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# GERMANY MINUTES

### Lack of Appointments for German Schengen Visas Causing Uncertainties for Businesses



There is a minimum waiting period of two months for Schengen visas, this has started hampering tourism to Europemade vaccine - Covaxin officially recognised effective June 1 by the German government.

The pandemic situation has notably affected the Schengen visa application process as a whole. It was reported that the number of Schengen visa applications filed at the consulates, embassies as well as visa centres of the Schengen Member States worldwide by third-country citizens marked 83 per cent last year, compared to 2019 figures.

Three major exhibitions, Drinktec, Aechma as well as K2022, are set to be held in Germany for the period between August and October. Many Indian companies are participating as visitors and exhibitors in these exhibitions.

This will help them identify new business opportunities. However, the normal procedure for Schengen exhibition visas takes time and makes it difficult for visitors to plan in advance. tour operators, as well as travel agents, have said that business tourism is hampered by the delay in the visa.. In addition, he stressed that business travellers, as well as students, are also subject to the difficulties provoked by such issues

## Wipro automation arm buys German company

Wipro PARI, the industrial automation business of Wipro Infrastructure Engineering (a Wipro Enterprises entity), announced on Monday it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Hochrainer GmbH, based in Freilassing, Germany.

Hochrainer GmbH, a family-owned company, has been in operations since 1973 and employs around 130 people, Bengaluru-headquartered Wipro said in a statement.

The company has established itself as an important supplier of automation technology and assembly systems for numerous global automobile manufacturers, it said, adding that Hochrainer also has a significant presence in other non-automotive sectors and works with key global players in these sectors.

## Coming soon in India--an electric scooter from BMW

The German firm is actively considering bringing in the CE 04, its only global electric scooter to India as an imported CBU from Germany. Unveiled in July last year and launched in Europe earlier this year, the scooter is likely to attract a steep price tag of over INR 14 lakh but would break new ground as the first product in the luxury two wheeler category. Alongside India, BMW is also considering launching it in China, world's largest electric market.

## German automaker's plans to reuse EV batteries in India

Audi has joined hands with Bengaluru-based startup Nunam to devise a solution to give EV batteries a second life. Nunam plans to achieve this by launching a pilot of three electric rickshaws on Indian roads that will be powered by used batteries taken from the powertrain of test vehicles in the Audi e-Tron lineup which currently features the e-Tron SUV, e-Tron Sportback coupe SUV, and e-Tron GT sedan. This non-profit startup is based out of Berlin and Bengaluru and has been funded by the Audi Environmental Foundation (AEF) since 2019. AEF was founded by the German marque in 2009 to raise awareness among the public about environmental protection.







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## Germany Attracts Indian Students With Free Education, Student-Friendly Policies

In the winter semester of 2019-20, out of the 4,11,601 international students, the number of Indian students in Germany stood at 25,149, a record figure which was a 20.85 per cent hike from the year before, as per data from the Federal Statistical Office of Germany. Back then, Indians formed the second-largest group of international students in world-class German universities with most of them going there to study engineering, management and social studies, mathematics, and natural sciences.

Even post-pandemic, Germany has continued to see an influx of Indian students with a German Academic Exchange Service survey saying that most of the 158 surveyed higher education institutes reported an increase in newly enrolled students from India.

#### Germany has a lot to offer—from its education system to its student-friendly policies.

Its state-run universities, which hold significant ranks in the prestigious Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings list, charge nothing or close to nothing for tuition fees. In 2014, a government plan was introduced which abolished tuition fees for all students enrolled in public universities and the same is applicable for international students. The country's high literacy rate can be attributed to its cheap and advanced education system that provides top-notch employability skills.

In terms of courses, there are thousands of courses across fields for students to choose from. Not knowing German may create some problems, although there are numerous choices for students who prefer English as their medium of education. The compulsory 20-hours-a-week work rule also prepares students in their respective fields while offering them practical experience related to their field of education.

