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FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear All,

The first half of this year was filled with many new aspirations and achievements.

The new skilled migration department coordinated successful placements for Germany and is exploring more employment opportunities.

Also, now with the new Government taking their office in Germany, we expect high level of interest in India. We also expect several German delegations visiting India especially Coimbatore.

With strong support of our partners from the industry and German counterparts we can achieve higher goals.

Wishing the team a successful year ahead.

Akila Shanmugam

Director
Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore

↳ Kids' Summer Workshops are back

This summer of 2025, Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore and STEM Labs, Experimenta Science Centre hosted two engaging workshops: a Resin Art Workshop on April 19th and a Creative Woodcraft Workshop using lasers on May 10th. These events were designed for young artists aged 8 to 16, providing them with a hands-on experience in creating resin art using moulds, embellishing their pieces with glitter and alphabet dice, and assembling intricate puzzles. Participants enhanced their problem-solving skills and enjoyed vibrant colouring sessions to personalize their creations. The workshops offered a fantastic opportunity for youth to delve into woodworking and craftsmanship in a fun and educative environment.

The success of these workshops underscores the commitment of Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore and STEM Labs, Experimenta Science Centre to fostering creativity and innovation among young learners. As the workshops continue to inspire and educate, they plan to expand their repertoire to include even more diverse art forms and scientific explorations, ensuring that children find a way to express themselves and discover new talents.

For more information on upcoming workshops, events and exciting new programs that promise to ignite the imagination and curiosity of the participants which encourage them to explore the intersections of art, science, and technology, please visit Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore's official website or check its social media pages.



Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore took part in The Hindu Education Plus Career Counselling Fair 2025, held on May 7th and 8th at Vivanta by Taj, Coimbatore. This vibrant and informative event united leading educational institutions, distinguished speakers, and ambitious young minds. Designed to empower students to make informed career decisions, the fair offered interactive sessions, engaging discussions, and expert guidance on various career pathways.



Board-Game Day at GZC

On February 8, 2025, Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore hosted a delightful board game day, inviting students and the public to take a break from digital screens and gather around tables to strategize and collaborate in the board games. The event featured a variety of board games, including Catan, Chess, Scrabble, Monopoly, Jenga, Snakes & Ladders, Puzzles, and Pallanguzhi.

The event aimed not only to entertain but also to nurture community spirit and to promote interpersonal communication, the values that Goethe-Zentrum cherishes.

Participants left with new friendships and a renewed appreciation for face-to-face interactions, making it a truly memorable day for everyone involved.

Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore signs MOU with Satchidananda Jothi Nikethan International School



Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore signs Memorandum of Understanding with Satchidananda Jothi Nikethan International School to conduct German Language classes in the school campus. The MoU outlines the establishment of a structured German language course for students at Satchidananda Jothi Nikethan International School in Mettupalayam.

The MoU was formally exchanged between Dr. Kavidasan, Secretary of SJNIS and Ms. Akila Shanmugam, Director of Goethe-Zentrum.



A Memorable Visit from Mr. Alexandre Callegaro

On January 24, 2025, Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore proudly welcomed Mr. Alexandre Callegaro, the Head of the Economic Section at the German Embassy in New Delhi.

During his visit, he engaged with students and faculty at Goethe-Zentrum. This inspiring occasion allowed him to share valuable insights into Germany's economic environment and the vital role of cultural exchange in strengthening international relations.



Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore signs MOU with Karpagam Academy of Higher Education (KAHE)

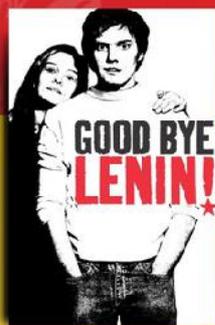


The MOU enables the students of KAHE to pursue structured, offline German language training directly on campus. This initiative is aimed at strengthening students' linguistic proficiency and enhancing their global readiness.

The MoU was formally exchanged between Dr. Vasanth Kumar, President of KAHE and Ms. Akila Shanmugam, Director of Goethe-Zentrum.

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AT GOETHE-ZENTRUM COIMBATORE



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Movie SCREENING

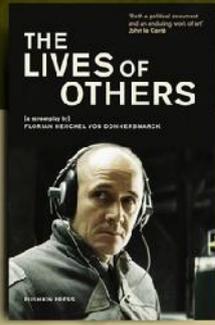
GOOD BYE, LENINI! (GOOD BYE, LENIN)

Germany, 2003
Tragicomedy / Drama
Directed by: Wolfgang Pichler
German with English Subtitles
Duration: 2hr 01min
Rated for Ages 13+

FREE ENTRY

Time: 5 PM
12.04.2025 Saturday
Venue: Mini Auditorium, Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore

For more information please see QR



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Movie SCREENING

THE LIVES OF OTHERS

It is available in HD
FLORIAN BACHLER FOR GOETHEZENTRUM

DAS LEBEN DER ANDEREN (THE LIVES OF OTHERS)

Germany, 2006
Drama / Thriller / Mystery
Directed by: Florian Bachler and Cornelia Helmrich
German with English Subtitles
Duration: 1hr 32mins
Rated for Ages 13+

FREE ENTRY

Time: 5 PM
27.03.2025 Saturday
Venue: Mini Auditorium, Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore

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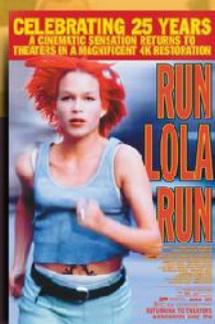
GOETHE! (JOHANN GOETHE IN LOVE)

Germany, 2011
Historical Drama
Directed by: Philipp Stölzl
German with English Subtitles
Duration: 1hr 44 mins
Rated for Ages 13+

FREE ENTRY

Time: 11 AM & 5 PM
22.02.2025 Saturday
Venue: Mini Auditorium, Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore

For more information please see QR or call +91 9886460200



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Movie SCREENING

LOLA RENNT (RUN LOLA RUN)

Germany, 1999
Dramatic Crime
Directed by: Tom Tykwer
German with English Subtitles
Duration: 1hr 19min
Rated for Ages 13+

FREE ENTRY

Time: 5 PM
10.03.2025 Sunday
Venue: Mini Auditorium, Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore

For more information please see QR



The Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore screens German movies on the evenings of the second/fourth Saturday of each month at the Mini Auditorium. These free-entry events invite audiences to immerse themselves in the realm of German cinema. Each film delves into themes of courage, love, rebellion, transformation and so on, leaving viewers inspired and igniting discussions that linger long after the credits have rolled.

The audience have always not only enjoyed the movies but also engaged enthusiastically in discussions afterward, expressing their emotions and gratitude for the art form.

A Dream That Kicked Off the Journey

The first screening of the year on January 25 showcased “Der ganz große Traum (Lessons of a Dream)”, a heart-warming drama about Konrad Koch, a visionary teacher who introduced football to 19th-century German students. Attendees were captivated by Daniel Brühl’s performance and the film’s message of change through education. The screening drew a full house, with many expressing how relevant and inspiring the narrative felt even today.

Young Goethe in Love, Twice Over

On February 22, "Goethe!", a film about the famed poet's passionate youth, was screened both in the morning and evening due to high demand. Viewers were charmed by the romantic drama, with several noting how it humanized a literary icon and celebrated emotional expression over rigid tradition. The evening's screening saw a packed room and engaged discussions afterwards.

The Lives of Others: A Silent Revolution

March 29 brought in a sombre, thought-provoking turn with the Academy Award-winning "Das Leben der Anderen (The Lives of Others)". The thriller about surveillance in East Germany left many in reflective silence. Audience praised the film's emotional depth and powerful storytelling. "It will stay with me for days," one attendee commented. The screening felt like a shared act of introspection for everyone present.

Goodbye to the Old, Lenin-Style

On April 12, "Good Bye, Lenin!" drew laughter and tears alike. The tragicomedy about a son's elaborate scheme to protect his mother from political truth struck a deep chord. The mix of humour and heartbreak resonated strongly with the audience, many of whom stayed back after the screening to share how the film mirrored real experiences of change, family, and nostalgia.

Run, Lola, Run - And So Did the Audience's Applause

Another memorable screening was the adrenaline-pumping "Lola Rennt (Run Lola Run)" on May 10. The film's fast pace, nonlinear narrative, and unforgettable soundtrack thrilled the viewers. As the credits rolled, the room burst into applause – a spontaneous celebration of storytelling at its best. Some attendees couldn't but wonder such a timeless classic was told a quarter of a century ago and how it is fresh as a new movie today.

