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Indra Dhanush – Farbenfrohes Indien zu Gast in Kelkheim

On 28th April, 2018 the Consulate General of India in Frankfurt with the support of City Kelkheim organized a cultural evening with Indian music, traditional and modern dances, handicraft and food in Kelkheim. The objective was to bring together local artists performing Indian form of art & to promote interest for Indian art and culture internationally. The event was inaugurated by Ms. Pratibha Parkar (Consul General), Mr. Wolf D. Hasler (Head of city council Kelkheim) and Mr. Albrecht Kuendiger (Mayor of Kelkheim). The event was a great success. Around 600 participants attended the program.



Upcoming events:

Friends of India Meeting

Date: 23rd May, 2018

Time: 17:30 hrs onwards

Venue: Consulate General of India,
Frankfurt

Media Press Conference

For International Yoga Day

Date: 24th May, 2018

Time: 12:00 hrs onwards

Venue: Consulate General of India,
Frankfurt

Screening of Udaharanarth

Nemade (For Example Nemade)

Marathi Docu-Fiction,

English Sub titles

Date: 25th May, 2018

Time: 17:00—19:00 hrs

Venue: Consulate General of India,
Frankfurt

Book Reading

Author: Rahman Abbas

Date: 1st June 2018

Time: 11:00hrs onwards

Vibrant Tamil Nadu

Global Expo & Summit

Date: 21st June, 2018

Time: 16:30 to 18:30 hrs

Venue: Consulate General of India,
Frankfurt

International Yoga Day

Date: 23rd June, 2018

Time: 15:00—18:00 hrs

Venue: Walter von Cronberg Platz,
Frankfurt

Indien Fest

Date: 1st Sept, 2018

Venue: Roßmarkt, Frankfurt

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Up coming events in India:

Smart Cities India Exhibition and Conference

Date : 23-25 May 2018

Venue: Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India

Mumbai HR Summit

Date: 25-26 May 2018

Ramada Powai Hotel And Convention Centre, Mumbai, India

International Conference on Mechanical & Production Engineering

Date: 26 May 2018

Venue: The Arcadia, Coimbatore, India

Economic Report

ThyssenKrupp helping build out India's power grid: New electrical steel production line starts operation in Nashik



In India thyssenkrupp has now started operation of a new line for the production of grain-oriented electrical steel in Nashik, 160 kilometers northeast of Mumbai. Grain-oriented electrical steel is used where electrical energy is converted, transported and used, in distribution and power transformers. The steel for the production of grain-oriented electrical steel will be sourced from thyssenkrupp's steelmaking operations in Duisburg. The local production of grain-oriented electrical steel is new for the Indian steel market. Thyssenkrupp has its expertise in the production of grain-oriented electrical steel for power transmission, it is helping meet the strong demand for a nationwide and environmentally friendly power supply in India.

At the opening, the state-of-the-art production line was put into operation in the presence of Dr. Aruna Sharma (Secretary Steel, Ministry of Steel Government of India) and Dr. Peter Kern (representative at the German Consulate General in Mumbai). Central features of the new 35,000 ton-per-year line are the magnesium oxide coating line and the laser system for high-quality surface treatment. Numerous orders have already been received, two thirds of them from customers in India. The Nashik site employs 500 people. Electrical steel plays a key role in the energy supply and thus for the success of the energy transition. It is already necessary to manage and balance fluctuations in electricity demand. Increased use of renewable energies will make this task even more complex in the future. Grain-oriented electrical steel is needed wherever electrical energy is efficiently converted, transported and used, such as in distribution and power transformers: To transport electricity over long distances, it needs a higher voltage than it has when it is generated. The voltage for transportation is around a thousand times higher than in domestic wall sockets. For use in households and industry the voltage needs to be transformed again.

As a premium manufacturer of efficient electrical steel, thyssenkrupp is contributing to the sustainable use of energy resources. thyssenkrupp's steel division is one of the world's leading manufacturers of non-oriented high-tech electrical steel. Its Electrical Steel business unit produces grain-oriented electrical steel under the PowerCore® brand, a core material for energy-efficient transformers and large high-performance generators. Over more than 50 years the business unit has built up extensive expertise in the production and use of grain-oriented electrical steel. Research and development departments in Gelsenkirchen (Germany), Isbergues (France) and Nashik (India) work to continuously improve the properties of the material. With the new production line at the Nashik site, thyssenkrupp is India's first and currently only manufacturer of grain-oriented electrical steel employing 500 people.

Indian Culture

Festival Highlights



Ramzan:

The word Ramadan comes from the Arabic root *ramiqa* or *ar-ramad*, which means scorching heat or dryness. This year Ramadan starts on May 16 and concludes with Eid-ul-Fitr on June 15. Fasting is followed by mostly adult Muslims during this period.

Ramzan is also called (*Ramaqān*, **Ramadhan**, or **Ramathan**) is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, and is observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting (Sawm) to commemorate the first revelation of the Quran to Muhammad according to Islamic belief. This annual observance is regarded as one of the Five Pillars of Islam. The month lasts 29 –30 days based on the

visual sightings of the crescent moon, according to numerous biographical accounts compiled in the hadiths.

Pre-fast meals before dawn are referred to as *Suhoor*, while post-fast breaking feasts after sunset are called *Iftar*. The meal is the most important part of the day. People go all out to honor it by preparing delicious food items, which overflow into the streets.

Fasting for Muslims during Ramadan typically includes the increased offering of prayers, recitation of the Quran and an increase of doing good deeds and charity.



Saga Dawa

Saga Dawa is the fourth month of Tibetan lunar calendar and the holiest month for Tibetan Buddhists. The Festival will be celebrated on 29th May, 2018 in Gangtok and other monasteries throughout Sikkim and Darjeeling. The most important celebration falls on the full moon day of the month, when the birth, enlightenment and death of Lord Buddha is honored.

In Gangtok, a procession of monks carries the holy book from Tsuklakhang Palace Monastery around town. It's accompanied by the blowing of horns, beating of drums, and burning of incense. Colorful masked dances also take place at Rumtek Monastery.



Ganga Dussehra

Ganga is observed as a divine river in not only India but also amongst the most sacred rivers across the world. It is worshiped like a Goddess and it is believed that it was the tenth day of Jyeshtha bright half when she was descended on earth from heaven. This festival takes place on Dashami (10th day) of the waxing moon of the Hindu calendar month Jyeshtha. The festival celebration lasts ten days, including the nine days preceding this holy day.

Ganga Dussehra is observed in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, and West Bengal, where the river flows. Haridwar, Varanasi, Garhmukteshwar, Rishikesh, Allahabad, and Patna are the main locations of the celebrations, where devotees gather at the banks of the Ganges and perform aartis (a

religious ritual in which a light lamp is moved clockwise circularly in front of a deity as a part of prayer) to the river. Taking a dip in the river on this day is believed to bring the devotee to a state of purification and also heal any physical ailments he may have. In Sanskrit, *dasha* means ten and *hara* means destroy; thus bathing in the river during these ten days is believed to rid the person of ten sins or, alternatively, ten lifetimes of sins.

Hill Stations during Summers !!



Tourismus

Auli

This hill station is one of the untapped destinations in the lap of Uttarakhand & is a perfect holiday destinations. Auli is a perfect getaway in summer and winter in India as the place is known for its magnificent transformations in both seasons. Situated at an elevation of about 2500m, Auli becomes a meadow in the summer, whereas when the snow covers it in the winter season, Auli becomes the place for winter-sport enthusiasts. Along with adventure, the air of Auli is replete with spirituality. Also the view of magnificent peaks like Nanda Devi and Neelkanth adds to the spiritual feel of the town. Major Tourist Attractions in Auli are Cable ride, Vishnu Prayag, Joshimath, Badrinath, Artificial Lake, Gurso Bugyal.



Ooty Summer Festival



Ooty is a popular hill station in Tamil Nadu. The month of March marks the start of summer season and it lasts until May.

Temperature ranges between 12°C-30°C during these months. Hill Stations are the perfect destinations to visit during summers specially when they are combined with activities that you can experience only during this season. Experience the exotic gardens festivals happening at Ooty.

