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150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

To commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Consulate General of India, Frankfurt, had organised an event on 2nd October, in collaboration with Deutsch Indische Zusammenarbeit (Indo- German Cooperation- DIZ). Consul General Ms. Pratibha Parker welcomed the assembled audience and spoke about the importance of Gandhi in the present times. The chairman of DIZ, Dr. Jona Aravind Dohrmann also spoke on the occasion and mentioned the work undertaken by his organisation in India.

The keynote speech was delivered by Prof.Dr. Gita Dharampal, recently retired professor of history from the South Asian Institute at the prestigious Heidelberg University. She spoke about Gandhiji's transformational movement of Satyagraha and non-violence. A floral tribute to Gandhiji was paid by the special guests and Consulate officials. Gandhiji's favourite bhajan 'Vaishnav Jana to' was also sung by Ms. Sampada Turkewdikar Sapre on the occasion.

The Consulate had recently organised an Essay competition at the Consulate, on the topic, Importance of "*Mahatma Gandhi's principles in present times*". The winner's of the competition were given an opportunity to read extracts from their essays.



Outreach Activities



Visit to University of Bielefeld

Consul General Ms. Parkar visited the University of Bielefeld & met the Rector of the University, Prof. Ing. Gerhard Sagerer on 8th October. He briefed about activities of the research university excelling in informatics and Biotechnology & expressed his desire to have a more active and deep cooperation with Indian universities.

CG spoke about the Indo-German relations in various fields. Prof. Dr. Angelika Epple (Vice-Rektor for International Affairs and Diversity) and Ms. Despina Arnold, Coordination of non-European University Partnerships were also present who expressed their desire to have more Indian students in the university. They also spoke about exchanges in the fields of literature and history.

CG also met with Professor Braungart who has co-operations with Indian Universities. The meeting was followed by a guided tour through their Center for Biotechnology (CeBiTec) one of the most advanced institutions at Bielefeld University.

Students Open House

Consulate General of India in Frankfurt in association with Indian Students in Germany (ISG) and Frankfurt Indian Scholars Association (FISA) organised the Students OpenHouse on 18th October. Ms. Ruby Jaspreet (Consul Pol. & Cons.) welcomed the students. There were talks by students on subjects related to day to day challenges and settling down in a new place. Mr. Aloy Buragohain, President of Darmstadt Indian Association, spoke on the topic 'Living in Germany'. He also conducted a short quiz for the students. Mr. Naga Kumar Gangeswaran, Smart cities and IoT consultant, Roche Diagnostics IT GmbH, Mannheim and an alumni of Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, gave a talk on Job hunt and Roadmap. Mr. Jaison Dsouza, Student and FISA member, spoke about ISG and FISA and how new students can avail the help and support provided by these student organisations. Ms. Neha Atri and Ms. Tanya Sharma of FISA conducted ice-breaking games for the students. Mr. Prem Singh Chauhan (Consul, HOC) answered the queries of students about consular matters. Ms. Soni Dahiya (Consul, PIC) apprised the audience of the cultural initiatives by the Consulate in the 4 States under its jurisdiction.



Outreach Activities

'India Meets FrankfurtRheinMain'



Consul General Ms. Parkar attended the 'India Meets FrankfurtRheinMain' series event organised by FrankfurtRheinMain GmbH in cooperation with CGI Frankfurt, IHK Frankfurt and Frankfurt Economic Promotion Council at E-Shelter Facility Services GmbH in Frankfurt. The welcome address was delivered by Mr. Volker Ludwig, Vice President Sales, e-shelter services GmbH which was followed by a tour of the Datacenter. The data centre is Europe's largest individual data center site covering around 60,000 sqm of space.

A presentation on the importance of FrankfurtRheinMain as a potential and rapidly growing data center location was also made by Mr. Johannes Schäfer, Digital Hub, FrankfurtRheinMain e.V.

'Internet of Things' (IoT)



CGI Frankfurt had organised a discussion on 'Internet of Things' (IoT) on 29th October 2018. The objective was to understand the complexities of the collection and data exchange between devices to improve efficiency, accuracy and reduce human intervention leading to increased automation in nearly all fields.