#### Money Matters

While education in public universities is free, private universities could charge anywhere between €15-30,000 in Germany. That, however, can be managed by applying for the right scholarships offered by universities. Applicants have to prove that they have €10,332 at their disposal for a year. In terms of accommodation, the monthly rent can range from €550 to €1,500 depending on the city, area and room type. Utilities will cost another €150 to €350 depending on the city and the size of accommodation

#### **How To Apply**

Like any other country, the process starts with you choosing the right course in your preferred universities. Here, you need to make sure that you have the required test scores that are demanded by the universities, including language proficiency scores.

To prove your proficiency in English, taking a Test of English as a Foreign Language is mandatory. Other than this, a certain level of proficiency in German will also be needed for the completion of the admission process. In that context, two exams are recommended—the Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache (advanced-level language exam) by TestDaF Institute, Germany and Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang (required to join a German university) that is generally conducted by the specific university that you have applied for. Here, you will have to check the eligibility conditions of the universities carefully so you know beforehand which of these exams is mandated by them. Proficiency in English and German will also help you when you apply for the student visa.

## Andhra Pradesh CM inaugurates Indo-German global academy for agroecology

Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy formally inaugurated the Indo German Global Academy for Agroecology, Research and Learning (IGGAARL) in his Pulivendula constituency of Kadapa district on Thursday.

The academy is a fall-out of the joint effort between the Federal Government of Germany and the Government of India to strengthen the ongoing initiatives in the state and develop the science behind natural farming.

The IGGAARL will organise research through competitive grants, involving globally and nationally acclaimed research institutes and universities, besides working closely with Rythu Sadhikara Samstha (RySS), which drives the Andhra Pradesh Community-managed Natural Farming (APCNF).

## Prime Minister Modi's address to Indian diaspora in Munich, Germany

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently visited Germany from June 26 to June 28 for the 48th G7 summit. On his second day of the visit i.e., on June 27, PM Modi interacted with the Indian diaspora in Munich where he listed numerous "achievements" of the Indian government.

In the hour-long community programme, PM Modi took the stage at around 21 minutes and delivered a 33-minute-long speech, where he talked about India's growth story and highlighted the various "achievements" of his government, such as India being "open-defecation free (ODF)" and that "every village" in the country is electrified.



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Germany is an economic superpower and German companies are leading the global market. Therefore, many people dream of getting a job there. Now, the first eligibility criterion to apply for a work visa is having and knowing B2 German level. Due to nationality, employers prefer people who are fluent in German language. In addition, it will be an important factor to increase your potential in business opportunities.

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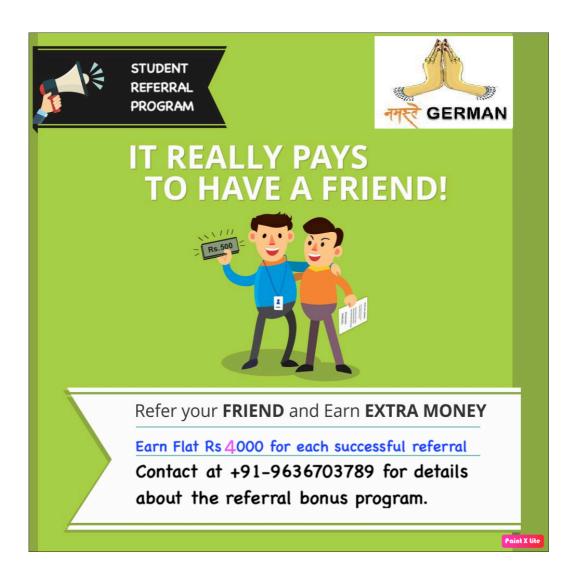
#### NOT JUST LEARN, DO EARN WITH US AS WELL

Do You know, the German language trainings market is flooded with fake trainers as well as novices. Every week we get to listen about stories related to forgery done in online trainings, like person took money and stopped giving classes, quality shown in demo not maintained after that and many other cases.

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