

# Aus Kovai



**GOETHE-ZENTRUM COIMBATORE**

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# PONGAL CELEBRATIONS

Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore celebrated Pongal with great joy and enthusiasm on 10 January 2026. The campus came alive as staff, faculty, and students gathered to celebrate the harvest festival in an atmosphere filled with warmth, colour, and festivity.

Dressed in vibrant traditional attire, participants embraced the spirit of Pongal with infectious enthusiasm, making the occasion both memorable and meaningful.



The celebrations were enlivened by a vibrant array of activities, including group dance performances, singing, a lively Pattimandram (traditional debate), Uriyadi (the blindfolded breaking of an earthen pot), and an energetic Tug of War.





# GRÜNES DIPLOM AWARDING FUNCTION



A proud milestone for Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore, four of its faculty members were awarded the prestigious Grünes Diplom by Dr. Katharina Görgen, Director of Goethe-Institut Chennai, during the Deutschlehrertagung (DLT) 2026 held at Goethe-Institut Chennai. The internationally recognised qualification marked the successful culmination of two years of rigorous training, dedicated effort, and unwavering commitment to excellence in German language teaching.



To commemorate this remarkable achievement, Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore organised a felicitation ceremony on 11 February 2026. Ms. Akila Shanmugam, Director, congratulated and honoured the faculty members, acknowledging their perseverance, hard work, and passion for professional excellence. The occasion was a moment of immense pride for the institution, celebrating not only the accomplishments of the awardees but also Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore's continued commitment to maintaining the highest standards in German language training.



# Visit by **THE DIRECTOR OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING**

Dr. C. Palani, IAS, Director of Employment and Training, Chennai, visited Gedee Technical Training Institute (GTTI) and Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore on 31 January 2026. During his visit, he had an engaging interaction with the Goethe-Zentrum team, gaining insights into the institution's programmes and initiatives.



The visit provided a valuable platform for discussions on German language education, international career opportunities, and Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore's ongoing efforts to foster linguistic excellence and promote Indo-German cultural exchange. The interaction reaffirmed the institution's commitment to equipping learners with global competencies and expanding pathways for international education and employment.



## Visit by **PROTECTOR OF EMIGRANTS, CHENNAI**



On 2nd February 2026, Mr. Rajkumar M., IFS, Protector of Emigrants for Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, visited Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore and interacted with the Director and members of the staff.

During the visit, the Goethe-Zentrum team presented an overview of its German language programmes, international career opportunities, and the skilled migration pathways available to aspiring professionals seeking employment in Germany. The discussions also highlighted the institution's pivotal role in promoting Indo-German cultural exchange and empowering students and professionals with the language skills and guidance needed to realise their global aspirations.



# TAMIL NADU OVERSEAS MOBILITY EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT 2026



On 16 February 2026, Ms. Akila Shanmugam, Director of Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore, and Mr. Prabhu Shanmugam, Skilled Migration Manager, were invited to speak at the

Tamil Nadu Overseas Mobility Employer Partnership Summit 2026 during the India-Germany Country Session.

Their presentation focused on vocational training models, German language education, and skilled migration pathways to Germany. Emphasising the importance of aligning Tamil Nadu's skill development ecosystem with German standards, they highlighted collaborative initiatives that can create sustainable international career opportunities for aspiring professionals. The session underscored Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore's continued commitment to bridging the gap between education, skills, and global employment prospects.

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Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore celebrated International Women's Day on 6 March 2026 with an evening of joy, music, and appreciation at the Mini Auditorium. The celebration brought together staff, faculty and students to honour the strength, resilience, and achievements of women while fostering a spirit of warmth and togetherness.

# WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION 2026



The highlight of the evening was an enthralling performance by the Yaazh Music Band, whose vibrant music filled the auditorium with energy and enthusiasm. The celebration was a fitting tribute to the invaluable contributions of women, leaving everyone with cherished memories of an evening marked by happiness, camaraderie, and heartfelt appreciation.