Consul General Ms. Parkar delivered the welcome remarks and spoke about the outstanding work undertaken by the Indian IT companies globally in handling this poignant issue. Ms. Lilly Vasanthini, Associate Vice President, Infosys Technologies along with her colleagues, Mr. Sushil and Mr. Bhaskar delivered a presentation on the topic. The session gave an overview of the parameters IoT, its complex layered working and the impact it has on every global citizen.



143rd Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel



The National Unity Day, was celebrated at CGI Frankfurt on the occasion of the 143rd Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, also known as the 'Iron Man of India'.

As part of the celebration, floral tributes to the National Leader were paid by the gathered participants.

Consul General Ms. Parkar administered the National Unity Pledge on the occasion. Screening of a documentary dedicated to the life and work of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was organised followed by a short interactive quiz.

Upcoming Events:

**Digital Transformation in
India– Achieving Financial
inclusion for 1 billion
citizens**

Date: 29th Nov 2018

Time: 18:00 - 20:00 hrs

**Venue: Frankfurt School of
Finance & Management.**

Free Hindi Classes

The 6th Batch of basic Hindi
classes has started at the
Consulate premises.

The classes are conducted on
every Tuesdays & Fridays from
17:30 hrs to 19:00 hrs.

Interested participants may send
an Email to:

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Economic Report

SCHOTT Tubing India to invest 20 million euros

SCHOTT AG a leading international technology group in the areas of specialty glass and glass-ceramics has announced the launch of a new glass tank in its Indian manufacturing plant at Jambusar, Gujarat. The German technology group is further growing its production capacity through this new tank facility with a total investment of more than 20 million euros. The invest comes at a time when the company is celebrating 20 years of operations in India. The expansion is in response to the increasing demand for high-quality pharmaceutical packaging material in the global market. Construction work on the new tank facility has already begun and is expected to be completed within 18 months. Production from the new tank is scheduled to begin by January 2020. The new glass tank facility will help fulfill the constantly growing demand of premium borosilicate glass tubing like FIOLAX® clear. It is used for high quality pharmaceutical packaging, especially vials and ampoules for India as well as for export markets. In addition to the supply of the domestic market, SCHOTT Tubing India will also serve the strong growing Asian market outside of India and will therefore be an important hub for the Asian market. "The new facility will increase the production capacity by an additional 50%. SCHOTT Tubing's global ambitions. SCHOTT investment in the new tank will provide jobs for 70 additional local workers, bringing the total count to 425". SCHOTT Tubing India is one of the finest examples of bringing together the expertise of German technology and Indian skill force. SCHOTT has well showcased how foreign manufacturing companies can partner with India to take the 'Make in India' campaign to the next level.

The Company is confident that its approach will be followed by similar German companies who want to pursue business in India and further establish the city of Vadodara as a German industrial hub." SCHOTT's India plant functions as a production hub for SCHOTT pharmaceutical tubing in Asia and produces the branded FIOLAX® pharmaceutical tubing. Hence, it is introducing Germany's Industry 4.0 to its Indian factory in the most effective manner. Besides new production hall for the tank, SCHOTT will also build new construction for energy supply, workshops and warehouse. Additionally, there will be an expansion of storage the energy, engineering and logistics infrastructure within the plant. As part of the production network within SCHOTT's Tubing business unit, the new tank will be built and equipped with all latest state-of-the art machinery as used in all other tubing factories worldwide.



Culture

Indian leaders



Children's Day: The first Prime Minister of independent India, Jawaharlal Nehru, was born on 14 November 1889. He was a member of Congress Party that led the freedom movement. He was the chief framer of domestic and international policies during his term as PM between 1947 and 1964. It was under Nehru's supervision that India launched its first Five-Year Plan in 1951. Nehru was one of the architects to steer the nascent nation towards the brilliance envisioned by countless revolutionaries of the Indian Freedom. His father, Motilal Nehru was a renowned advocate and also an influential political activist. For higher education, young Nehru was sent to Harrow school, then later to Cambridge University in England to obtain a degree in natural sciences. After spending two years at the Inner Temple, London, he qualified as a barrister. During his stay in London, Nehru studied subjects like literature, politics, economics, and history.

