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Consulate General of India, Frankfurt



Consul General Ms. Pratibha Parkar

#### INDRA DHANUSH

Consulate General of India celebrated "Indra Dhanush- Wir Lieben das Leben", a cultural extravaganza at Eschborn on 11. 05.2019. CG Ms Parkar, in her opening remarks, introduced the beauty of Indian dance & music to the enthusiastic German diaspora from the city of Eschborn. The event was supported by Eschborn City authorities under the aegis of Mayor of Eschborn Mr. Mathias Geiger. The First City Council Mr. Thomas Ebert was the chief guest at the event.

Musical and dance performances depicted the cultural peculiarities of different regions of India. To mark the Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, a exhibition ``Flashback on the Life of Mahatma Gandhi & his freedom struggle ``was displayed during the event. On the sidelines of the event, Indian Handicrafts & Indian food stalls were also set up for the spectators. Close to 400 spectators attended this event and enjoyed the beautiful evening.





# **Outreach** Avtivities



# 'Sewa in Rural Education and sustainable Rural communities'

A lecture session by Shri. Ramesh Shah on 'Sewa in Rural Education and sustainable Rural communities', was organised at the Consulate premises. CG Ms. Pratibha Parkar welcomed and appreciated Shri Shah for his work and wished him good luck in establishing more schools for the rural development.

Shri. Ramesh Shah is a Founding Director and Global Coordinator of Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation USA.

He delivered a presentation on the mission of Ekal Vidhyalafor which includes attracting children to prepare them for formal education, computer literacy, skilled development of women and make villages self-reliant.



#### Second Quarterly Meet of Friends of India

The Consulate hosted a second quarterly meet of the member of Friends of India at the Consulate premises. CG Ms. Pratibha Parkar addressed the gathered members and briefed on the Consular, Commercial & Cultural activities of the Consulate. Mr. Klaus Klipp (Director in the Legal Dept. City of Frankfurt) was the guest speaker to the event. Mr. Klipp briefed the audience on the Union of European Federalists (UEF), their activities & Why People of India Matter for the Future of the European Union. He also insisted the gathered EU members take an active part in the upcoming elections. Mr. Kamal Vatsain (Convenor of FOI) rounded off the event & thanked Mr. Klaus for his inputs to bring Indians more closer to Europe.



#### "The Indo-German business collaboration through Risk Sharing Partnerships"

CGI Frankfurt in cooperation with GloMan Consulting GmbH organised a session on "The Indo-German business collaboration through Risk Sharing Partnerships" to discuss the opportunities in four Southern States of India, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.



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CG Ms. Parkar visited the International University of Applied Sciences in Bad Honnef, (IUBH). Its a private, state recognised university of business and management. Ms. Parkar met Mr. Jens Heidorn, Head of International Recruitment & Admission and Prof. Dr. Florian Hummel. She was shown around the campus and library.



Consul Ms. Jaspreet participated in the Consul's Panel of Avrio Advocati's Spring Conference 2019 on 24th May. She addressed the gathering on the economic growth of India over the last few decades and what makes India a favoured investment destination.



CG Ms. Parkar visited the Ruhr University Bochum (RUB) in North-Rhine Westphalia and met with Prof. Dr. Axel Schölmerich, Rector of the University and Ms. Monika Sprung, Director International Office. They discussed about ways of furthering cooperation in the field of research between RUB and Indian Universities. She was also shown around the Uni Campus, which is one of the biggest in Germany, ca.4.5 sq.km big, built in 1965.





The India Pavilion at the IMEX Trade Fair was officially inaugurated by CG, Ms. Parkar by a ribbon cutting ceremony. The inauguration ceremony was followed by a tour of the fair in the course of which Consul General and Consul (PIC) and Head of Chancery Mr. Prem Singh Chauhan interacted with some of the Indian exhibitors.



Consul Mr. T.G.Ramesh presentated on the positive impact of Digitalisation in the lives of Indian citizens who now have access to a wide range of services in India over digital platforms, at student exchange programme between the Rotary Club Nidda and Rotary Club Bombay Mid-Town.



