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Forward by Consul General

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Dear fellow Indians and friends of India,

I am happy to introduce to you the first edition of our Newsletter for the year 2019.

First of all, I wish you all a very happy, prosperous and joyous New Year.

It is a matter of great pride for me to see the strong friendship and deep understanding amongst the members of different Indian cultural and social associations. Since I joined in August 2017, it is my continuous efforts and motivation to bring them all together and I am happy to say that what we have now is a big Indian family.

I am proud that India is the partner country for Ambiente this year. Like the last year's mega event 'Indien Fest', we are organising two India Fests this year, one in Frankfurt and another in Cologne and also two celebrations of International Yoga Days, again in Frankfurt and Cologne.

We are also celebrating 150th Anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi. The functions have already started last year and are culminating on 2nd October 2020.

We are also celebrating 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji, this year.

I feel very proud to see the ongoing good work and strong cooperation between India and Germany here, be it the companies, Educational institutes, Cultural organisations or the Government bodies. I am very confident that the cooperation is going to strengthen in the coming future.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you all for your strong support and presence in all our endeavors. I also welcome you all to another year of good work, understanding, friendship, partnership and participation. May we experience more success and joy at personal and professional level!

With best regards,

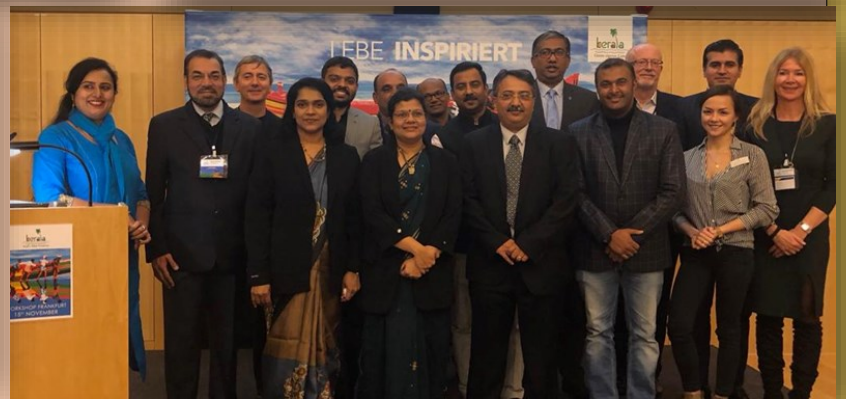
(Pratibha Parkar)
Consul General

Flashback 2018

2018 was a remarkable year for CGI, Frankfurt. There were many Political, Economical, Commercial, Cultural engagements between CGI, Frankfurt & states of Hessen, Nord RheinWest Phalia, Rheinland Palatinate and Saarland. In the year 2018, the Consulate has issued a total number of 24,507 Visas for Business, Journalists & Tourists purpose to travel to India. The Consulate had organized & supported 25 Commercial events including Company visits, Road shows, Trade fairs. Indien Fest at Rossmarkt is a bench mark in the history of the Indian Cultural events organized in Frankfurt where more than 10,000 visitors enjoyed the event. To bring together the Indian artists & to give them a common platform to perform, the Consulate has being organizing Indra Dhanush every year. Some of the impressions of the year.



Flashback 2018



70th Republic Day celebrations

The Consulate General of India Frankfurt celebrated the 70th Republic Day of India at its premises along with the members of the Indian community and the Consulate family. CG unfurled the National flag which was followed by the singing of the National Anthem. CG also hosted a Reception where around 350 guests from the spheres of business, culture, media, diplomatic corps & political & governmental institutions attended the event.

Celebrating 150th Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi:

The 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi with an in-house photo & Khadi products exhibitions was inaugurated during the Republic Day celebrations. The photo exhibitions will further be organized at different locations in the CGI's jurisdiction.



70th Republic Day celebrations



Outreach Activities

Dec 2018 - Jan 2019

CGI's upcoming events:

KERALAIT

Enter.Connect.Transform

Date: 8th March 2019

Time: 16:15 hrs

Venue: Hotel Intercontinental
(By registrations only)

Celebrating 150th Birth
Anniversary of Mahatma
Gandhi

Date: 9th March 2019

Venue: STROTHOFF
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Indhra Dhanush 2019

Date: 11th May 2019

Time: 18:00 hrs onwards

Venue: Bürgerzentrum
Niederhöchstadt

'Vishwa Hindi Diwas' celebrations:

CGI, Frankfurt celebrated 'VishwaHindiDiwas' at the Consulate premises in Frankfurt. CG, Ms. Parkar welcomed the guest & read out the message of Hon'ble Prime Minister and a poem by famous poet Shri Harivansh Rai Bachhan.

