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Indian Honorary Consulate Stuttgart



REVIEW OF 2020 AND OUTLOOK FOR 2021

The year 2020 has presented new challenges for all of us. We have not yet overcome the Corona pandemic, but there is cause for hope. Some pharmaceutical companies have developed promising vaccine candidates. While producing vaccines, the Serum Institute of India, world's largest maker of vaccines, could play an important role. On its own risk the institute has already started to produce a vaccine, which is in the testing phase.

Despite the hope for a vaccine, the Corona pandemic will keep us busy next year as well. That is why we have decided not to have a regular wine festival in Mumbai, but a virtual version of it. This format offers many new opportunities and chances. We would be glad, if we could welcome you as our partner our guest at the virtual wine festival "Stuttgart meets Mumbai".

I am glad that the Indo-German exchange did not come to a standstill in 2020. The Indian Film Festival in Stuttgart and the India Summer Days in Karlsruhe are great examples of successful online events. Within the first "Long Night of Consulates" in Stuttgart we presented our work and projects to the citizen of Stuttgart. I am glad that numerous people used this opportunity and visited our information stall. In addition, we have organized various online events in the last months like virtual German-Indian Round Table or company visits for Indian delegations.

I am wishing you a peaceful Christmas season and all the best for the year 2021! Please take care!

Yours sincerely,

Andreas Lapp
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17TH INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL IN STUTT GART

From 15th until 19th July 2020, the 17th Indian Film Festival took place in Stuttgart. The event was organized by the Filmbüro Baden-Württemberg.



Due to the Corona pandemic, Europe's largest Indian film festival took place online. With the digital version of the film festival the organization team could reach a wider audience with its program.

The website of the Indian Film Festival was called more than 45.000 times. In addition, around 5.800 film screenings could be registered.

This year, the visitors of the Indian Film Festival could enjoy an extended program consisting of feature films, documentaries and short movies.

The supporting program of the Indian Film Festival took also place online this year. During a Tea Talk Friday's for Future activists from Mumbai and Delhi got the chance to speak about their projects. In the new talk series "Good Morning Mumbai" the festival attendees could gain an impression of the current situation in Mumbai and learn more about sustainable development in India.

The 18th edition of the Indian Film Festival shall take place from 21st until 25th July 2021. The organization team hopes that there will be real festival atmosphere in Stuttgart with Indian film guests and live performances once again in 2021. Perhaps some elements from the online film festival, which have proven themselves will be kept.



Festival Director Oliver Mahn with presenter Konstanze Welz



Festival Director Oliver Mahn with presenter Konstanze Welz



Program Director Elisa Kromeier with presenter Konstanze Welz



Studio recordings

Photos: Filmbüro Baden-Württemberg

INDIA SUMMER DAYS IN KARLSRUHE

Since its premiere in 2017 the India Summer Days Karlsruhe present India in its cultural diversity. Every year, Karlsruhe celebrates the strong partnership between Germany and India as well as Baden-Wuerttemberg and Maharashtra.

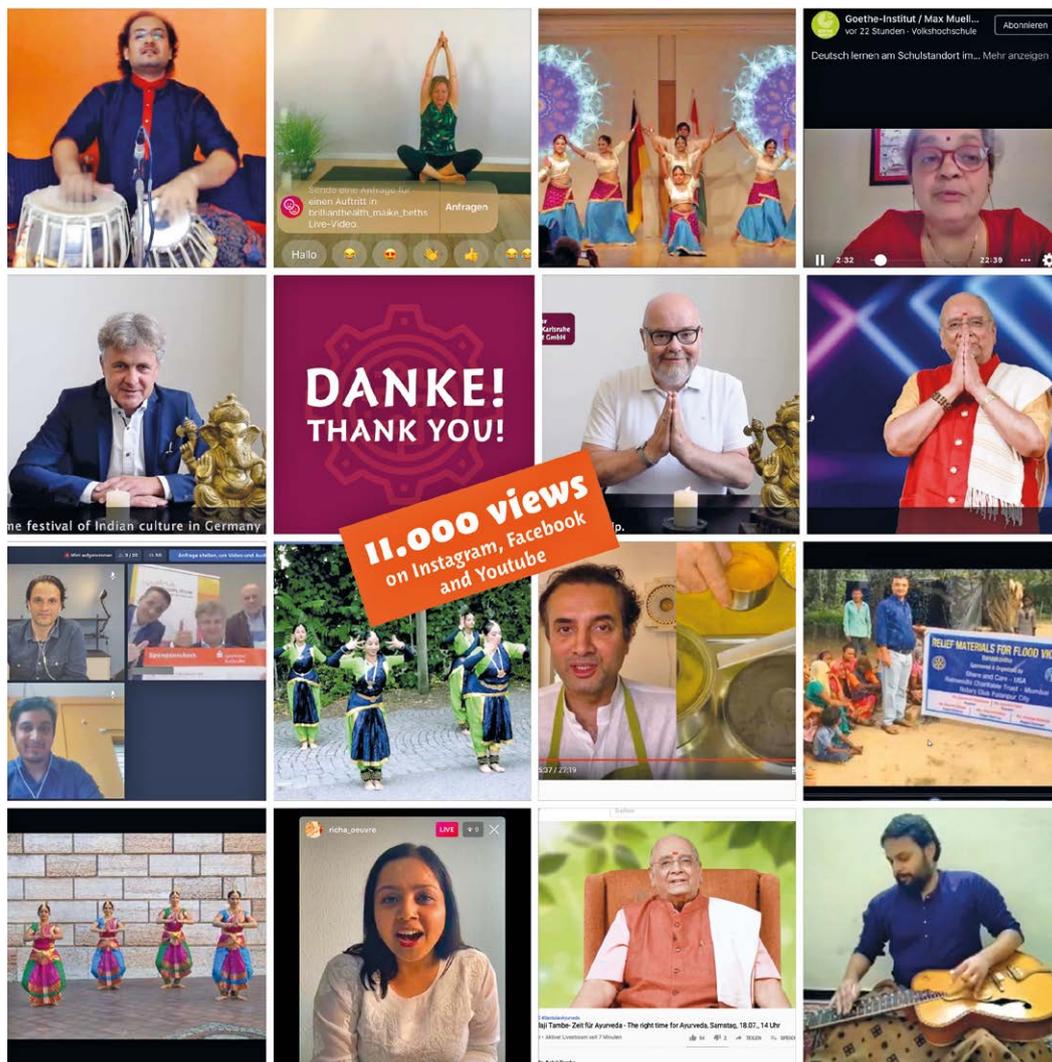
This year's India Summer Days took place virtually and inspired the audience in their homes.

From 17th up to 19th July 2020, the participants of the India Summer Days could attend lectures and workshops on yoga and Ayurveda and enjoy dance shows and art and cooking workshops.

In addition educational projects and social initiatives were presented during the online event. One of the highlights was a virtual tour of the cultural-historical Raja Dinkar Kelkar Museum in Pune. The audience was invited to watch, listen and actively participate.

Whether via Instagram, Facebook or YouTube - with around 11,000 hits, the participants of the India Summer Days showed their affinity for on-line formats and clicked enthusiastically through the program.

The next India Summer Days shall take place in summer 2021.



“LONG NIGHT OF CONSULATES” IN STUTTGART

On Friday, 25th of September 2020 the first “Long Night of Consulates” took place in Stuttgart. The event was organized by the State Ministry Baden-Wuerttemberg and the Ministry of Justice and for Europe Baden-Wuerttemberg.



Indian dance performance

The “Long Night of Consulates” is part of the regional government’s stimulus programme for social cohesion.

On the 25th September 2020 nearly 30 consulates and cultural institutions opened their doors and informed about its work and projects. The Indian Honorary Consulate has also participated in the event and introduced itself to the citizens of Stuttgart. For this purpose the Consulate was represented with an information stall at Kleiner Kursaal Bad Cannstatt.

Among other things, the guests could ask questions about India, receive information materials and try Indian specialities. A highlight of the evening was a performance of an Indian dance group and a lecture from the book “So strange, so familiar: The Journey through India” by Klaus-Juergen Gadamer.

The “Long Night of the Consulates” was very well received by the visitors. Most likely there will be another “Long Night of Consulates” in 2021.