German Cinema Finds a Home in Coimbatore

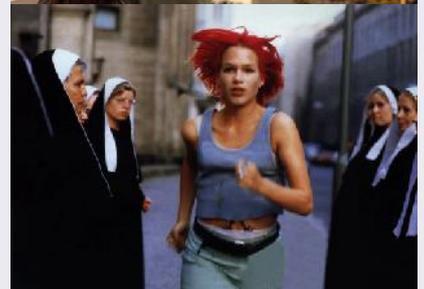
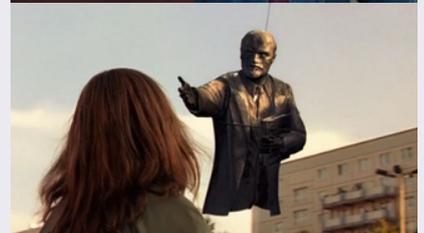
The Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore has been steadily winning hearts through its German film screenings, offering cinemaphiles a window into Germany's rich cinematic and cultural landscape. From historical dramas to emotional thrillers, every screening brings a fresh perspective—and a growing audience.

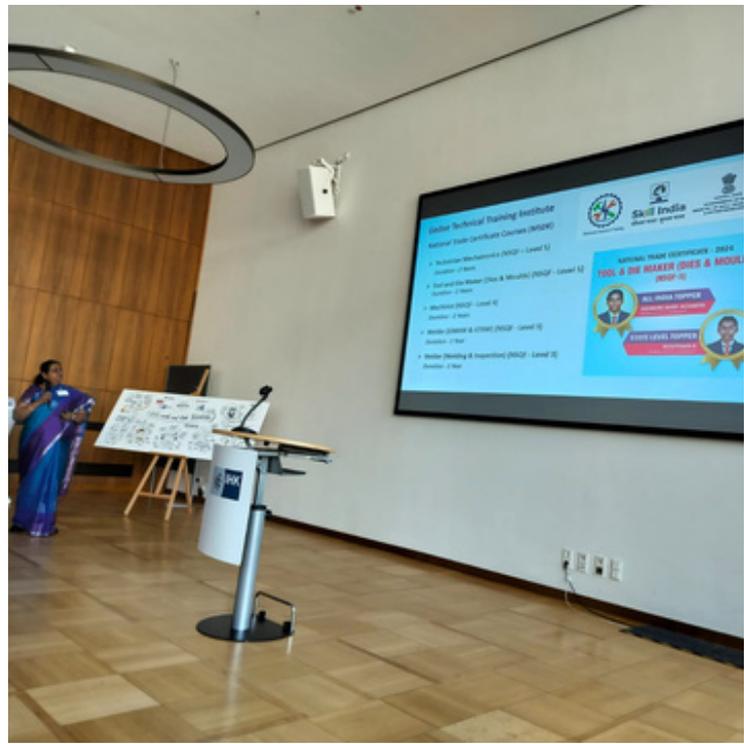
These screenings are free, open to all - a testament to Coimbatore's growing appetite for international cinema. These screenings offer more than entertainment: each film becomes an entry point into Germany's social history, artistic heritage, and human stories.

For the Goethe-Zentrum, this initiative is part of its commitment to fostering cultural exchange and mutual appreciation through the arts. The screenings not only celebrate German filmmaking but also invite dialogue, reflection, and connection among diverse audiences.



Daniel Brühl has recently gained a host of new fans in the city of Coimbatore.





INDO-GERMAN SKILLED MIGRATION TIES AT NÜRNBERG EVENT

Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore made a significant mark at the international networking event “Recruiting Skilled Workers from Third Countries”, organised by the Nürnberg Chamber of Commerce and Industry under the leadership of Mr. Markus Löttsch, its Chief Executive, on Thursday, April 3, 2025, in Nürnberg. The event, aimed at promoting global partnerships to address Germany’s skilled labour shortage, brought together key players from across countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Representing Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore was Director Ms. Akila Shanmugam and Deputy Director Mr. Sivanunni Puthenveedu, who outlined structured pathways for skilled migration from India. Goethe-Zentrum’s participation underscored its growing role not just as a cultural institution, but as a strategic facilitator in international mobility and workforce development.

Highlighting India’s Talent and Training Capabilities

In the event attended by German Chambers of Commerce and Industry Abroad (AHKs) and partners like the German Agency for Business and Economic Development (GIZ), Goethe-Zentrum brought insights into:

- India’s skilled talent pool
- Vocational training system provided by the Gedee Technical Training Institute (GTTI) in collaboration with Goethe-Zentrum as the language learning partner
- The readiness of Indian youth to contribute to the German workforce



Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore's expertise in language training, cultural orientation, and employer engagement was highlighted as a key differentiator in ensuring smooth and successful immigration journeys.