On August 15, 1947, after free India was born, Nehru was elected as the first Prime Minister of independent India. He was the first PM to hoist the national flag and make his iconic speech "Tryst with Destiny" from the ramparts of the Lal Quila (Red Fort). He carried out his vision to carry the young India towards the road of technological and scientific excellence with great zeal. He implemented a number of socio-economic reforms and paved the way for rapid industrialization.

As a great believer in pluralism, socialism and democracy, Nehru developed India as a secular nation true to its thousand years old cultural heritage. He had immense love for children and his birthday, November 14, is celebrated as Children's day in India. He paved way for India's educational exaltation by envisioning the country's top tier institutions like Indian Institute of Technology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences and India's first space program.



National Unity Day: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel born on October 31, 1875 in Nadiad village of modern day Gujarat is a revered name in Indian politics. A lawyer and a political activist, he played a leading role during the Indian Independence Movement. After independence, he was crucial in the integration of over 500 princely states into the Indian Union. He was deeply influenced by Gandhi's ideology and principles, having worked very closely with leader. He was the first Home Minister of Independent India and his uncompromising efforts towards consolidation of the country earned him the title 'Iron Man of India'. Vallabhbhai, his father (Zaverbhai Patel) had served in the army of the Queen of Jhansi while his mother (Ladbai) was a very spiritual woman. He completed his law degree in 1913 from Inns of Court, England.

He became a member of the Gujarat Club after he shifted to Ahmedabad where he attended a lecture by Mahatma Gandhi. Gandhi's words deeply affected Vallabhbhai and he soon adopted Gandhian principles to become a staunch follower of the charismatic leader.

Sardar Vallabhbhai was in 1917 elected as the Secretary of the Gujarat Sabha, the Gujarat wing of the Indian National Congress. He also led a massive "No Tax Campaign", actively supported the non-cooperation Movement, participated in Salt Satyagraha movement launched by Gandhi. In the 1942 Quit India Movement, Patel continued his unwavering support to Gandhi. Sardar Patel's journey often saw a number of confrontations with other important leaders of the congress.

On 15 December 1950, the great soul left the world. He was conferred the Bharat Ratna, India's highest Civilian honour, in 1991. His birthday, October 31, was declared Rashtriya Ekta Divas in 2014.



Tourism

Statue of Unity: The tallest Statue in the world



The 'Statue of Unity' is constructed as a tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 31st October 2018. Situated on Sadhu Bet island on Narmada river 200 km from Ahmedabad & 90kms from Vadodara, the memorial has been constructed as a reminder of India's freedom struggle and Patel's visionary ideologies of unity, patriotism, inclusive growth and good governance.

The 182-metre statue is the tallest in the world. It is built from 90,000 tonnes of cement and 25,000 tonnes of iron with nearly 3,400 labourers and 250 engineers worked round the clock for 42 months to complete the project.

The project was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2010 & the foundation stone for the memorial was laid in 2013. The engineering marvel is vibration and earthquake proof and can withstand wind velocity of up to 60 metres/second.

The structure comprises of the Shrestha Bharat Bhavan, which is a 3-star lodging facility consisting 52 rooms.

The three-story base of the structure has a 153-meter viewing gallery, which can accommodate up to 200 visitors. It offers visitors an expansive view of the Sardar Sarovar Dam which is situated approximately 3.2 kms from the memorial. The base also has a memorial garden and a large exhibition hall.

For more infos on tickets: <http://www.statueofunity.in/>



Vadodara

Vadodara City formerly called Baroda is also known as a cultural capital of Gujarat. The city is built across the bank of Vishwamitri River. The east part of city is old city and the west part of city is known as recent and modern parts of the city. The city is mixture of many eras and its reputation as "Cultural Capital" dates largely from the late 19th c, when it was the capital of the princely state of Baroda. Some of the tourist attractions in the city include Laxmi Vilas Palace, Baroda Museum & Picture Gallery, Maharaja Fateh Singh Museum. Around 49kms from the city is Champaner—Pavagadh Archeological park which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, located in the Panchmahal district of Gujarat. It has preserved the remains of the historical city of Champaner, built by Sultan Mahmud Begada of Gujarat in the 16th century.