Mr. Christian Weiss, Founder and Managing Director of DraupadiVerlag was the Chief Guest, who spoke on "Promotion of Hindi in Germany: Opportunities and Challenges".

The guests and Consulate members recited their favorite piece from Hindi poem or texts, some of them self written too. The children from Hindi class, which is conducted at the Consulate, also presented shlokas and short poems.



Students work-shop at CGI:

Frankfurt Indian Scholars Association (FISA) in cooperation with the Consulate had organised a Talk-cum-Workshop at the CGI premises. Mr. Rahul Prajapat, (an alumnus of (IIT) conducted the workshop for students on 'Adoption of Artificial Intelligence in Manufacturing Industry'. CG, Ms. Parkar addressed the students.



Outreach Activities

Dec 2018 - Jan 2019

CGI's upcoming events:

International Day of Yoga

Date: 15 June 2019

Roncalliplatz, Cologne

International Day of Yoga

Date: 19 June 2019

Venue: Walter-Von-Cronberg Platz

Indien Fest 2019

Date: 29th June 2019

Venue: Neumarkt, Cologne

Indien Fest 2019

31st August

Venue: Rossmarkt & Rathenauplatz, Frankfurt

'Partnerships and Progress:

A leadership round table on Opportunities for Indo-German Collaboration in the digital era' was organised by CGI Frankfurt in cooperation with HCL Technologies at the Stadthaus Frankfurt.

CG Ms. Parkar spoke on the initiatives that have been undertaken by the Government of India on digitalisation and financial inclusion. A vibrant panel discussion on 'Technology is Driving Innovation and Intelligent Manufacturing to Foster Successful Partnerships' rounded off the event. Around 50 representatives from the Indo-German business community participated in the event.



Friends of India Meet:

The first 'Friends of India Group' meeting for 2019 was organised by the Consulate on 15th January to bring together all the regional and cultural associations & institutes, active in promoting the Indian culture. The meeting was organized to briefed on the Consulate's upcoming events during the year to the members.

CG Ms. Parkar welcomed the representatives of the associations/institutes and announced the new conveyor of the 'Friends of India Group' 2019 Mr. Kamal Vatsain, President of Hessian Cricket association e.V and Mr. Saravanan Jayabalan, President of Rhein Tamil Association. Also, the representative from Raja Yoga Institute Brahma-Kumaris Deutschland e.V. Dr. Pratibha gave a presentation on the programs and structure of the institute worldwide. The Consulate & The Friends of India Group would be working together this year for Indien Fest at Frankfurt & Cologne this year.



Outreach Activities

Dec 2018 - Jan 2019

Up-coming events in India

Khajuraho Dance Festival 2019

(a Dance and Music show)

Date: 20 - 26 February, 2019

Venue: Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh)

Ardh Kumbh Mela

Date: 14th Jan - 4th Mar 2019

Venue: Allahabad,
Uttar Pradesh

Kala Ghoda Arts Festival

2nd—10th Feb 2019

Venue: Precinct, Fort, Mumbai

Annual Meeting of Kala Sangam.

The Annual meeting for the upcoming event, 'Indra Dhanush' was organized at the Consulate where several enthusiastic artists in the field of dance & music associated themselves with Kalasangam which is an initiative of the Consulate to bring together the artists & to give them a common platform to perform Indian art internationally.

CG Ms. Parkar welcomed the artists and encouraged them to bring in their ideas and experiences in putting up a grand show this year. The event will take place on 11th May 2019 at Bürgerzentrum Niederhöchstadt. More details will be shared shortly.



Homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his death Anniversary

Officials of CGI, Frankfurt along with the members of Indian community paid homage to Gandhi ji on his death Anniversary and remembered all the freedom fighters who fought for the independence of the nation on Martyrs' Day on 30th January. 'The Making of the Mahatma' a film by Shyam Benegal, on the early life of Gandhi ji during his 21 years stay in South Africa and his freedom movement and fight for civil rights there, was screened on the occasion.



Yoga Pose: *Dhanurasana*



Dhanurasana has been named after the shape the body takes while performing the Asana (posture) where Dhanu means a bow.

1. Lie on your stomach with your feet hip-width apart and your arms by the side of your body.
2. Fold your knees, take your hands backwards and hold your ankles.
3. Breathing in, lift your chest off the ground and pull your legs up and back.
4. Look straight ahead.
5. Stay in the pose & pay attention to your breath. Your body is now curved like a bow.
6. Continue to take long deep breaths as you relax in this pose. But bend only as far as your body permits you to. Do not overdo the stretch.

After 15-20 seconds, as you exhale, gently bring your legs and chest to the ground & relax.

Benefits :

Strengthens the back and abdominal muscles, opens up the chest, neck and shoulders.