Enabling Direct Connections and Dialogue

The event featured presentations, discussions, and one-on-one networking sessions, offering a platform for German companies to connect directly with recruitment and training partners. Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore's presence facilitated deeper conversations around intercultural integration, and long-term cooperation between Indian institutions and German industries.

Paving the Way for Sustainable Skilled Migration

As Germany intensifies its efforts to attract international talent, the involvement of institutions like Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore becomes increasingly vital. Their work bridges not only geographical gaps but also cultural and operational divides – ensuring that skilled migration is sustainable, well-supported, and mutually beneficial.

To know more and explore opportunities to work in Germany as a skilled professional, contact the Skilled Migration Division at Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore via email: skilledimmigration@goethecoimbatore.com



Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore signs MOU with Kumaraguru Institutions



Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Kumaraguru Institutions to establish the **Kumaraguru-Goethe-Zentrum Centre for German Language** at the KCT Campus in Coimbatore. This agreement allows Kumaraguru Institutions' students to engage in structured, offline German language training right on campus. The initiative aims to enhance students' linguistic skills and improve their global readiness.

The MOU was officially exchanged between Mr. Shankar Vanavarayar, President of Kumaraguru Institutions, and Ms. Akila Shanmugam, Director of Goethe-Zentrum.



Mr. Heinrich Sülzle visits GTTI, GD science Museum & Goethe-Zentrum

On May 19, 2025, Mr. Heinrich Sülzle, Managing Partner, Sülzle Holding GmbH & Co.KG, Germany visited Gedee Technical Training Institute (GTTI), GD Science Museum and Goethe-Zentrum. He was accompanied by Mr. Daniel Raja, Director BVMW India and Mr. Andre Krüger, Managing Director of TecMed Bildung GmbH.

During the visit, Mr. Sülzle discussed about the various collaboration opportunities between Gedee Group and Sülzle Holding GmbH & Co.KG.

The role of Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore as German language partner in this potential collaboration was also discussed.



A day out to Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore

In an inspiring blend of academic curiosity and cultural engagement, a group of enthusiastic students from KPR Institute of Engineering and Technology visited Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore for an immersive experience on campus. These students, currently pursuing German language courses at their college, were welcomed for a day-long exposure visit designed to deepen their understanding of the German language and the many doors it opens globally.

A Day of Discovery and Dialogue

The visit began with a tour of Goethe-Zentrum's **Library and Information Centre**, where students explored a wide range of resources—from classic German literature and modern fiction to the new edition of famous German magazines, language learning tools and multimedia materials. For many, it was their first interaction with such a culturally rich environment dedicated solely to German language and culture.





Our students have returned not only more informed but also more motivated.

The students then assembled at the Mini-Auditorium, and were greeted by a warm welcome from Mr. Sivanunni, Deputy Director of Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore, who offered a brief introduction to the centre's work, highlighting its role in promoting German language education, cultural exchange, and international cooperation in Coimbatore and beyond. Students were introduced to the range of activities the centre facilitates—including language classes, film screenings, cultural festivals, and resource access through its library and information centre.

Followed by a brief but insightful seminar, which unfolded in two parts:

"Why Learn German?" – This session, presented by Ms. Martha Tomczak, a native German speaker and language instructor at Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore, highlighted the global relevance of the German language, particularly in engineering, science, and technology. She illustrated how proficiency in German can enhance academic prospects, unlock scholarships, and offer career advantages in both India and Europe. Students were especially engaged when learning about the linguistic edge German provides in international workspaces and research communities.

"Skilled Immigration to Germany" – The second session, led by Mr. Prabhu Shanmugham, Manager of the Skilled Immigration Division at Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore, offered a practical look at Germany's skilled workforce policies and opportunities. Students were introduced to Germany's demand for international professionals in various sectors such as IT, engineering, and healthcare. The session provided clarity on the career opportunities, and the importance of language proficiency in adapting to life and work in Germany.

The students asked thoughtful questions and interacted actively throughout the sessions. For many, it was a turning point—transforming their interest in the language into a larger vision of studying, working, or even settling in Germany.