As part of the India meets FrankfurtRheinMain: Let's talk business' series, CGI Frankfurt in cooperation with Hessen Wirtschaftsministerium, IIIK Frankfurt am Main, Wirtschaftsförderung Frankfurt GmbH, FrankfurtRheinMain GmbH, CG Ms. Pratibha Parkar and members from the Indo-German business and political community participated in the Plenary session at the Hessian State Parliament.



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#### **Indien Fest in Cologne**

CGI, Frankfurt in support with the city of Cologne and Indian associations from NRW region celebrated Indian Fest on 29th June with thousands of people witnessing an extravaganza of Indian cultural and culinary delights. Indian associations representing different states came together to make this event a resounding success. More than 30 performances were put up at this mega event alongside food stalls showcasing more than 250 varieties of dishes. Consul General Ms. Pratibha Parkar along with the Mayor, Ms. Elfi Scho-Antwerpes inaugurated the event. The famous instrumentalists' band Maharaja Trio performed at the event enthralling the audience with their classical Indian music. The event was attended by local Indo-Germans community & foreign tourists in large numbers.















#### <u>Upcoming Events in India:</u>

Agra Shoe Fair 2019 23 August 2019 - 25 August 2019 Kothi Meena Bazar Ground, Agra, India

AAHAR WAYS EXPO - Goa 2019 28 August 2019 - 30 August 2019 Dr. S.P. Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, Goa, India, Goa, India

International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation (ERI-2019) Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture Tilak Road, Pune (India) 30 August 2019, Time: 9:30 am

# **Economic Report**

#### Himachal Pradesh Deligation from India:

A delegation from Himachal Pradesh led by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Jai Ram Thakur visited Frankfurt from 11-13 June, 2019. A very successful road show promoting investment opportunities in Himachal Pradesh was organised in coordination with the Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CII). The Hon'ble CM met, during his visit, Dr. Volker Wissing, Minister for Agriculture, Tourism, Transport and Viticulture for the State of Rhineland-Palatinate.

On 11th of June, the delegation held a meeting with members of the German-India Round Table. On the 12th of June, the high level delegation from Himachal Pradesh led by Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Jai Ram Thakur visited the Frankfurt Innovation Centre (FIZ) and interacted with CEO Dr. Christian Garbe. In what was a major step towards enhancing mutual engagement, the Himachal Government signed an MoU with FIZ on cooperation in projects pertaining to Ayurveda and Genomics.



# 5th International Yoga Day in Cologne

The 5th International Day of Yoga IDY 2019 was organised on 15<sup>th</sup> June in front of the historic Cologne Cathedral at Roncalli Platz by the Consulate General of India in Frankfurt along with the support of the city of Cologne and Yoga partners. People of several nationalities joined the Consulate in celebration of this event held in front of the beautiful Cologne cathedral.



# 5th Yoga International Day at Frankfurt

The 5th International Day of Yoga was celebrated on 19th June in Frankfurt, at the beautiful and artistic Walther von Cronberg Platz, flanked by Lindner Main Plaza and a sparkling fountain, organised by Consulate General of India in Frankfurt. Consul General Ms. Pratibha Parkar inaugurated the event with lamp lighting along with some honorable guests for the event.

There was a beautifully chalked out programme for the yoga enthusiasts who grabbed their mats and got started to enjoy yoga and its benefits and getting inspired to follow it in their daily life. People participated in IDY 2019 in large numbers.



# **Outreach Activities & Visits**

#### Lord Mayor of Frankfurt's Visit to CGI

CGI Frankfurt and representatives from Friends of India welcomed a very special guest at CGI Frankfurt, the First Citizen of the city of Frankfurt, Oberbürgermeister Peter Feldmann.

CG Ms. Parkar welcomed Lord Mayor to the Consulate premises and gave a detailed overview of the Consulate's activities.