For more infos on Gujarat tourism:

<https://www.gujarattourism.com/hub/destination/4/159>

News round-up & Upcoming events



CG met Ms. Bettina M. Wiesmann MdB, (member of Bundestag, from the State of Hesse and rep. of the constituency) to discuss education and family welfare & current political situation in India and Germany society.



Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs Sushma Swaraj was welcomed by Ambassador of India to Germany Mukta Tomar & CG in Frankfurt enroute to and from UNGA.



Indian Association Bonn & Deutsch-Indische Gesellschaft e.V celebrated 150 Years of Mahatma Gandhi and 65 Years of Indo-German Diplomatic Relationship in Brückenforum Bonn. Ms. Ruby Jaspreet Consul (Cons. & Pol.) attended the event on behalf of the Consulate. Lord Mayor of Bonn Mr. Ashok Sridharan was also present on the occasion.



CG participated in a Lecture marking 125th Birth Anniversary of Indian physicist Satyendra Nath Bose which was organised by Deutsche-Indische Gesellschaft Darmstadt-Frankfurt.



CG along with Mr. Norbert Noisser from Ministry of Economics, Energy, Transport and Regional Development, State of Hesse and Ms. Dahiya, Consul (Press, Indo. & Culture) visited the European Academy of Ayurveda, Birstein, Hesse, to meet its Director Mr. Mark Rosenberg and Prof. Dr. Martin Mittwede to discuss various possibilities of promotion and recognition of Ayurveda in the state of Hesse.

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CG visited the Frankfurt Book Fair on 12th Oct and met Mr. Vikram Sahay, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India and Mr. Anindya Sengupta, Director, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India at their stall.



CG participated in the launch ceremony of Air India flight from Frankfurt to Mumbai at Fraport on 16th Oct.



CG met Mr. Scheepens, the Director of Strothoff International School, Dreieich, and Ms. Birgit Ackermann, cultural officer to explore ideas for working together in the upcoming year.



CG along with Ms. Vandana Mehrotra (Joint Chief Executive Officer of SBI) attended the Durga Puja festivities organised by Rhein-Main Bengali Cultural Association Durga Puja, in Frankfurt.



Consul PIC Ms. Soni Dahiya attended the Durga Puja celebrations organised by Indian Associations in & around Frankfurt.

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CG met and interacted with Director & Head of Department, South Asia, KFW Bankengruppe alongwith her Team.



Indian Cultural institute e.V. had organised a special program for the Indo-German community giving them an opportunity, *'India Day - Experience culture and everyday life!'* to experience and learn more about Indian life style. Consul PIC Ms. Soni Dahiya attended the event & appreciated the members.



CG addressed the Meeting of DAAD Scholarship Holders from India as part of the IIT and IIM Master-Sandwich-Programme in Bonn.



CG visited the Deutsche Bank AG headquarters in Frankfurt and interacted with Mr. Ashok Aram, CEO, Europe, Middle East and Africa about the opportunities and potential for India in the European markets.



CG along with Consul PIC visited the Indian Bazar in Frankfurt, organised by the Indian community lady members. There were Heena, Handicraft, Food & many more stalls.





KIDS SPECIAL

Which was Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's favourite flower?

- A) Lily
- B) Rosemallows
- C) Lotus
- D) Rose

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

Upcoming events

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Digital Transformation in India: Achieving financial inclusion for 1 billion citizens?

"Status now is not whether you are awake or asleep, it is whether you are online or offline" – PM Narendra Modi.

Today, India is the fastest growing economy in the world and is on its way to surpass the UK in terms of GDP. Yet assuring that economic growth delivers on equity as well as numbers is no easy task in a country which is still a developing country in many aspects. India acknowledges Digital Transformation is the only option to achieve inclusion for 1 billion citizens. Moreover, on 1st July 2015, PM Narendra Modi launched a new initiative – Digital India. This forces even the most bureaucratic public institutions, and the tiniest SMEs in the countryside to embrace Digitalization. With 1 billion mobile subscribers – 220 million smartphones owners – the Indian government believes that it can achieve full scale financial inclusion, digitally.

Come and join our panel discussion with us whether this is a realistic vision or a dream.

Date: 29th November, 6:00 – 8:00 PM.
Frankfurt School of Finance and Management
Adickesallee 32-34, 60322 Frankfurt.

Register here:

