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### Quote of the month



*I have become my own version of an optimist. If I can't make it through one door, I'll go through another door - or I'll make a door. Something terrific will come no matter how dark the present.*

-Rabindranath Tagore

In May 2017, Consulate General of India, Munich continued to engage with the political leadership in its jurisdiction. Consul General, Mr. Sugandh Rajaram called on the State Minister of Baden-Wuerttemberg Mr. Klaus-Peter Murawski and discussed issues of enhancing cooperation in business, higher education and tourism. In a meeting between Lord Mayor of Karlsruhe Dr. Frank Mentrup and Consul General, issues relating to the ongoing cooperation between Karlsruhe and India, namely, start-ups, vocational training, research & development, strengthening infrastructural needs of Pune for its smart city project etc. were discussed. In his subsequent meeting with Lord Mayor of Stuttgart Mr. Fritz Kuhn, Consul General reiterated Consulate's support on the occasion of celebration of 50 years of partnership between Stuttgart and Mumbai. Consul General also called on Lord Mayor of Heidelberg Mr. Eckart Wuerzner and discussed ways to further promote cooperation, particularly in the field of IT and higher education.



Consul General with Baden-Württemberg State Minister  
Klaus-Peter Murawski



Consul General with Lord Mayor of Karlsruhe  
Frank Mentrup



Consul General with Lord Mayor of Stuttgart  
Fritz Kuhn



Consul General with Heidelberg Mayor Eckart Würzner

In May 2017, Consulate strengthened its relationship with various commercial establishments. Consul General visited Augsburg and discussed issues of cooperation with Landrat, Königsberg Lord Mayor, Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Schwaben and KUMAS Heidenheim. He also discussed with the Chamber of Commerce & Industry for Lower Bavaria matters concerning business ties between Niederbayern and India. The meeting of the India Business Forum, an umbrella organisations of Indian companies having presence in Bavaria and Baden-Wuerttemberg was also convened at the Consulate. The Consulate also participated at the 'Diplomats in Dialogue', an interactive session on Indo-German business cooperation organized by Bavarian Economic Ministry.

Over 200 Indian companies operating in Germany.

Information technology, automotive, pharma and biotech sectors have received a chunk of Indian Investments.

Major Indian software providers like Infosys, WIPRO and TCS have operations in Germany.

Suzlon, Bharat Forge Limited, Ranbaxy, Piramal, Samtel, Hexaware Technologies, NIT, Graphite India Limited, Hinduja Group, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Biocon, Hindustan National Glass, Mahindra and others have either acquired German companies or started their own subsidiaries.

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Germany is India's one of the most important global partners for S&T cooperation. Presently, there are more than 150 joint S&T research projects and 70 direct partnerships between the Universities of both countries.

Total bilateral technical and financial cooperation amounts to € 11 billion. Energy, sustainable economic development and environment & management of natural resources are priority areas.



Consul General at the Augsburg Landkreis (County)



Consul General at Chamber of Commerce & Industry for Lower Bavaria



Consul General with members of India Business Forum



Consul General at the 'Diplomats in Dialogue' at the Bavarian Economy Ministry

Various industrial establishments showed keen interest to be part of the Make in India Mittelstand (MIIM). Vollert, a construction technology company in Weinsburg is expected to soon join MIIM programme which is set to diversify and expand its operations in India. Servolift, which is a leader in the industrial technology for pharmaceuticals and chemicals, is also expected to be part of the MIIM. Consul General also visited a few companies which can benefit India with its high technological manufacturing. For instance, further technological cooperation and deepening footprint in India was sought from Testo, a top-class manufacturing company in high technology sensors and measuring instruments; Micro-Epsilon which manufactures high precision sensors and NavVis, a leader in indoor navigation technology. Consul General also addressed participants of MIIM seminar organized by Deutsch Bank in Stuttgart and briefed participants about recent policy decisions with regard to ease of doing business in India.



Consul General at Vollert, a construction technology company



Consul General at Servolift, a leading industrial technology developer



Consul General visited Micro-Epsilon, leading manufacturer of high precision sensors



Consul General visited NavVis, a leader in indoor navigation technology

**Do you know?**

Today, Indology is taught in 12 German universities and some of the faculties are over two centuries old.

The first German scholar of Sanskrit was Heinrich Roth (1620-1668). He mastered Sanskrit language during his stay in India.

Georg Forster (1754-1794) translated into German the famous 5<sup>th</sup> century drama by Kalidasa Shakuntalam, the love story of King Dushyanta and Shakuntala. It triggered German interest in the Indian culture

August Wilhelm von Schlegel in 1819 became the first Professor of Sanskrit at the University of Bonn, and, therefore, the founder of German Indology.

Max Mueller (1823-1900) is the most well known Indologist and possibly the most talented Sanskrit scholar of all time. He is credited with the German translation of the most holy Hindu texts, the Rigveda.