Dr. Saranya, the coordinator of the day's event from KPR Institute of Engineering and Technology, expressed appreciation for the initiative:

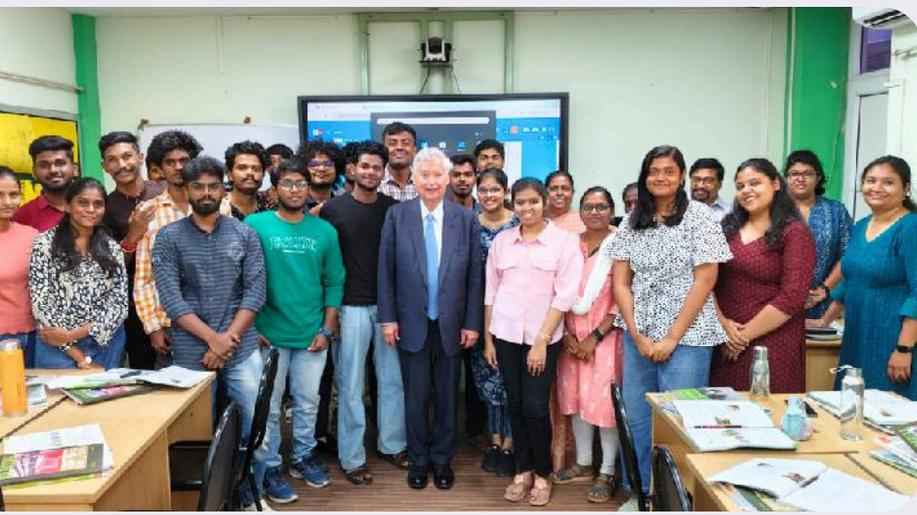
"Our students have returned not only more informed but also more motivated. The exposure to Goethe-Zentrum's resources and guidance has added immense value to their learning journey."

A Partnership in Progress

This visit marks another milestone in the growing collaboration between educational institutions in Coimbatore and Goethe-Zentrum. With more students showing interest in German language and culture, such initiatives create vital bridges between classroom learning and real-world application.

As Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore continues to serve as a cultural and linguistic hub in the region, the centre reaffirms its commitment to empowering youth through language education and global opportunities.





Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore welcomed Dr. Wilfried Stoll, Managing Partner of FESTO Holding GmbH, Germany.

The students interacted warmly with Dr. Stoll, raising questions on the employment prospects in Germany and FESTO's technological advancements. Dr. Stoll emphasized the importance of learning German language to secure an employment in Germany.



Dr. Wilfried Stoll's visit - a source of inspiration for the students



Upcoming Courses

July to September 2025

July 2025	
14.07.2025	B1 - Weekdays Intensive - Evening Offline
21.07.2025	A1 - Weekdays Intensive - Evening Blended
25.07.2025	A1 - Weekend Intensive - Evening Offline
August 2025	
18.08.2025	A1 - Weekdays Intensive - Morning Offline
25.08.2025	B2 - Exam Preparation - Online
27.08.2025	B1 - Weekdays Intensive - Morning Offline
September 2025	
12.09.2025	A1 - Weekdays Intensive - Morning Online
17.09.2025	A2 - Weekdays Intensive - Evening Offline

Important Note on Examination



Effective **1st August 2025**, all candidates appearing for **Goethe-Zertifikat examinations** must present a valid passport.

Valid Passport will be the only accepted form of identification.

Candidates **who fail** to present a valid passport **will not be allowed to take the exam.**





DAAD: STUDY IN GERMANY DAY



On March 21, 2025, more than 300 students gathered at the Gedee Auditorium, Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore, for Study in Germany Day – an insightful event organized in collaboration with the DAAD Information Centre, Chennai.

The half-day seminar offered valuable guidance on pursuing Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Germany, along with essential information on application procedures, language preparation, and student life.

Expert-Led Sessions on Higher Education in Germany

The event commenced with a welcome address, setting the tone for an afternoon filled with informative sessions led by experts. Ms. Kavitha Somasundaram, Regional Officer at DAAD Information Centre, Chennai, delivered the first presentation focused on Master's programs in Germany. She offered a comprehensive overview of academic requirements, the application timeline, and university options. Later in the program, Ms. Antoinette Stephen, also from DAAD Information Centre, Chennai, provided detailed insights into Bachelor's study opportunities in Germany, helping students understand eligibility criteria and academic pathways.

Students Share Their Experience from Germany

Bringing real-life perspective to the event were two DAAD Young Ambassadors who joined virtually from Germany

to share their experiences. Ghayathri Suriyamoorthy, an alumna of the University of Stuttgart and now employed at TransnetBW, spoke about her transition from India to Germany, academic challenges, and career progress.

Following her, Shaurya Gupta, a current Bachelor's student at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, shared his experiences of studying and living in Germany, offering tips on settling in and navigating student life abroad.

