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Ambiente 2019

India has been honored to be a partner country for Ambiente 2019. The Consul General Ms. Parkar has taken the partner country globe from Netherlands last year. The country is all set to inspire Ambiente 2019 with its diverse and skillful craftsmanship. In the partner country presentation, Ayush Kasliwal, one of the country's foremost designers, combines traditional production methods with contemporary aesthetics and redefines the concept of handmade manufacturing. Historic and modern elements also come together in the "Starry Night Café" by Sandeep Sangaru. An opulent creation in calm blue tones in which the use of bamboo features prominently. The trade fair starts from 8th to 12th February in Frankfurt Messe.

EURO FINANCE WEEK 2018

India was represented by Consul General Ms. Pratibha Parkar, Ms. Vandana Mehrotra, CEO, State Bank of India Germany and Mr. Loknath Mishra, MD & CEO, ICICI Bank, UK at the Opening Conference at the prestigious EURO FINANCE WEEK 2018, 21st edition. The panel was a power talk on the economic and financial achievements of India and was moderated by Ms. Inken Schönauer, Editor-in-Chief, Euro Finance Magazine.

The Euro Finance Week is a renowned annual conference organised by dfv Euro Finance Group, based in Frankfurt am Main. dfv is a leading conference organizer that specializes in the field of financial communication. In the past 20 years, the dfv Euro Finance Group has initiated events and specialized



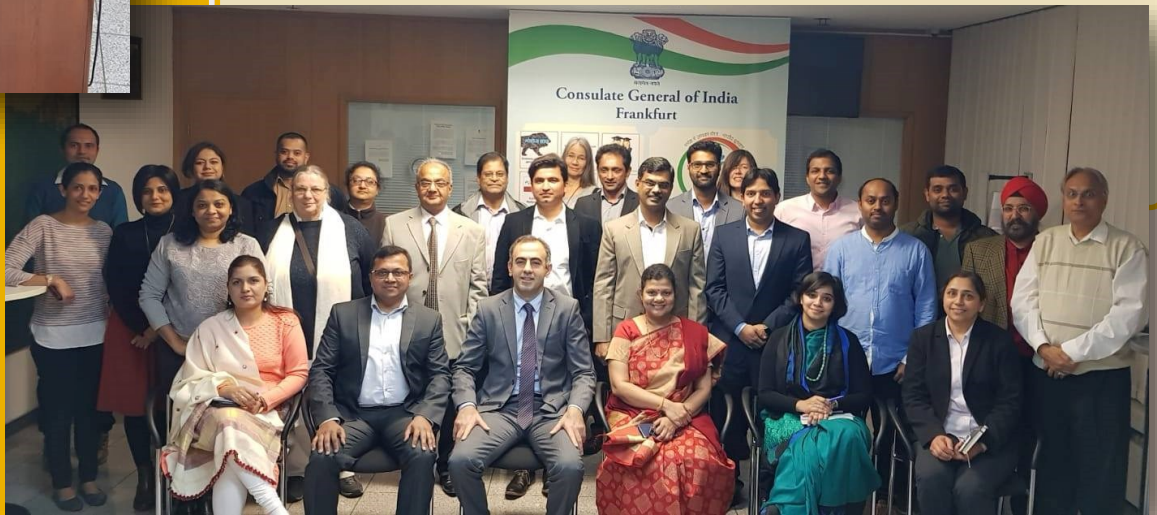
Outreach Activities

Friends of India (FOI) 2018

The last meeting of Friends of India (FOI) for 2018 was held on 8th Nov 2018 at CGI Frankfurt premises. CG welcomed the working committee members of Indian diaspora organisations and thanked them for their cooperation and support towards CGI Frankfurt during 2018.

Mr. Jumas Medoff, chairman of KAV - Kommunale AusländerVertretung - Foreigners Advisor Council of City of Frankfurt, was invited as a speaker for the event. He complimented the Indian community for organising one of the most well organised and attended event, the Indien Fest which was organised on 1st Sept earlier this year.

He also spoke of the importance of the Indian community, as the largest and well integrated Asian community in the Frankfurt region. He mentioned that the City of Frankfurt looks forward to working closely with the Indian community also in the upcoming future. Mr. Ajit Ranade, Coordinator for 2018, (FOI) thanked all the organisations for their support. Ms. Ruby Jaspreet, Consul (Pol. & Comm.) threw light on the upcoming events of the Consulate. Ms. Soni Dahiya, Consul (PIC) delivered the Concluding Remarks.



