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Celebrating 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi!

A Week long exhibition on Gandhi's life & India 's freedom struggle was organized from 4th to 9th March 2019 at Strothoff International School. CG, Ms. Parkar, Managing Director of Strothoff International School, Mr. Kirk Mangels & Head of the School, Mr. Roel Sheepens inaugurated the event by lighting the ceremonial Lamp & unveiling the Gandhi exhibition. A presentation on 'Gandhiji as a Stalwart of Change' was presented by Mr. Jona Aravind Dohrmann from Deutsch- Indische Zusammenarbeit e.V. The photo & Khadi exhibition took place throughout the week. The students from the Hindi home language group paid a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi by singing a song, 'de di hame aazadi'. During the week, the school screened a documentary film on Gandhiji, the elder students made presentations on Mahatma Gandhi. 'Be the change, you want to see in the World', an essay competition was organized which received very good participation from the students of different age groups. With Open House on the last day, the parents of the students were invited by the school to visit the Gandhi exhibition. The Prize winners of the Essay competition were awarded by Ms. Parkar followed by a tree plantation ceremony by Ms. Parkar & Mr. Sheepens. The aim was to bring awareness of Gandhi's values and principle to the international students and enable them to face the difficulties in today's life and to motivate them to inculcate sensitivity towards the environment socially & politically.

Outreach Activities & Visits

Child Pose (Shishuasana)



- Sit on your heels. Keeping your hips on the heels, bend forward, and lower your forehead to the floor.

- Keep the arms alongside your body with hands on the floor, palms facing up. Gently press your chest on the thighs & hold.

Slowly come up to sit on the heels, uncurling vertebra by vertebra and relax.

Benefits (Shishuasana)

- Deeply relaxing for the back.
- Relieves constipation.
- Calms down the nervous system

Indien Fest 2019 at Cologne!

The Consulate in cooperation with the Indian Associations from the NRW region is organising Indien Fest at Cologne on 29th June 2019 at Neumarkt, Cologne. CG, Ms. Parkar attended a preparatory meeting organized for the members of the Indian Associations. It will be a day-long event with Indian cultural performances, food stalls, shops with Indian handicrafts & much more.



The high power Committee (HPIC) of the Government of Kerala organised in collaboration with CGI Frankfurt a roadshow on FUTURE: Global connect Session in Frankfurt. CG welcomed the participants at the roadshow.



Visit to International School on the Rhine(ISR)

Consul General Ms. Parkar visited the International School on the Rhine(ISR) in Neuss and met Mr. Peter Soliman,CEO and Ms.Eileen Lyones, Director of the school and discussed different programmes of cooperation at various levels. Ms. Parkar also met and interacted with some of the Indian students and later also the parents of the Indian students.



News Round-up



CG attended the “India meets FrankfurtRheinMain-Let’s talk business” event organized by the IHK Frankfurt am Main at the European Central Bank headquarters in Frankfurt.



CG Ms. Parkar met and interacted with the representatives of BVMV FrankfurtRheinMain, Association of Small and Medium Enterprises at her office.



Consul (Commerce), Ms. Ruby Jaspreet, met the Head of the International Business Service of the City of Düsseldorf, Ms. Annette Klerks.



CG Ms. Parkar welcomed to Frankfurt a high power IT delegation from the State of Kerala.



Mr. Eike Knall (Director Marketing) Antenne Frankfurt interviewed CG for the upcoming cultural events of the Consulate for the Year 2019.

News Round-up



Consul (Commerce) Ms. Ruby Jaspreet and the Commercial team from CGI Frankfurt visited IHK Offenbach & met Ms. Silvia Schubert-Kester, Referentin International Department.