Spotlight on Language Learning and SOP Writing

The importance of language skills was addressed by Mr. Prabhu Shanmugham of Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore, who led a session titled "Learning the German Language - An Overview." He emphasized how learning German can greatly improve academic performance, cultural adaptation, and job prospects in Germany.

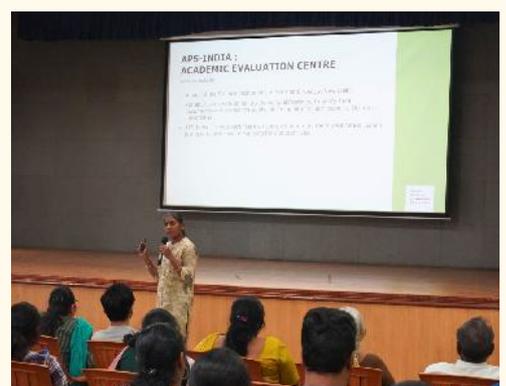
Ms. Kavitha Somasundaram returned to the stage for another key session on "Writing a Strong SOP," where she outlined what makes an effective and personalized Statement of Purpose – a critical component of any German university application.

Interactive Q&A Sessions Engage Audience

Each session included dedicated Q&A segments, allowing students to clarify doubts about the admission process, visa procedures, scholarships, language levels, and more. The speakers responded with practical advice, making the event highly interactive and student-focused.

An Inspiring Step Toward Global Education

The event concluded with a final Q&A and closing remarks, leaving students with renewed motivation and a clearer understanding of how to pursue higher studies in Germany. Study in Germany Day proved to be more than just an information session – it was an empowering platform that connected students with the right knowledge, resources, and inspiration to take the next step toward international education.



The DAAD Information Centre in Chennai, responsible for Tamilnadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry, provides information on study and research in Germany, advises students and academicians on funding opportunities, and assists in building ties between German and Indian institutions of higher education.

Please visit <https://www.daad.in> for more details.



Her Excellency **Dr. Kathrin Misera-Lang**, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of India, Chennai visits **Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore**

On March 19th, Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore had the honor of hosting Her Excellency Dr. Kathrin Misera-Lang, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of India, Chennai.

During her visit, she engaged with staff, teachers, and students of Goethe-Zentrum. The students eagerly asked questions about German culture, making the interaction an enriching experience that deepened their passion for language learning and cross-cultural exchange.



Dr. Misera-Lang also had insightful discussions with the teachers, exchanging ideas on language education. She highlighted the significance of German for students and professionals relocating to Germany and expressed her appreciation for the teachers' dedication.

She visited the library, pointing out some familiar titles and German magazines, further emphasizing the importance of access to authentic learning resources.

Before departing, she shared her best wishes with everyone and gathered with the team for a group photo, capturing a memorable moment of this inspiring visit.





The Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore commemorated International Women's Day with a spirited open-mic debate on March 7, 2025. German-language students gathered in the Mini Auditorium to discuss the theme "Why Women's Day," reflecting on gender equality and women's rights. International Women's Day (March 8) is recognized globally to call attention to women's rights, gender equality and the social, cultural and political achievements of women. Moderated by Deputy Director Mr. Sivanunni and the institute's language instructors, the session set the stage for an evening of creative dialogue and community celebration.

Debating "Why Women's Day"

Once the open-mic began, students took turns addressing the core question: Why do we need International Women's Day? Each speaker analysed the topic from his/her own perspective. In this debate-style format, participants learned to develop clear and well-supported arguments. Goethe-Zentrum believes that debates help students "analyse complex issues from multiple perspectives," which strengthens critical thinking and communication skills. For example, one student argued passionately that Women's Day is still needed to highlight ongoing gender gaps, while another pointed out strides in social progress. Without a doubt, such experiences make students more articulate and confident speakers. In the end, the moderators rewarded those who made the strongest, most persuasive points with small gifts, adding a friendly incentive.

The Women's Day open-mic at the Goethe-Zentrum promoted active listening and thoughtful responses, fostering empathy and understanding among participants. This event aimed to celebrate Women's Day through diverse voices and creative dialogue, transforming a classroom into an engaging stage for empowerment. It highlighted that even small, student-led events can have a significant impact on community and create awareness of International Women's Day.

HOT DEBATE: WHY WOMEN'S DAY

on International Women's Day





Participants from the movie screening of "Lola rennt" gathered for a group photo after experiencing this iconic film at the Goethe Zentrum Coimbatore on May 10th.

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