sept, 2018

Time: 16:00 to 18:00 hrs

Venue: Consulate General of
India Frankfurt

Commencing the celebration
of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th
Birth Anniversary

Date: 2nd Oct 2018

Time: 18:00 to 20:00 hrs

Venue: Gemeindezentrum
der e.V

Parisher Strasse 6, 60486,
Frankfurt am Main.

Indian Street Food Festival

Date: 23rd Sept, 2018

Time: 11:00 hrs onwards

Venue: Opposite to old Rath
Haus

An Evening in Rajasthan

Date: 3rd Oct, 2018

Time: 16:00 hrs



CG met the Mayor of Königstein im Taunus Mr. Leonhard Helm and discussed socio-political and commercial issues related to the Taunus region around Frankfurt.



CG & Marketing executive Ms. Reshy Ann Mathew met Dr. Georg FloB, Chief Operating Officer, Biotest AG at the company's headquarters in Dreieich, near Frankfurt.



Peace Ambassador Sri Sri Ravishankarji addressed and interacted with prominent members from the political, economic, cultural and educational arena at CG's residence.



CG with the representatives of Indian Cultural Associations & Mr. Kerry Reddington, Chairman, Municipal Foreigners Representation, City of Frankfurt am Main, (KAV) met Mr. Uwe Becker, Mayor of Frankfurt with proposals of community welfare of the Indian community residing in Frankfurt .

Yoga Pose:

Padahastasana



- Stand erect with your feet 3-4 feet apart, balanced and firmly grounded. Take gentle deep breaths.
 - Inhale, lengthen the spine, stretch arms overhead.
 - Exhale, bend forward from the hip joints, keeping the spine straight.
 - Place hands on the floor. Inhale, exhale gentle deep breaths.
 - Now, lift the hips up and bend further as you breath out to bring the head toward the floor in between the hands.
 - Breathing out, press your hands firmly on the floor to deepen the bend. If your hands reach the feet, try holding of your big toes, pull & try to bend as deep as you can.
- Inhale, stretch the arms to the front and lift up slowly & while you exhale, bring the arms to the sides slowly.

Benefits :

- Strengthens your legs & feet.
- Lengthens the spine.
- Stretches the hamstrings.
- Strengthens the abdomen.

News Round-up



CG met the Head of the State Chancellery, Secretary of State of Saarland, Mr. Jürgen Lennartz & discussed on political and economic ties between the two countries as well as cooperation in the fields of science and technology, computer and software.



CG was the Guest of Honour of a business lunch organised by the Managing Director of Chamber of Industry and Commerce Saarland, Mr. Oliver Groll. Heads and representatives from companies and trade promotion bodies were present & they had intensive discussion and exchange of ideas and information.



CG was interviewed by our media partner, Antenne Frankfurt for the upcoming event, "Indien Fest"



Indian Association in Bonn, celebrated the 72nd Independence Day of India. The Lord Mayor of Bonn, Mr. Ashok Sridharan, Mayor of Bad-Godesberg Ms. Simone Stein-Lücke and Consul (PIC) from CGI Frankfurt, Ms. Soni Dahiya, together hosted the trio color in the city of Bonn.



CG along with CGI officials and members of the Indian community residing in Eschborn met the mayor of Eschborn Mr. Mathias Geiger at his office. They discussed on organising Indo German events in the upcoming days to strengthen the relations between the two communities residing in Eschborn.



News Round-up

Which of the following, according to Gandhiji, is an essential principle of *satyagraha*?

- A) Infinite capacity for suffering
- B) Non violence
- C) Truth
- D) All the above

Send your answers to :
pic.frankfurt@mea.gov.in



Winners will be
awarded !!!



CG attended Raksha 2018, a cultural programme, organised by Kerala Samajam, clubbed with Onam Festival, to show their solidarity with people in Kerala.



Performances at the 72nd Independence Day celebrations at Bonn.



Bharat Verein e.V. one of the oldest Indian Association in Frankfurt celebrated 72nd Independence Day of India on 18th Aug, 2018

There were cultural performances during the event.



Upcoming Events



Hindi Diwas Celebration
27th Sept, 2018 from 1600 to 1800 hrs
 at
Consulate General of India, Frankfurt
 Invites participants for
Hindi Poetry/Essay writing competition

Hindi Poetry: Open to all age groups. Any topic of your personal interest.

Hindi Essay writing: Open to all age groups.
Topic for Essay: वर्तमान समय में गांधी के सिद्धांतों का महत्व
 (Importance of Mahatma Gandhi's principles in present times)
 (Word Limit: 250 to 500)

Last date for sending your Essays & Poems: 21st Sept, 2018
 (Friday)

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The winners will be awarded on 27th Sept 2018 & will get an opportunity to recite their Poems !!!



Consulate General of India Frankfurt & Deutsch-Indische Zusammenarbeit e.V. cordially invite you to the event

COMMENCING THE CELEBRATION OF MAHATMA GANDHI'S 150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY ON

2nd October 2018, 1500 - 2000 hrs
 At (Neues) Gemeindezentrum der Ev., Dreifaltigkeitsgemeinde, Pariser Straße 6, 60456 Frankfurt am Main

1800 Hrs : Arrival of Guests
 1830 hrs: Welcome Remarks by Ms. Pratibha Parker, Consul General
 Welcome Remarks by Dr. Jona Aravind Dohrmann, Chairman DIZ
 1840 hrs: Devotional Song 'Vaishnav Jana To' by Ms. Sampada Turkewdikar Sapre
 1845 hrs: Key lecture - 'Satyagraha: Mahatma Gandhi und Gewaltfreiheit' (Mahatma Gandhi and Non-Violence) (in German)
 1930 hrs: Q&A followed by discussion over refreshments



Prof. Dr. Gita Dharampal (i.R./rtd.)
 Südasiens-Institut Universität Heidelberg (South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University)

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 How to reach the venue: Bus No. 46 from Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof to the Bus stop Romscher Ring, which is the nearest station to Pariser Straße.