#### Curtain Raiser for 5th International Day of Yoga (IDY)

The curtain falls on IDY 2019 celebrations in Kelkheim as the diplomatic corps join for Yoga at CG's residence A big thankyou to all Yoga Partners for the successfull co-operation in Cologne and Frankfurt.





#### Screening of short films at the Consulate premises!

The Consulate screened three short films produced by the famous Indian actor and psychiatrist Dr. Mohan Agashe.The films, 'Reunion', 'Purana Pyaar' and 'It is different' were screened.Consul General Ms. Parkar felicitated Dr. Agashe on the occasion.



## **Outreach** Activities & Visits

#### Curtain Raiser for IDY 2019

A day before the 5th IDY to be organized at Roncalli Platz, Cologne, a curtain raiser event was organized at the Consulate. Consul General Ms. Pratibha Parkar welcomed the world renowned Ayurveda doctor and Yoga practicioner, Dr. Shri Balaji Tambe at her office.

Dr.Tambe, gave a lecture on Achieving success through body and mind. During the Session simple Yoga practices were demonstrated. Ms. Parkar thanked Dr. Tambe for his motivational address. Members from Indo-German Diaspora attended the event with great enthusiasm.







#### 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in ISR International School

Consul General Ms. Parkar took part in the final celebration on the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in ISR International School on the Rhine in Neuss, which had been running since a month. The celebrations included Gandhi exhibition, class room discussions, presentations and Consul General's visit.

Consul General Ms Pratibha Parkar addressed the children about Gandhi ji and presented the participating children with a token of appreciation. A student played a Gandhi bhajan on violin.

Ms. Sukriti David Cappel, the main organiser of the event in the school also spoke to the students and quizzed them on Gandhi ji's life. There was an exhibition about Mahatma Gandhi's life was on display in the school lobby from 30th April till 10th May and was visited not just by school children but more than 200 visitors which included parents and other families from the neighborhood who visited the school during Spring festival at ISR on 4th May.



#### **Upcoming Events**

Indien Fest 2019 Date: 31st August 2019 Time: 12:00 to 19:00 hrs Venue: Roßmarkt & Rathenauplatz

Independence Day of India celebrations Time: 9:00 to 11:00 hrs Venue: Consulate General of India, Frankfurt Open to all

Hindi Diwas Date: 13th Sept 2019 Time: 16:30 hrs onwards Venue: Consulate General of India, Frankfurt

# **Outreach Activities & Visits**

#### **Tree Plantation ceremony**

To commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of World Environment Day, the Consulate in cooperation with the City of Sulzbach organized Tree Plantation in front of the Town Hall Rathaus. Consul General Ms. Parkar and Dep. Mayor of Sulzbach Mr. Gerhard Schöffel together planted a beautiful Christmas Tree, a symbol of Indo-German friendship. The Kids from the kindergarten from Sulzbach sang songs on the occasion.



#### ER&D Hackathon

Supporting the cause FortheNextBillion, CG Ms. Parkar inaugurated the Frankfurt leg of the ER&D Hackathon by Larsen & Toubro Ltd technology services with support from the City of Frankfurt.



**Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji international conference:** Two Days International Conference to mark 550th Birth Anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji took place at Goethe University Frankfurt. CG Ms. Parkar delivered a speech on the occasion. Eminent scholars from the Germany & India participated in the two days conference.





### **Fan Pose**

Alignment Points: Sit tall at the front edge of your chair with your feet set firmly on the floor. Make sure your back is off the chair. Watch to make sure your spine is not curled. Your heart is at center with your chin moving forward. Your shoulder blades are pulled back. If shoulders are tight or there is pain in the shoulders. keep your arms low on the chair. Benefits of Pose: This simple pose works as a heart opener. Stimulates immune system. Opens upper respiratory muscles. Stretches shoulders and arms. Increases awareness of the action of the shoulder blades. Aids in digestion and stretches belly.