Honorary Consul Andrea Lapp in dialogue with State Council Gisela Erler and Consul N. Ramakrishnan



The information stall of the Indian Honorary Consulate

NEW FORMS OF INDO-GERMAN SCHOOL EXCHANGE

When face-to-face learning was suspended in mid-March due to Covid-19, the education sector itself started to develop its online teaching system and has come up with innovative and mind-boggling ideas in order to avoid disruption in education and learning.



Teacher Training College Stuttgart at TDI International School Sonipat in November 2019

Propelled by the exchange coordinator Angelika Hoff, Teacher Trainer of English as a Foreign Language at Teacher Training College Stuttgart, Germany, students of TDI International School, Sonipat, Haryana, have received the opportunity of being taught the German language by young and motivated native German trainee teachers through online video conferences.

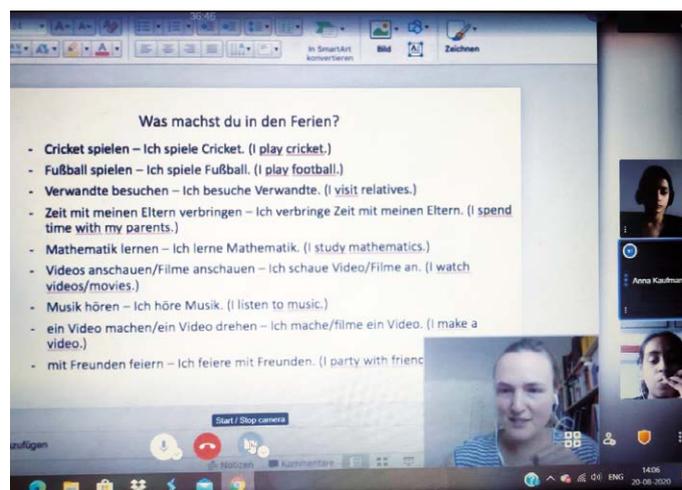
In summer 2020, Angelika Hoff and about 20 trainee teachers have conducted online live and interactive German classes with the students of TDI International School and thus promoted acceptance and understanding of an array of different cultural perspectives by offering excellent insights into Germany and its culture.

Moreover, in the academic year 2020/2021 a virtual teacher exchange, in which 11 teacher trainees from Teacher Training College Stuttgart will be paired up with 11 teachers from TDI International School and virtually invite each other to their lessons, will take place.

By organizing Indian exchange programmes Teacher Training College Stuttgart has played a key role in motivating young teachers to start their own Indian exchange once they have completed their training, thus promoting Indo-German friendship all over the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg through many newly established student exchange programmes in Germany's Southwest.



Interactive German classes



German teacher trainees in dialogue with the Indian students

CREATIVEDAYS-SYMPIOSIUM ON THE “THE FUTURE OF CITIES | EXCEPTIONAL TIMES”

On 27th of November the CreativeDays Stuttgart-Symposium on “The Future of Cities | Exceptional Times” took place at Hospitalhof Stuttgart.



The CreativeDays-Symposium at Hospitalhof

On this evening Rupali Gupte, architect, BARD STUDIO, professor at SEA, Mumbai, Shirin Brueckner, architect, CEO, ATELIER BRÜCKNER und Steffen Braun, institute’s director at Fraunhofer IAO und co-founder of Morgenstadt initiative gave speeches on various topics.

The CreativeDays are an international platform with a symposium and accompanying events, founded on the initiative of the interdisciplinary design studio poonamdesigners.



DIWALI AT THEATER AM FADEN STUTTGART

On Saturday, 31st October 2020 and Sunday, 1st November 2020 – before the second partial lockdown in Germany – two small Diwali festivals were held at Theater am Faden in Stuttgart.

A comprehensive programme of music and dance performances awaited the guests.



Carnatic music and singing performance



Classical Indian dance

VIRTUAL GERMAN-INDIAN ROUND TABLE

Due to the Corona pandemic and the related restrictions, the planned German-Indian Round Tables could not take place in its usual form in 2020. Nevertheless two virtual German-Indian Round Table could be organized in the last months.



Consul General Dr. Juergen Morhard and Honorary Consul Andreas Lapp during the German-Indian Round Table

In July 2020 Dr. Juergen Morhard, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Mumbai, spoke about the current developments in India and the Indo-German relations.