Digital Transformation in India

An event on 'Digital Transformation in India: Achieving financial inclusion for 1 billion citizens?' was organised on 29th Nov by the Frankfurt School of Finance & Management in cooperation with CGI Frankfurt and Society for International Development, Frankfurt Chapter. The President of the School, Dr. Nils Stieglitz welcomed the participants and spoke about the recently established India Desk to encourage more Indian students to enroll in the School's programmes as well as to ensure better facilitation during their stay in Frankfurt.

The sentiment was shared by Mr. Norbert Noisser, President, Society for International Development, Frankfurt Chapter as he spoke about the healthy India-

Hessen relationship which has seen consistent positive trends in the last few years, especially thanks to the Make in India and Digital India campaigns launched by the Indian Government. Consul General Ms. Parkar, in her welcome remarks spoke about the milestones achieved towards financial inclusion. A panel discussion, moderated by Dr. Barbara Drexler on the topic received active participation from the audience. The event was attended by over 40 candidates from the financial and business sectors.



Outreach Activities



Indo-German Symposium 2018

The Association of Indian Students in Aachen (AISA), in association with the CGI, Frankfurt organized the Indo-German Symposium on the 14th of Nov at the RWTH Aachen University. Consul General Ms. Parkar did the kick off of the event and presented the welcome remarks followed by the remarks of Prof. Dr. Ulrich Rüdiger, the new Rector of the RWTH Aachen University. The event brought together academy, industrialists, and ministers to debate and discuss on the theme “Sustainable Energy - Stepping Stone for Developing Economies”. The event was attended by more than 150 students and professors.



Roadshows in Frankfurt

By Kerala Tourism

Consul General Ms. Parkar delivered the Opening Remarks at a roadshow organized on 15th Nov by Kerala Tourism in Frankfurt, organised in cooperation with 12 trade partners, including hotels and tour operators. At the event around 40 outbound tour operators got a glimpse of Kerala God's own country from a new perspective in a presentation delivered by Ms. Rani George, Secretary, Kerala Tourism. Mr. Sanjiv Kumar Vashist, Assistant Director India Tourism also addressed the gathering.



By India Tourism & PATA

A Tourism Roadshow was organised in Frankfurt on 31st Oct by India Tourism and PATA (Pacific Asia Travel Association) India Chapter to introduce India to the European travel market through workshops, presentation, lectures and talks on Incredible India to foster tourism in India. Consul General Ms. Parkar delivered the welcome remarks and spoke about the variety of tourism products and the warm hospitality offered by India to its guests. With this she also urged the participants to visit India and enjoy its flavor.



Upcoming Events:

Vishwa Hindi Diwas

Date: 11th Jan 2019

Time: 1600 to 1800 hrs

Venue: CGI, Frankfurt

Indra Dhanush 2019

(An Indian dance & musical event)

Date: 11th May 2019

Venue: Bürgerzentrum
Eschborn

International Yoga Day 2019

Date: 19th June 2019

Venue: Walter von Cronberg
Platz

Indien Fest 2019

Date: 31st Aug 2019

Venue: Rossmarkt &
Rathenauplatz Frankfurt (via
Goetheplatz)

Economic Report

InnoRail 2018: Germany shows interests to help India for semi-high speed trains

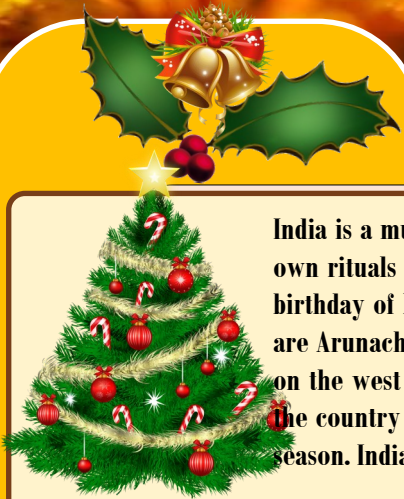
The semi high speed trains operations in India is becoming a reality. The trial test of Train 18 is going on and the engines being made with Germany are seems beneficial for semi-high speed trains. During InnoRail India 2018 exhibition in RDSO campus Lucknow, it was claimed that India will get the new engine in the next six months which can be able to run a train at 300 km per hour speed.

The Alstom and Indian Railways are jointly making 12,000 horsepower electric locomotives in Madhepura factory under the 'Make in India' initiative. These new locomotives will run at an average speed of 230 km per hour. This will reduce the time of travel for trains like Rajdhani and Shatabdi. Germany is playing an important role in making these locomotives. The Vaggo company of Germany is also implementing the dream of 'Make in India' by sharing new techniques.

As the railway electrification is increasing in the country, the likelihood of running diesel locomotives will reduce. The German engineers are now preparing to make diesel less electric locomotives. These will allow the diesel engine to run smoothly on the electrified lines. On the other hand, after the introduction of these dual-tech locomotives, the problem of changing the engine will be solved, on the other hand, the expenditure on railways will be reduced.