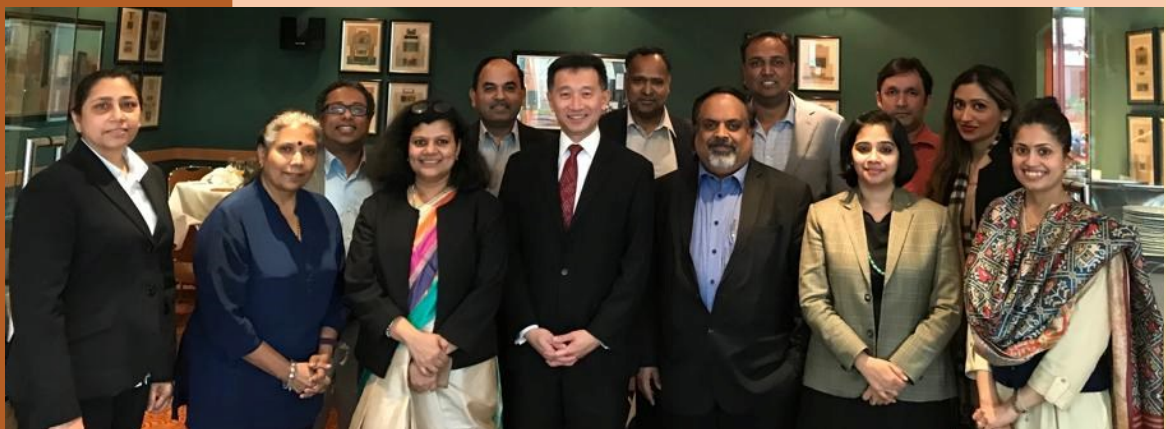
Consul (Commerce) Ms. Ruby Jaspreet, along with the Commercial team, met Mr. Bernd Hummel, founder of hummel group.



CG Ms. Parker met Dr. Anuradha Doddaballapur, Captain of the German Women's National team, Mr. Abhijit Khan Head Coach of German U19 Cricket Team who represented the Frankfurt International Cricket Academy, Mr. Bimal Roy, Chairman and Mr. Kamal Vatsain, President HCA (Hesen Cricket Association, Frankfurt) and discussed opportunities for actively popularizing Cricket in the Indo-German Community .



CG Ms. Parker visited the headquarters of the Brita GmbH and interacted with Mr. Markus Hankammer, CEO BRITA Group and Oliver Schilling, Director Corporate Development, General Management.



CG Ms. Parker and prominent members of the Indian business community met with Mr. Jeffrey Goh, CEO, StarAlliance & discussed Star Alliance operations globally as well as the organisation's plans for the future.

News Round-up



The members of Indian community took part in the initiative by KAV and visited the historical museum Bonn.



CG Ms. Parkar visited the Viniversum / BergstraesserWinzer in Heppenheim and met Dr. Patrick Staub, Managing Director & discussed about grape harvesting and wine production and the possibilities of technology exchange to Indian farmers in potential wine growing regions in India.



CG Ms. Parkar accompanied by CGI Officials met Ms. Gabriele Schorn, Deputy head of Anna-Schmidt Schule in Frankfurt.



CG Ms. Parkar participated in the celebration of Sant Guru Sri Ravidasji maharaj jayanti at the Gurughar in Frankfurt.



Consul (Commerce) Ms. Jaspreet visited the Digihub Düsseldorf/ Rheinland, a matchmaker and accelerator for SMEs, startups, universities and corporations.

Outreach Activities & Visits

April

Dil Ki Baat

For providing legal counselling to Indian women, CGI Frankfurt launched DilKiBaat: Women's Open House. A series of counselling sessions guiding women on legal recourse available in cases of marital disputes will be organised by the Consulate. The first in this series had reputed family lawyer Ms. Katharina Dylus speak about German law and options available to women in distress.



'Artificial Intelligence-Beyond the Hype; Real Time, Relevant Data & analytics for more Aha moments'

CGI Frankfurt organised an event on 'Artificial Intelligence-Beyond the Hype; Real Time, Relevant Data & analytics for more Aha moments' in cooperation with Innoplexus AG, headquartered in Eschborn. CG Ms. Pratibha Parkar opened the session and spoke briefly about the Indian government's initiatives in the field of Artificial Intelligence contributing to the technological advancement of India.



Students Open House

Consulate General of India in Frankfurt in association with Frankfurt Indian Scholars Association (FISA) organised first Student Open House for 2019. Since 2014, annually two such open houses take place for Indian students where they can get information about job market and other elements related to professions to pursue after completion of their studies as well as info on living in Germany. Consul General Ms. Pratibha Parkar addressed the students.

Students Outreach Activity

A group of 26 Indian and German students and teachers visited Consulate who were part of students exchange programme between Rabanus-Maurus School Fulda from Hessen and General Raj's School from New Delhi. Ms. Ruby Jaspreet, Consul (Economy&C and Pol.) and Mr. Prem Singh Consul (Press, Information & Culture) received them and interacted with them.