Free Entry / Eintritt frei

Upcoming Events of the Associations in the Consulate's Jurisdiction

Indian Street Food Festival

Einem Teil unserer Einnahmen spenden wir an das Projekt „Kerala Flood Relief“

Sonntag, den 23. Sep 2018 ab 11:00

Bonner Kultur- und Begegnungsfest vor dem Alten Rath Haus
 (Stand 62 - 64)

Die Deutsch-Indische Gesellschaft e.V. in Zusammenarbeit mit der Indian Association Bonn e.V. ist mit einem großen Stand, an dem indische Spezialitäten „Indian Street Food“, Heima und vieles mehr angeboten werden, vertreten. Hier können Sie ganz eintauchen in die indische Lebenswelt.

Höhepunkt unserer Präsenz wird der Bühnenauftritt sein:
 13:45 Uhr Bollywood Tänzer der Gruppe "Desi Fusion"
 14:00 Uhr Begrüßungsrede
 14:30 Uhr Yoga im Büro / Bürostrühi-Yoga, Entspannen im Büro (YogAnJully)

Mehr Kultur gibt es den ganzen Tag über an unserem Stand

Infodie Ladendes
 Spirit fire

Weitere Infos siehe Website www.dab-online.com oder www.dig-bonnkoeln.org

Ein Abend in Rajasthan
 An evening in Rajasthan

Brückenforum, Bonn Mittwoch, 3. Oktober, 16:00 Uhr

bonnticket: ide 12,- € (ab 18 J.)

India - Beauty and Diversity

Anlässlich des 65sten Jahrestag deutsch-indischer Beziehungen und dem Tag der Deutschen Einheit am 3. Oktober 2018 präsentieren DIZ und IAS in Kooperation im Brückenforum, Bonn die achtköpfige Tänzer/Musiker-Gruppe "Khatu Sapera Dance Company" aus Rajasthan, die speziell für diesen bedeutungsvollen Anlass von der ICR (Indische Behörde für kulturelle Beziehungen) ausgewählt wurde.

Eintritt: 12,- /10,- (VVK) / 15,- /12,- (AK)
 Abendessen 10,- (VVK)
 Nandya's Catering

2 - Euro pro Ticket gehen an das Projekt „Kerala Flood Relief“

Wir danken unseren Sponsoren und Unterstützern: www.vorhaben.de & www.madrasa.de

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Deutsch-Indische Gesellschaft Darmstadt - Frankfurt e. V. präsentiert:

Samstag, den 29. September 2018, 20:00 Uhr

Rangela - Vielfalt der Farben
TANZ & MUSIK AUS RAJASTHAN
KHATU SAPERA DANCE COMPANY



Internationales Theater Frankfurt, Hanauer Landstr. 7 (Zoo-Passage), 60314 Frankfurt (Parkhaus: Grüne Straße, S-Bahn: Ostendstraße)

Dauer: ca. 2 Std. inklusive Pause
 Eintritt: im VVK 20,-/15,- € und AK 23,-/18,- €
 (Ermäßigung für Mitglieder je 3,- €)

Verkauf: Online www.internationales-theater.de oder Theaterbüro Mo-Fr 11 bis 17 Uhr oder Abendkasse 1 Stunde vor Beginn.
 Weitere Informationen - auch zu anderen Veranstaltungen - unter www.dig-darmstadt.de und www.facebook.com/DIGDARMSTADT.

KHATU SAPERA DANCE COMPANY
TANZ & MUSIK AUS RAJASTHAN

Der indische Bundesstaat Rajasthan ist Heimat der verschiedensten Tanz- und Musikstile, die ihren Ursprung und kulturelle Vielfalt in der jahrhundertealten Tradition der Rajputen-Könige haben. Die Farbenpracht der Königspaläste verbindet sich mit der Einfachheit und Klarheit der Thar-Wüste und gibt den Tänzen und der Musik der Region einen einzigartigen Charme und Rhythmus.

Die Tänzerin Khatu Sapera entstammt einer Familie von Schlangenbeschwörern und Tänzern, die der Kalbeliya Jogi Gemeinschaft angehören und in Jodhpur lebt und arbeitet. Seit ihrer frühesten Kindheit erlernte sie die Kalbeliya Tanzform und hat diese mit den Jahren immer weiter entwickelt und verfeinert. Die Kalbeliya Jogi Gemeinschaft spielte über Jahrzehnte hinweg eine wichtige Rolle bei der Pflege dieser Volksmusik- und Volkstanztraditionen aus Rajasthan und der Weiterentwicklung ihrer Techniken und Formen. Um diese traditionellen Tänze zu pflegen und weiterzuführen, hat Khatu Sapera zahlreiche Mitglieder ihrer Familie und der Gemeinschaft, aber auch ausländische Schüler darin unterrichtet. Außerdem hat sie ein Tanz- und Musikensemble gegründet, um diese Tanz- und Musiktraditionen in ganz Indien und auch im Ausland vorzustellen und bekannt zu machen.

Khatu Saperas wurde zu zahlreichen Aufführungen und Festivals im In- und Ausland eingeladen. Für ihre Arbeit haben ihr Regierung und kulturelle Institutionen Ehrungen und Preise verliehen.