Every May Ooty comes alive with the Summer Festival. To mention a few include the Annual Spice Show at Gudalur on 4th May 2018, Vegetable Show at Nehru Park in Kotagiri (5th & 6th May 2018), Rose Show at the Government Rose Garden (12th & 13th May 2018), Fruit Show at Sim's Park in Coonoor (26th & 27th May 2018) and the famous Flower Show at Ooty Botanical Gardens (18th – 20th May 2018).

This year, there will also be a night bazaar on Commercial Road. To get to Ooty it would be recommended to take the Nilgiri Mountain Railway toy train.

Kullu & Manali



Manali is at the northern end of the Kullu Valley in the state of Himachal Pradesh. With its soothing backdrop of the Himalayas, offers a blend of tranquility and adventure that makes it one of northern India's most popular travel destinations. It's a magical place bordered by cool pine forest and the raging Beas River making it the perfect destination for various sports.

The charming Kullu is a valley with scores of picturesque sights and temples, Manali is a stunning hilltop with splashing rivers, water streams, and lofty mountains. Manali is also a perfect place for adventure sports, so people from different parts of the country visit this popular hill station to experience mountaineering, trekking, and skiing.

Tourist attractions in Manali like Hadimba Temple, Buddhist Monasteries, old Manali, Nehru Kund, Club House, Manu Temple, Great Himalayan National Park that give an exhilarating experience to the tourists. The 'queen of hills' Manali embraces many such attractions in its wing; all you need to do is mark your calendar and pack your bags to explore the unexplored in the two most startling towns-Kullu and Manali.

Recipe

Chicken Tandoor



Summer is incomplete without a grill. This summer we bring to you a very special Indian dish, Chicken Tandoor

For marinating 500 gms of chicken.

3 to 4 tbp. Yogurt, 1 tsp. Tandoor masala, ½ tsp. turmeric powder, 1 tsp. chili powder, salt as per taste.

For better taste marinate chicken for minimum 5 to 6 hrs.

Preheat the oven for 4 mins. Now set the chicken on grill for 10 minutes. Spread some oil on it. After 10 minutes turn the chicken and grill it for 10 minutes.

Once the chicken is ready, garnish it with fresh cut onion rings, tomatoes. Chicken tandoor can also be served with Mint chutney.

News Round-up



Participants to the event, Indra Dhanush— Farben Frohes Indien zu Gast in Kelkheim



Hon. Secretary for Department of Heavy Industries, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises (India), Dr. A.R. Sihag and Director, Ms. Ritu Pande visited the PTW: Institut für Produktionsmanagement, Technologie und Werkzeugmaschinen Werkzeugmaschinen followed by a tour of the ETA Fabrik at the Technische Universität Darmstadt .



CG visited Ordnungsamt, Frankfurt & met Mr. Jörg Bannach (Head, Ordnungsamt, Frankfurt am Main) & Mr. Christian Stark (Service-Center Veranstaltungen). CG was briefed on the Ordnungsamt where most of the permissions/approvals are granted for organising events in the city.



CG was interviewed by Mr. Frank Weimer (editor) Höchster Kreisblatt, Mr. Mathias Knap (photographer & team member). The interview was focused on Indra Dhanush.



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Yoga Pose

Hastapadasana



(Forward bending)

Stand straight with feet together and arms alongside the body,

Balance your weight equally on both feet,

Breathing in, extend your arms overhead,

Breathing out, bend forward and down towards the feet,

Stay in the posture for 20-30 seconds and continue to breathe deeply,

Keep the legs and spine erect with hands resting either on the floor, beside the feet or on the legs,

Breath out, move the chest towards the knees, lift the hips and tailbone higher, press the heels down, let the head relax and move it gently towards the feet. Keep breathing deeply,

Now breath in, stretch your arms forward and slowly come up to the standing position,

Breathing out & bring the arms to the sides.

Benefits:

Stretches all the muscles of the back of the body,

Makes the spine supple,

Tones the abdominal organs.

News Round-up



CG attended the celebration of Tamil New Year- Puthandu and launch of Rhein Tamil Association in Cologne.