Later in October N. Ramakrishnan, Consul at the Consulate General of India in Munich informed the participants of the Round Table about the tasks of the Consulate General and the new reform and investment programmes of the Indian government.

Both German-Indian Round Table were well received by the participants. In future as well, the Indian Honorary Consulate will use digital technology and offer virtual formats. Despite all this, there is hope that personal encounters will be possible again next year.

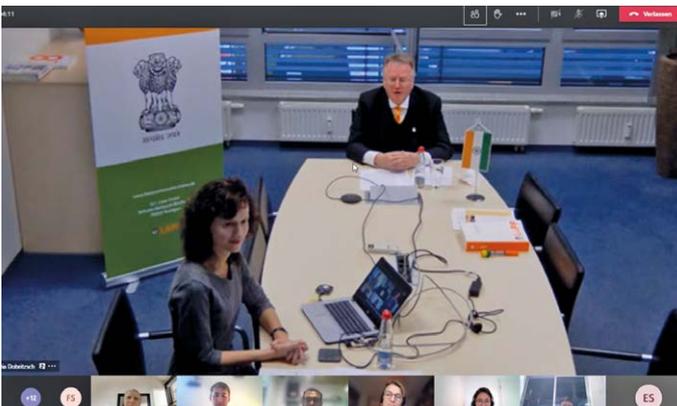
INDIAN DELEGATION VISITS LAPP VIRTUALLY

On Thursday, 19th of November 2020, the company LAPP in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Region Stuttgart organized a virtual company visit for an Indian delegation.

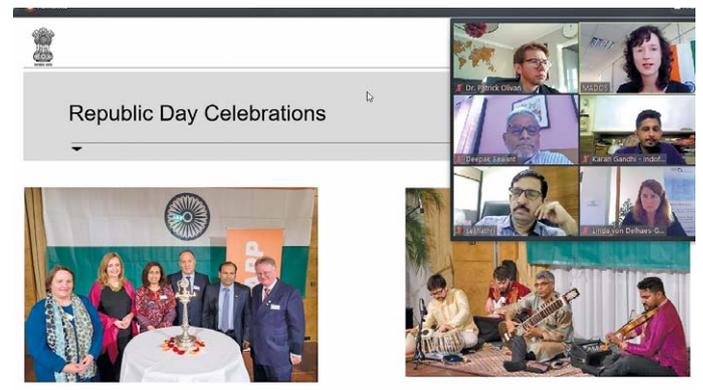
Honorary Consul Andreas Lapp welcomed the guests and gave a short presentation about LAPP and his tasks as Honorary Consul.

After that, the Indian guests could learn more about the company and explore the production site within a virtual tour.

Another part of the virtual visit was a presentation on Innovation and Change Management at LAPP. At the end of the program the guests could learn more about the Indian Honorary Consulate and the Indian Business Center. The Indian delegation showed keen interest in LAPP and asked various questions.



Honorary Consul Andreas Lapp welcomes the guests of the virtual company visit



Presentation about the Indian Honorary Consulate

NEWS IN BRIEF

Virtual wine festival “Stuttgart meets Mumbai” from 22nd until 28th of February 2021

Unfortunately, the Corona pandemic makes no halt for our wine festival “Stuttgart meets Mumbai”. Considering the current developments, it will not be possible to travel to Mumbai in 2021 as usual to celebrate the city partnership between Stuttgart and Mumbai with German and Indian

partners. Instead, there will be a virtual version of the wine festival. The planning for the event has started and the Indian Honorary Consulate is looking forward to welcoming you as guest or partner. Further information can be found on the website of the Indian Honorary Consulate:

www.honorarkonsulat-indien.de



DATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Spring 2021** Exhibition “The 1000 names of Vishnu” at Museum Alte Kulturen, Schloss Hohentuebingen, Tuebingen
- **22. – 28.02.2021** Virtual wine festival “Stuttgart meets Mumbai”
- **26.01.2020** Virtual Republic Day Celebrations
- **Spring 2021** German-Indian Round Table Stuttgart
- **19. – 25.07.2021** Indian Summer Stuttgart
- **21. – 25.07.2021** Indian Film Festival Stuttgart
- **Summer 2021** India Summer Days Karlsruhe

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