In his honor, Goethe Institutes in India are referred to as "Max Müller Bhavan" (Max Müller Houses).

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There has been close collaboration between different universities of India and Germany. Consul General's outreach last month to a few universities was aimed at further consolidating this cooperation. He visited Würzburg-Schweinfurt University of Applied Sciences, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology and Passau University. During his interactions with Presidents/Rectors, need to develop institute-to-institute mechanism of collaboration and joint research was emphasised.



Consul General with President of Würzburg-Schweinfurt University of Applied Sciences



Consul General at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology



Consul General with President of Passau University

**Art & Culture**

Maharashtra Day was celebrated in Munich on May 6-7, 2017 with the support of the State Government of Maharashtra and Maharashtra Mandal, Munich. The celebrations included a photo exhibition portraying the cultural journey of Maharashtra, talk on economic opportunities in Maharashtra, cultural event, Munich Marathi Film Festival, Marathi Food Festival and Marathi entertainment programme.

Consul General also visited Malura Museum where artworks of Oswald Malura, which were greatly influenced by India, especially his association with Tagore, are kept.

A meeting of the India Diaspora Forum was convened to discuss preparations of the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Day of Yoga to be celebrated in Munich on June 17, 2017



Consul General inauguration the Maharashtra Day



Consul General at Malura Museum



Consul General at India Diaspora Forum's meeting

*Indo-German relationship has a long tradition of cultural exchanges. There has been tremendous interest in Indian dance, music and literature as well as motion picture.*

*Bollywood movies and documentaries are a regular feature in the Berlin International Film Festival. Indian commercial films are regularly released in Germany and private TV channels routinely shows Bollywood films dubbed in German.*

*Zee one free-to-air channel was launched in Munich in July 2016. Its Hindi program dubbed in German has received an overwhelming response.*

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### Upcoming Events



**June 17, 2017 (11.00 AM to 6.00 PM)**

*International Day of Yoga will be celebrated by the Consulate at Kulturhaus Milbertshofen, Curt-Mezger-Platz 1, 80809 Munich.*

**June 21, 2017 (7.00 PM to 9.00 PM)**

*Symposium on the occasion of the International Day of Yoga at Museum Fuenf Kontinente, Maximilianstr. 42, 80538*

*Entry for both events is FREE*

### Attention : PIO Card Holders

Please note that the deadline for conversion from PIO cards to OCI cards is June 30, 2017. All those PIO card holders who have not applied for conversion are advised to submit their application for issue of OCI card (in lieu of valid PIO card) before 30 June, 2017 in order to avoid any inconvenience in their travel plan after June 2017. The conversion is gratis. An OCI application needs to be submitted online (<https://passport.gov.in/oci>) and photograph (size 2x2 inch, white background), signature, copy of current German/ Foreign Passport and PIO card (first and last page) need to be uploaded. Original and hardcopy of German passport / Foreign Passport and PIO card along with the online application form should be produced for verification at the Consulate General of India (Widenmayerstrasse 15, 80538 Munich) on any working day between 0930 to 1230 hours. For any clarification please visit [www.cgimunich.com](http://www.cgimunich.com) or email at [cons.munich@mea.gov.in](mailto:cons.munich@mea.gov.in)



Diana Marisa Brachvogel in Kuchipudi attire

Munich based Diana Marisa Brachvogel did her Arangetram in Kuchipudi dance last year. She has been learning this dance form for over a decade.

Kuchipudi from the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh is one of the eight major Indian classical dances having roots in the ancient Hindu Sanskrit text of Natya Shastra. Evidence of Kuchipudi's existence in an older version are found in copper inscriptions of the 10th century.

### Indian cuisine

Rajasthan, the land of Maharajas, is famous for its distinct cuisine. One of the crowd favourite food is 'Laal Maas'.



**Method:** Grind red chilies, coriander seeds and cumin seeds to a powder. Heat ghee in a pressure cooker and add cinnamon, green cardamoms and black cardamoms and sauté till fragrant. Add salt, ginger-garlic paste and red chilli paste to the mutton pieces and mix well. Add bay leaves and onions to the pressure cooker and sauté for 2-3 minutes. Add yogurt to mutton and mix. Add garlic cloves and 2 tbsps of the powdered spices and sauté for 2 minutes. Add marinated mutton pieces and sauté on high heat for 2-3 minutes. Add 1 cup water and mix well. Cover the cooker with lid and cook under pressure till 5-6 whistles are given out. Open the lid when the pressure reduces completely, transfer into a serving bowl and serve hot with bajra roti.

### India Quiz

Name the annual fair of Rajasthan that is famous for its camel trading event?  
-Pushkar      - Kumbha      - Sonapur      – Suraj Kund

Please send your responses at [cg.munich@mea.gov.in](mailto:cg.munich@mea.gov.in) by June 15, 2017. First five successful responses will receive interesting information material about India.

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