Culture



India is a multicultural country and all festivals are celebrated with lots of joy and gusto with their own rituals and traditions. Christmas is a significant religious occasion in India celebrated with the birthday of Lord Jesus on 25th Dec every year. The states with the largest percentages of Christians are Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Nagaland in north-west India, Goa on the west coast and Kerala and Tamil Nadu in the south but the festival is celebrated throughout the country with beautiful lights & colors. Every country has its own way of celebrating this festive season. Indian also celebrates in their own style.

Goa, with its large Catholic population, is one of the best places to have a traditional Christmas in Indian style! It has many beautiful old Portuguese-style churches. Christmas carols are sung and many of the churches hold Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

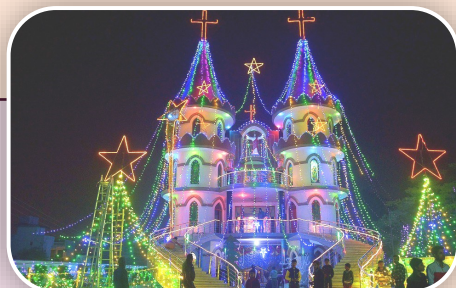
Goan Christians hang out giant paper lanterns, in the shape of stars, between the houses so that the stars float above you as you walk down the road. Roasted Turkey or chicken is the special food cooked on the Christmas Eve.

Some Christmas sweets that are delicacies mainly originating from Goa and adapted in the rest of the country, traditionally called “kuswar,” and they range from deeply delicious dense Christmas fruitcakes to rose cookies and “kidiyo.”



In South India, in the state of **Kerala**, where a large number of Christians reside, Christmas is an important festival. Traditional Catholics fast during 1st to 24th of December - until the midnight service.

Every house will be decorated with a Christmas star. During the start of the Christmas season, all the local markers are filled with variety of Christmas stars.



In North-western states of **Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Nagaland** some of the tribal Christians, go out night after night for a week during Christmas to sing their own carols the whole night through.

They go to surrounding villages singing to people and telling the Christmas story.



Mumbai is another popular place to have a traditional Christmas. The western suburb of Bandra is predominantly Catholic, but you'll also find churches all over the city.

These Mumbai churches with Midnight Mass are the most well-known ones. Saint Thomas's Cathedral is celebrating its 300th anniversary on Christmas Day in 2018.



Tourism

Nagaland is one of the most frequented states in the north east specially in the month of December and a bustling hub of rich culture and heritage. One of the rarest facets of this state is the majorly community owned and run facilities for tourists and general safekeeping of the tribal practices.

The **Hornbill Festival** is the most lavish and exuberant showcasing of the Naga culture and heritage, and one of the most thronged festivals of the country by people from all around the world. The festival is named after the large exotic bird because it forms the center of many a local folklore & is organised in the month of December every year by the State Tourism and Art & Culture Departments, is an extravagant affair, complete with parades, fashion shows, beauty contests, sports, games, stalls of various regional cuisines and artifacts.

The Naga tribes drape in traditional war costumes and war cries, the different simplistic architectural styles in the smaller huts erected in the area. There is a slew of amazing competitions to participate in, like the King Chilly Eating Competition, the Hornbill Rock Festival, the Kohima Night Bazaar, which should not be left untapped in your list in case if Nagaland is your destinations to visit in December.



Naga Heritage Village also known as Kisama Heritage Village is the heart of Hornbill festival. The place is wrapped in breathtaking scenic views at the foothills of the lustrous and evergreen hills on the borderline of this village. It is surrounded by all types of flora. Naga Heritage village is rich in its tradition and cultural activities where you can explore 16 Naga tribes.

This village comprises of Morungs or 16 different houses that are designed and made in such a way that it symbolizes 16 communities of the population residing here. These communities have restored the artifacts of World War II, its food courts, traditionally bamboo made halls and a stadium which is famous for its Hornbill Festival. The other places to visit are Japfu Peak- the second highest peak in Nagaland, Barra Basti, Dzukou Valley and lots of other exciting and adventurous places.



Benrue is a little village perched 1950 metres above sea level, houses a unique community where 20 per cent of an animist population dictates the customs and social rules of the majority Christians. A tourist village preserved around the ethnic-tourism concept, Benreu is a living showcase of the endangered culture of these highlanders.

With the dense wildlife sanctuary around it, the visitor can literally embark upon his wild safari by staying comfortably in this real animist village. While you are there, do not forget to have the Kennie Nku, the local bread made from sticky rice and prepared over a heated stone



Nagaland's best treat to tourists is the trek to **Dzukou Valley**, at an altitude of 2438 mt above sea level surrounded by the mighty Japfu hilly ranges making it an ideal holiday place for trekking. The trek up and down will take you approximately 13 hours. The land of lush green forest, crystal clear water, colorful flowers and a visual treat to your soul- the land of flowers.