# **Outreach Activities & Visits**

#### India Business Forum (IBF) turns 5!

The 5th Anniversary of India Business Forum was celebrated in the Wirtschaftsregion Bergstrasse in cooperation with the Economic promotion Council of the Bergstrasse and Bergsträsser Winzer eG in Heppenheim. The Annual Reception commenced with the tour of Viniversum / BergstraesserWinzer conducted by Managing Director, Dr. Patrick Staub.

Consul General Ms. Parkar welcomed the gathered IBF members and threw light on the current economic, and socio-political scene in India as well as shared the success of the Government's initiatives. Dr. Mathias Zürker, Managing Director, Wirtschaftsregion Bergstrasse also spoke about the advatanges offered by the region for international businesses.



#### Visit to Kassel Universities

CG Ms. Parkar visited University of Kassel & met Prof Dr Reiner Finkeldey, President & Dr.Randolf Oberschmidt, Head-International Cooperation & discussed issues of higher education. She also met Prof. Dr. Dirk Dahlhaus, Head of the Communications Laboratory, Dept. of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (DEECS) and Indian students.

CG also visited the International Center for Development & Decent Work (ICDD) & met with Ms Birgit Felmeden,Exec. Manager,Prof Dr Meenakshi Rajeev, Visiting Professor from Bengaluru and Ms Jahnavi Rao, PhD candidate. CG visited the Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences,Witzenhausen. Prof Andreas Bürkert, Head of Ökologischer Pflanzenbau und Agrarökosystemforschung in den Tropen und Subtropen (Organic Plant Production and Agroecosystems Research in the Tropics and SubtropicS-OPATS) welcomed her. She also met Dr Ellen Hoffmann, Scientist, Prof. K.N.Ganeshaiah,Visiting Professor & students of the Faculty.



# Culture



For the Indian culture, jewelries plays a symbolic role. They carry ethnic and spiritual meanings, especially during weddings.

Indians give importance to the nuances of bridal jewelries. The heavier the nuances of these jewelries are, the bigger role they play in the legacy of the family and the jewelry itself. Jewelleries carry a very deep significance in both tradition and religious beliefs. And these jewelleries are made from precious stones and metals or a combination of these two.

### **Different Jewelry Materials and Their Importance**

Gold



Gold is the most popular metal used in making jewelry. It is durableand doesn't tarnish despite of everyday use. It is also considered as a sign of power and wealth.

### Bhindi Dahi Masala

Ingredients:500 gms of Bhindi 100 gms Youghrt 02 Onions and Tomatos 50 gms Ginger 02 Table spoons of Cooking 0il, Small Teaspoon of Cumin, Turmeric, Red Chili powder, Salt, Coriander

Method:Cut the Okra(Bhindi) and Fry so they are not slimy and becomes soft and tender. Remove it and keep in a Plate.In the same pan add Cumin seeds and let them sizzle for a while then

add Chopped Onions, Ginger, Turmeric, Chili powder and later add Tomatoes as well and let get Cook well until it turns light brown and there is no moisture in it.Add Yogurt and mix it well so that it does not cuddle add Garam Masala and Kasuri Methi. Add Bhindi with Yogurt and cook it for 2-3 minutes or till your Bhindi gets heated through. Serve it as per choice.

### <u>Silver</u>

Silver is also another metal that is often worn by people. Silver signifies protection from magic. It is also believed that it helps fight negative emotions and improves one's dreams



### <u>Copper</u>



Another commonly worn metal is copper. Being a highly conductive metal, it can easily merge with other metal alloys to produce a more conductive and durable jewellery. Copper Jewellries signify love, peace, and better relationships with your loved ones. It can also help people create better rapport with others.

### **Diamond**

Diamond is one of the most popular gemstones used in jewelleries. It is often associated with weddings and engagements. In traditions, diamond brings comfort to its wearer. This stone carries supernatural powers that will lead them to success. Diamond signifies purity, innocence, and love.