Outreach Activities & Visits

550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Deviji & Festival of Baisaki celebrations

The 550th Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev ji & the festival of Baisakhi was celebrated in Frankfurt with joyful enthusiasm and liveliness. The event was organised by the Consulate in collaboration with the members of Indian community living in Germany. As part of the celebration religious songs were sung by the local singers in tribute to Shri Guru Nanak Dev ji. This was followed by greetings by the Consul General Ms. Pratibha Parkar addressing the Indian community on the auspicious occasion. Punjabi folk dance Bhangra and Gidda as well as Punjabi folk music



Book Reading session by Sara Rai

Consulate General of India in Frankfurt organised a Book Reading session By Ms. Sara Rai, a contemporary Indian writer, editor and translator of modern Hindi and Urdu fiction. The book reading was coordinated by Draupadi Verlag.

Ms. Sara Rai read excerpts from her book 'Bhoolbhulayian' which was translated into German and published by Draupadi Verlag.



News Roundup



CG Ms. Parkar attended an event organised by Hessischer Kreis (Hessian Circle e.V), association of top leaders from the Rhine-Main area, which has existed for 60 years. Mr. Jimmy Fussing Nielsen, Partner and CO-Founder at Heartcore Capital held a talk on 'A new Game- How Artificial Intelligence will change the Rules in Business'.



'Diasporic Gandhi'- Study India- lectures were organised by University of Muenster by Profs. from University of Mumbai on the 150th birth anniversary of Gandhi with a special exhibition on Gandhi ji's life & India's freedom struggle.

CG Ms. Parkar delivered the opening remarks and talked about Gandhi ji's concept of non violence and nonviolent resistance.



Telugu Velugu Germany e.V celebrated Ugadi (new year day festively observed in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, states in India), in a very traditional and cultural way.



Frankfurt Tamil Sangam (FTS) celebrated this year's Tamil New Year by holding a Cultural Festival on 27 April 2019 at Frankfurt. Consulate General of India, Frankfurt was represented by Mr. T.G.Ramesh (Consul), at this event.



CG Ms. Parkar visited the Technical University Dortmund in Dortmund, North-Rhine Westphalia

Culture

INDIAN HERITAGE CITIES

The Qutb Shahi Monuments of Hyderabad, Telangana, India

This is a collection of the Qutb Shahi Monuments in and around Hyderabad city. They are Golconda Fort, Qutb Shahi Tombs, Charminar, Char Kaman and Taramati Baradari.



Fatehpur Sikri, Uttar Pradesh, India

Fatehpur Sikri, "the City of Victory," was built during the second half of the 16th century by the Mughal Emperor Akbar (1556–1605). It was the capital of the Empire and seat of the grand Mughal court but only for 14 years. The complex of monuments and temples, all uniformly in Mughal architectural style, includes one of the largest mosques in India, the Jama Masjid, the Buland Darwaza, the Panch Mahal, and the Tomb of Salim Chishti.

The English traveller Ralph Fitch considered the city in 1585 as 'considerably larger than London and more populous.' Its form and layout strongly influenced the evolution of Indian town planning, notably at Shahjahanabad (Old Delhi). The city has numerous other palaces, public buildings and mosques, as well as living areas for the court, the army, servants of the king and for an entire population whose history has not been recorded



Tourism

Ranchi Tourism

‘The City of Waterfalls’ as Ranchi is famously called, is one of the most privileged places on earth that enjoys nature’s generosity in its fullness.

The capital of Jharkhand is a feast to your eyes and soul. The hilly topography of Ranchi earned it the name ‘Hill station’ during British reign. Its geographical position and the dense forests around make the place a heaven on earth.



Hundru Falls

Hundru Falls is the tallest water falls in the state of Jharkhand and the most picturesque place around Ranchi. The falls are favourite picnic spot and there is a pool serves as a bathing place at the base.

Pahari Mandir

Pahari Mandir is dedicated to Lord Shiva and one of the most sacred places in Ranchi to visit.

The hill top also host the world’s largest tri-colour on the tallest flag post in India.



Birsa Zoological Park

The Birsa Zoological Park, also known as Birsa Jaivik Udyan houses a wide variety of wild animals like lions, tigers, various kinds of deer etc.

It is located on the Ranchi-Patna National Highway near Ormanjhi and is a must-visit for all wildlife enthusiasts.