The main plant found in the valley is the tough bamboo brush and an area full of it looks like a neatly mown lawn from far away. Its alluring beauty and lavish nature is covered with countless seasonal flowers that bloom every summer. The Valley is surrounded by two icy cold rivers – Dzukou and Japfu that flows crossing each other's path with small handmade bridge to cross the narrow rivers in the valley.



News Round-up



CG Ms. Parkar attended Navaratri with Garbha & Dandia night organized by Gujarati Samaj e.V



Four adventurous mothers from India, undertook a journey from New Delhi -London, carrying the noble message of highlighting mothers' role in imparting positive values to children. CG Ms. Parkar welcomed them at the Consulate and congratulated them at their achievement.



CG inaugurated India Week Festival organized by Mr. Narang, President of DIG Kassel with the support of the city administration at Stadtkassel.



Mata Amritanandamayi was visited Hessen. During her stay she held a session for the people of Germany spreading message of love, compassion and service to the society. CG and Mr. Willi Kredel, Mayor of Brombachtal were present during the function.



DIG Düsseldorf had organised a gala Diwali Fest. CG Ms. Parkar attended the celebrations.

News Round-up



CG Ms. Parkar inaugurated the 7th Edition of the India Leather Days along with Mr. Arnd Heinrich Kappe, CEO, Messe Offenbach, Mr. Stephan Färber, City Councillor, City of Offenbach and Ms. Silvia Schubert, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Offenbach .



New Generations Independent Indian Film Festival was organised by 'Indian Vibes Neues Generationen e.V, in Frankfurt. Ms. Soni Dahiya, Consul (PIC) attended the opening ceremony and extended her greetings on behalf of the CGI, Frankfurt.



CG Ms. Parkar visited Claas corporate headquarters in Harsewinkel, Westphalia and met with Dr. Jens Oeding, Regional President Asia, CLAAS Global Sales GmbH. CLAAS GmbH & Co. CLAAS is the market leader in combine harvesters and has a production unit in Punjab, India.



CG Ms. Parkar met Mr. Jörg Bannach (Head of Ordnungsamt, Frankfurt) at his office to discuss & plan the Indian cultural events for the upcoming year 2019.

News Round-up



CG Ms. Parkar met Prof. Dr. Anja Steinbeck, President of the Heinrich Heine Universität Düsseldorf along with Prof. Dr. Andrea von Hülsen-Esch, Vice President for International Relations, Study programmes and Streams for International students. CG also met some 12 research students doing PhD in various streams. The students discussed their experiences and expectations from the university.



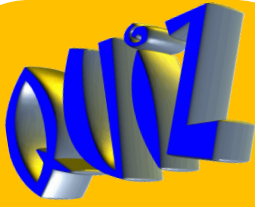
CG Ms. Parkar welcomed the members of the working committee of European Marathi Sammelan at CGI. The event will start from 17th to 19th July 2020 at Dolce Hotel, Bad Nauheim.



Consul (Commerce) Ms. Ruby Jaspreet attended the Health ingredients (Hi) Europe & Natural ingredients (Ni) Trade Fair in Frankfurt and interacted with the Indian exhibitors participating in the trade fair, facilitated through SHEFEXIL (Shellac & Forest Products Export Promotion Council).



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Which country did christmas trees originate from?

- A) USA
- B) Australia
- C) Germany
- D) India

Send your answers to :
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Winners will be
awarded !!!

MY STORY

Send us your self
composed Story/
Article/ Poem & we will
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beauty of Indian
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News Round-up & Un-coming Events



Students from the 6th Batch of basic Hindi Classes incorporating हिंदी in their daily life by using some wonderful Slogans to wish you all A very Happy New Year 2019.



CG Ms. Palkar felicitated the two pretty little winners of the Kids Special Quiz in the Indian Newsletter for Nov 2018, Ms. Kiara Rajamani & Ms. Anvitha Manoop.



विश्व हिंदी दिवस

फ्रैंकफर्ट में भारतीय महाकौन्सुलावास ११ जनवरी २०१९ को "विश्व हिन्दी दिवस" के उपलक्ष्य में आपको सादर आमन्त्रित करता है.

The Consulate General of India in Frankfurt cordially invites you to celebrate
"World Hindi Day"
on 11th January 2019 from 16:00 – 18:00 hrs

Venue: Consulate General of India, Friedrich Ebert Anlage 26,
60325 Frankfurt am Main

*Note: Please bring your favorite Poem / Text / Shlok / Quote to read out to the audience
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