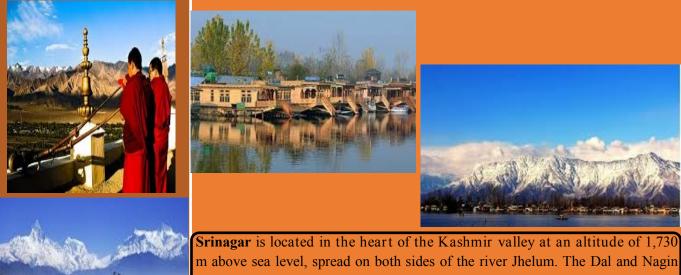
# Tourism

Summers arrive and everyone will be looking for a long getaway, away from the scorching high temperatures and hustle-bustle of the inland- city life. With the mercury rising to unprecedented heights in India, everyone will be looking for places to visit in summer in India. From the lofty peaks in the Himalayas to the Blue Mountains and the Andaman Islands in the south, and from the Western Ghats to the eastern extents of the Himalayas in the northeastern states, you'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to deciding, where to go for summer holidays in India.



#### LADAKH

Leh the erstwhile capital of Kingdom of Ladakh is now a dream destination for many Adventure enthusiast. Leh one of the coldest Tourist and desert is located 434 from and 474 Kms from Manali(Himachal Pradesh).Built by the Buddhist Kings of Srinagar Ladakh in 1553 A.D Leh Palace was once the highest building of the world. The primary attraction within the Leh city this Palace is structurally similar to Potala Palace in Lhasa (Tibet).Now only the Palace Prayer rooms live up to the sense of former Grandeur of Leh Palace. Leh is Back Packer's Haven with numerous trekking trails, valleys, Buddhist Monatries, Picturesque Lakes. Renowned as Land of Monks and Monastries there is lot to see in this amazing piece of Land. There are three Sub-divisions of Leh with 7 Touris circuits identified for International Tourists in Leh with Breathtaking Himalayan Panorama.



m above sea level, spread on both sides of the river Jhelum. The Dal and Nagin lakes enhance its picturesque setting, while the changing play of the seasons and the salubrious climate ensures that the city is equally attractive to visitors around the year.

Kalhana, the author of 'Rajtarangini', states that Srinagri was founded by Emperor Ashoka (3rd Century BC). The present city of Srinagar was founded by Pravarasena-II, and Hiuen Tsang, who visited Kashmir in 631 AD, found it at the same site as it is today.



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Consul Ms. Jaspreet visited Pflegedienst Raunheim and interacted with the coordinators Mr. Surinder Kumar, Mr. Rahul Kumar & interacted with the staff providing specially tailored services at home for the elderly and those recuperating from a medical illness.



CG Ms. Parkar attended 'Bihar Mahotsav 2019', which was organised on 15th June in Frankfurt by 'Bihar Fraternity'.



CG Ms. Parkar visited the Indology department of Johannes Gutenberg-University in Mainz & met Prof. Dr. Almuth Degener Deputy Director of Indology Department. An event was organised in the sidelines of 150th Birth anniversary of MahatmaGandhi.



CG Ms. Parkar delivered the welcome address at the 10th India Day: das Unternehmerforum organised by Maier + Vidorno Pvt. Ltd., Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft and Sparkassen-Finanzportal GmbH in Cologne.



CG Ms. Parkar addressed the gathering at the celebration of 5th anniversary of Balagokulam, Frankfurt 'BALA BHARAT DIWAS' which saw the participation of artists from Frankfurt, Dusseldorf, Mannehim, Heidelberg Karlsruhe, Waldorf and Wiesbaden. More than 300 Children of Indian origin children living in Germany took part in 35 Programmes.



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CG Ms. Parkar along with Ms. Lakshmi Lalita Mohan,Germany Head, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and representatives from the CGI Commercial Team met Mr. Dirk Mähr,CEO, Sanner GmbH at the company headquarters in Bensheim.