Culture

India is a land of festival and events. Festivals in India are an integral part of Indian culture. As the year begins, the celebrations begin throughout the nation.

Mylapore Festival

The Mylapore Festival began as a simple kolam (means "beauty" is a floor drawing made from coloured flour, and is used for ornamental or ceremonial design during traditional Indian festivities) contest, organized by the local newspaper, in 2001. It's now grown into a four day extravaganza, with more than 30 events and 200 artists spread over 12 venues.

Attractions include heritage walks, classical music and dance, folk art, crafts zone, exhibitions and street food. It was held at Sri Kapaleeswarar Temple and Nageswara Rao Park, Mylapore, Tamil Nadu this year.



Jaisalmer Desert Festival (17th Feb - 19th Feb 2019)

The Jaisalmer Desert Festival is an annual event that takes place in February at the Thar Desert in the Sam dunes (42 kilometers from Jaisalmer). Romantic, remote and unspoiled, the location comes to life during the three day extravaganza of the delights of the desert.

Lord Krishna, ruler of Yadav community told Arjuna (one of the Pandavas) that a successor belonging from the Yadav community will set up his kingdom on the Trikuta Hill. In the year 1196, the prediction made by the Lord Krishna came true, when Rawal Jaisalmer, a descendant of the Yadav clan, established his kingdom in Jaisalmer. Celebrations were organized throughout the kingdom, when the people came to know that the prophecy has come true this soon developed into a festival that is now organized every year.

The locals dress in traditional and bright costumes & sing and dance depicting the tragedies and accomplishments of the desert. The Gair and the fire dance are highlights of the festival. The Kalabaz or the Nat's are a group of local nomads perform gymnastic acts & the Bhopa's Langhas and Manganiars create an enchanting environment with their poignant folk music recitals and ballads. Be a part of this wonderful event & cherish the liveliness in the city.



Avial



May you enjoy the authentic South Indian dish!

Ingredients:

(Mixed Vegetable Curry)

2 tsp coconut oil

2-3 slit green chillies

Curry leaves to taste

Few cumin seeds

Vegetables- drumsticks, carrots, french beans,

potatoes

Salt to taste

Coconut for paste

2 tsp hung curd

For the paste:

Grind the grated coconut into a paste. Add few cumin seeds, curry leaves and green chillies.

For the avial:

- . Boil the vegetables and keep them aside.
- . Heat coconut oil in pan. Add green chillies, curry leaves, boiled vegetables, salt and coconut paste.
- . Let the preparation cook for 2-3 minutes on low flame till the vegetables and the coconut paste blend well. Put the preparation in a bowl, add curd and mix it well.
- . Avial is ready. Garnish with curry leaves.

Tourism

Being the second oldest city in India, Allahabad is a major pilgrim destination in Uttar Pradesh. It has a number of other must visit places around. Kumbha Mela is one of the times when the city can be enjoyed at its best.

Mohaba, Uttar Pradesh

Mahoba is famous for its glorious history. Located in the Bundelkhand region, Mahoba shares close cultural roots with Khajuraho, known for its erotic caves and sculptures created during the Chandela rule.

It was the capital of the Chandel Rajputs, who ruled the Bundelkhand region from the 10th -16th century. The word Mahoba is derived from 'Mahotsav Nagar' or the city of great festivals.



Kakramath Temple

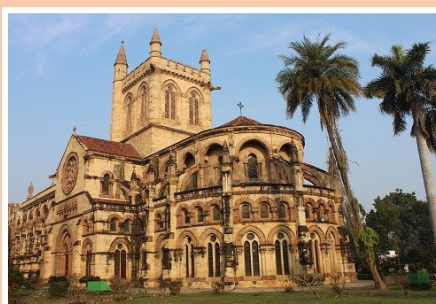


Khusro Bagh

The walled garden is a home to three mausoleums which are built in the Mughal style of architecture. The three tombs belong to the eldest son of the Mughal Emperor Jahangir, Khusaru Mirza and his first wife Shah Begum and his daughter Nithar Begum. The three tombs are fine specimens of Mughal arts and architecture and are decorated with stone carvings and motifs.

Triveni Sangam

This is the confluence of the 3 major rivers of India namely Ganges, Yamuna and Saraswati. The three rivers maintain their visible identity and can be identified by their different colors. The water from the Ganges is clear while the Yamuna is greenish in color while the presence of the Saraswati can only be felt underwater. The place is considered as one of the major sites of the Kumbha mela which is held once in every 12 years.



All Saints Cathedral also known as Patthar Girja (Church of Stones)

The church displays a striking 13th century Gothic revival architecture and is 31 meters in height. The massive church building encompasses an area of approximately 1250 square meters and is one of the most prized buildings from the colonial India. The complex also contained a memorial to Queen Victoria and functions as a lantern tower.