CG met the new director of German Film institute and Film museum Ms. Ellen M. Harrington and Ms. Natascha Gikas, the head of the Cinema Department, Frankfurt. Possibilities of co-operation in promoting Indian Films in Germany, exhibitions & conducting lectures on topics based on Indian Films/Cinema were discussed.



CG inaugurated an annual cultural evening organized by Frankfurt Tamil Sangam in Frankfurt. During the programme FTS showcased various aspects of Indian culture such as Yoga, martial arts, classical dance and folk dances from the state of Tamil Nadu.



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What marks the end of Ramadan?

- A) Eid al-Adha
- B) Eid al-Fitr
- C) Eid al-Ghadeer
- D) Eid al-Mubalah

News Round-up



A rare opportunity to connect with spirituality. Sri Sri Ravishankarji visited Frankfurt & delivered a discourse to the Indo-German fraternity. CG & diplomatic corps from the Frankfurt region welcomed Gururji on the auspicious occasion and participated in meditation session. Around 900 persons from all over Germany attended the event in Gesellschaftshaus Palmengarten.

Send your answers to :

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Winners will be
awarded !!!



Consulate General of India Frankfurt organized Students' Open House for Indian students studying at various universities in Germany at its premises in Frankfurt. CG welcomed the students and encouraged them for regular interactions to know more about their problems and suggestions.



Commemorating 100 years on Champaran Satyagraha!

CGI, Frankfurt had organized an online quiz through social media platform from 11th to 16th April, 2018 to commemorate 100 years of Champaran Satyagraha. The members of the local Indian community actively participated in the quiz. CG felicitated and awarded the winners of the quiz Mr. Rahul Shinde and Mr. Senthil Kumar Rajagopal at her office.

23 June

Save the Date



Up-coming event



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On December 11 in 2014, the United Nations General Assembly declared June 21st as the International Day of Yoga.

The declaration came after the call for the adoption of June 21st as International Day of Yoga by Hon'ble Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi during his address to UN General Assembly on September 27, 2014 wherein he stated: "Yoga is an invaluable gift of India's ancient tradition. It embodies unity of mind and body; thought and action; restraint and fulfilment; harmony between man and nature; a holistic approach to health and wellbeing".

The First International Day of Yoga proclaimed by the United Nations was celebrated throughout the whole world for the first time on 21st June, 2015.

192 countries joined in for a mass yoga session to mark the first International Yoga Day.



Consul General Ms. Pratibha Parker (R) with Mr. Stephan Sieglar, City Council Chairman, Frankfurt who is the Chief Guest at the celebration of the 4th International Day of Yoga being organised by CGI Frankfurt on 23rd June at Walther-von-Cronberg Platz, Frankfurt.



Indisches Essen ist verfügbar



PROGRAMM

Datum: 23.06.2018

Uhrzeit: 15:00 bis 18:00 Uhr

- 15:00 Ankunft der Teilnehmer
- 15:30 Eröffnung durch das Entzünden der zeremoniellen Lampe
- 15:35 Begrüßungsansprache durch Generalkonsulin Pratibha Parker
- 15:40 Rede des Ehrengastes Stadtverordnetenvorsteher der Stadt Frankfurt am Main, Stephan Sieglar
- 15:45 „Common Yoga Protocol“ - European Yoga Institute
- 16:20 „Jung und Fit bleiben mit Hatha Yoga Asanas für Balance und Flexibilität“ - Brezhnev Jeevanandam
- 16:35 „Mind Matters“ - Art of Living
- 16:55 Einführung in „Surayanamaskara“ (Sonnengruß) Nutzen und Mantra - Happy Yoga Institute
- 17:10 „Yoga for energy and success“ - Santulan life
- 17:30 OM Chanting, Lift up your energy - Bhakti Marga
- 17:40 „Love – A guided meditation - Sadhguru“ Isha Foundation
- 17:50 „Meditation for harmony“ - Brahma Kumaris
- 18:00 „Shanti Mantra“ vorgetragen von den Balagokulam-Kindern Ende der Veranstaltung