#### Outreach Activity by Kerala Samajam Frankfurt e.V.

The Kerala Samajam Frankfurt e.V. (KSF) started as a community get-together in the early 60's. Since then KSF has made its mark as a cultural organization solely catering to the social needs of the Malayalee diaspora living in and around Frankfurt am Main, Germany. As one of the pioneer Indian organizations in Germany, the organization has played a vital role in the integration and cultural assimilation of the Malayalee community with the German way of life for more than four decades. Over the decades KSF has worked extensively to promote rich Indian cultural heritage and traditions in Germany by regularly hosting festive events like Easter, Vishu, Onam and Christmas. The KSF in its attempt to respect and include all religions and people in all walks of life celebrated first ever event Eid-al-Fitr this year. The overwhelming response and participation from the people in and around Frankfurt and Germany saw a gathering of close to 400 people. There were traditional cultural programs in which kids, youngsters and adults participated. Traditional Malabar Biriyani was served along with delicious Malabar snacks which gave a feel of the Kerala food as well.

KSF as a service establishment also works towards inculcating the younger generation with native values and raising them with a sense of belonging to the Indian culture. Notable in this regard is the Malayalam School



# QUIZ

Which of the following is the oldest stone structures in India? a) Taj b) Qutub minar c) Red ford d) Sanchi

> Send your answers to Pic.frankfurt@mea.gov.in



Winners will be Awarded !!!

# **News Round-up**



Consul (Commerce) Ms. Ruby Jaspreet and the Commercial team along with Mr. Pritam S Purkayastha from Ministry of Steel, India visited iMOVE (International Marketing of Vocational Education) office and met with Mr. Robert Koch, Senior Policy Advisor and Ms. Silvia Niediek, Regional Manager, South Asia.



Indian Ambassador to Germany, Ms. Mukta Datta Tomar and CG Frankfurt, Ms. Parkar, attended the Indo German Chamber of Commerce Annual Reception in Düsseldorf.



CG Ms. Parkar inaugurated the India Pavillion at METEC in Düsseldorf. METEC is where the world's leading experts meet at the international trade fair for metallurgy, steel casting and steel production.

# **Upcoming Events**



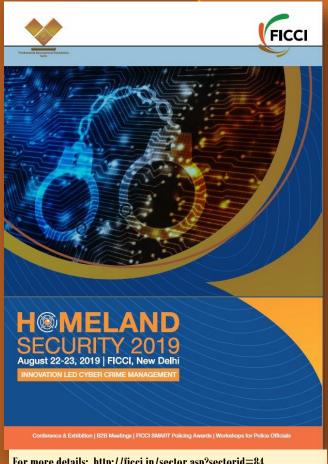
### The Consulate General of India Frankfurt cordially invites all the members of Indian diaspora and Friends of India in Germany to,

# The 73rd Independence Day of India

celebrations at Consulate General of India, Friedrich Ebert Anlage 26, 60325 Frankfurt am Main Flag hoisting ceremony: Thursday, 15th August 2019, 09:00 hrs. Followed by reading of the President of India's address to the nation by the Consul General of India, Ms. Pratibha Parkar

#### We request your presence at the Consulate by 08:45 hrs

Light refeshments will be served at the Consulate premises after the official function. A Madhubani painting workshop will be held from 9:30 to 11:00 hrs at the Consulate by Bhavishya -Sapnon ki Udan. Pls. Carry your ID Cards. Also avoid bringing bagpacks and heavy baggage for security reasons.







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Bharat Verein. e.V., Indian Association Frankfurt, solicit the pleasure of inviting you your family and friends on the auspicious occasion of 73rd Independence Day of India Celebration.

> Saturday, 17 August 2019 18:00 hrs (venue opening: 17:30 hrs) Saalbau Titus Forum, Walter-Möller-Platz 2 60439 Frankfurt am main, Nordwestzentum.

As part of celebrations there will be a cultural Program Consisting of Modern and Traditional Indian Dances and Music.

Catering services will be provided by an Indian Restaurant at reasonable rates.

Republic Day Celebrations Committee Bharat Verein e.V.

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