News Round-up



CG attended Christmas celebration organised by the Goan Association in Frankfurt with traditional Christmas carols.



CG met Ms. Rohena Gera, Director of the Film, 'DIE SCHNEIDERIN DER TRÄUME' & Mr. Torsten Frehse, Managing director Neue Visionen Filmverleih (New Vision Film Distributor), Berlin on 3rd Dec 2018 at the premiere screening of the movie. The movie was later officially screened in different regions of Germany.



Consul (HOC), Shri Prem Singh Chauhan visited the Christmasworld Fair on 25th January 2019 and officially inaugurated the India Pavilion organized by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry by a ribbon cutting ceremony.



CG attended the ceremony where the Municipal representation of foreigners (KAV) of the city of Frankfurt honored the outstanding personalities with a migration from the fields of culture, economics, science and education, who have made significant contributions to and for Frankfurt on 06.12.2018.

The two Indians, Mr. Benesh Joseph (Scientist, Goethe University, Frankfurt) and Mr. Jaskaran Singh (student at Frankfurt Schools of Economics) were awarded on the occasion.



Ambulanter Pflege dienst and Senioren Tagespflege (Outpatient and senior day care), Frankfurt, owned by an Indian Family, organised its annual event which was attended by Ms. Soni Dahiya (Consul PIC) on behalf of the Consulate.

News Round-up



CG met Mr. Weinmeister, State Secretary, European Affairs, Hessen and discussed on the recent developments in relation to Brexit and its effects on the State of Hesse.



CG inaugurated the India Pavillions of The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council - Texprocil, EPCH India at the first trade fair of 2019, Heimtextil and Handloom Export Promotion Council at the Fairgrounds and interacted with exhibitors participating in the Fair.



Exploring cooperation in the field of Higher Education and Culture, CG accompanied by Consul (PIC) met the Head of Dept. of Culture Mr. Eric Seng, Head of Dept. of Higher Education Mr. Koefer and Head of Dept. of International Affairs Dr. Dirk Engel at the Hessen State Ministry of Higher Education, Research and the Arts.



Seminar on 'The nutritional concept of Ayurveda for inner peace and serenity' and 'Health advice according to Ayurveda and constitution determination' with Shree Balaji També and his team was organized by 'Santulan life', School of Yoga, Meditation & Ayurveda. CG welcomed Shree Bala Tambe to Frankfurt for conducting the health consultation.



CG met with the Dr. Christiane Rohleder, State Secretary of Ministry of Family, Women, Integration and Consumer Protection of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate.



The Indian Students Association of Bonn-Cologne(ISABC) in cooperation with CGI Frankfurt and University of Bonn, organized a workshop on career mentoring and guidance in association with Dr. Girish Kedar, CEO, Gloverk Career Mantra.Ms. Soni Dahiya, (Consul PIC) was the chief guest to the event.

News Round-up



CG visited Philipps Marburg University and met with Prof. Dr. Katharina Krause, the President along with Prof. Jürgen Hanneder, Chair of Indology department and Ms. Petra Kienle, Director of International Office to speak on the cooperations with the Indian universities.



Pongal was celebrated in a very traditional way with joy and festivities in Frankfurt by Frankfurt Tamil Sangam . CG attended the festival & greeted the community on the occasion.



On the occasion of the National Voter's Day, Team CGI pledged to uphold the democratic traditions of our country.



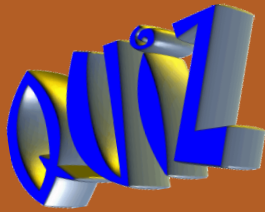
Consul (PIC) with Consulate official visited Department of Neurology and Complementary Medicine Lutheran Hospital, Hattingen where Ayurveda is currently used as a complementary medicine with modern medicine to cure Neuro diseases) and met head of the Dept. Prof. Dr. H. Przuntek



CG met with Ms. Martina Werner, Member of European Parliament in Kassel. The two discussed on Brexit and the outcomes of Brexit on European Parliament and especially Germany .



CG along with the members of Indian community met the Lord Mayor of Darmstadt Mr. Jochen Partsch and explored opportunities of future cooperation with the city. CG also thanked the city for Honoring Mahatma Gandhi and naming one of its street after his name „MAHATMA-GANDHI-STRASSE”.



Upcoming Events

Where is Mahatma Gandhi's memorial?

- A) Raj Ghat, New Delhi, India
- B) Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad
- C) Birla Bhavan, New Delhi

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



Winners will be
awarded !!!

Open House and Spring Festival

save the Date
9th March 2019

Celebrating 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

in cooperation with Consulate General of India, Frankfurt

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