# AUSBILDUNG IN GERMANY – INFO SESSION & ALUMNI TALK

On 12 March 2026, Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore organised a seminar on Ausbildung in Germany, offering students valuable insights into vocational education and career opportunities in Germany. Mr. Prabhu Shanmugham, Manager – Skilled Migration led the seminar. The session also featured Mr. Rahul Nandan Ramamoorthi, Auszubildender (Event Management) at Euroscience GmbH, Kappeln, Germany, who shared his personal experiences of living, learning, and working in Germany.



Drawing from his own journey, Mr. Ramamoorthi spoke about cultural adaptation, the German work environment, career prospects, and the Ausbildung pathway. His practical insights provided students with a deeper understanding of the opportunities available in Germany and inspired them to pursue their international academic and professional aspirations with confidence.



# VISIT BY THE AMBASSADOR OF GERMANY TO INDIA AND BHUTAN

On 26 March 2026, Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore had the distinct honour of welcoming Dr. Philipp Ackermann, Ambassador of Germany to India and Bhutan. During his visit, the Ambassador interacted with students and faculty members, visited classrooms, and gained first-hand insights into the institution's vibrant learning environment.

The Ambassador appreciated the students' enthusiasm for the German language and culture and shared valuable perspectives on Germany, Indo-German cultural exchange, and the diverse academic and professional opportunities available to German language learners. His encouraging interaction inspired both students and faculty, making the visit a memorable occasion and reaffirming Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore's commitment to academic excellence, cultural understanding, and international collaboration.





As part of its ongoing commitment to promoting German language and culture, Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore hosts free German film screenings at the Mini Auditorium on the second or fourth Saturday evening of every month. These screenings provide students, film enthusiasts, and the wider community with a unique opportunity to experience the richness and diversity of contemporary German cinema.

Featuring compelling stories of courage, love, resilience, rebellion, sports, and personal transformation, each film offers audiences a glimpse into German society and culture through the lens of exceptional storytelling. The screenings are often followed by lively discussions, encouraging cultural exchange, thoughtful reflection, and a deeper appreciation of German language, cinema, and contemporary life.

## Peppercorns and the secret of the deep sea

The film, *Peppercorns and the Secret of the Deep Sea*, was screened on January 24, 2026. The adventurous family film captivated the audience with its exciting journey, environmental message, and themes of friendship and courage. The screening was followed by an interactive session.



## The Miracle of Bern

The film, *The Miracle of Bern*, was screened on February 14, 2026. The inspiring sports drama highlighted themes of hope, family, and resilience. A lively post-screening discussion followed.





## Moonlight children

The film, Moonlight Children, was screened on March 28, 2026. The touching drama engaged the audience with its emotional storytelling and themes of friendship, family, and resilience.



## At eye level

The film, At Eye Level, was screened on April 25, 2026. The drama touched the audience with its themes of family, identity, and acceptance.



## The Pasta Detectives

The film, The Pasta Detectives, was screened on May 23, 2026. The entertaining family adventure engaged the audience with its mystery, humor, and themes of friendship and teamwork.



## Almanya - Welcome to Germany

On June 27, 2026, the film Almanya - Willkommen in Deutschland (Almanya - Welcome to Germany) was screened, followed by an engaging discussion session on the film's theme.



# TRAINING FOR STAFF

## WORKSHOP ON OPTIMUM USE OF MS EXCEL



As part of its commitment to continuous professional development, Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore organised a workshop on “Optimum Use of MS Excel” for its staff members on 25 April 2026. The session was conducted by Ms. Suganthi J., Trainer, Mahatma Gandhi Memorial, Coim.

The interactive workshop focused on enhancing participants' proficiency in Microsoft Excel, equipping them with practical tools to improve workplace efficiency, streamline data management, and optimise everyday administrative tasks. The programme reinforced the institution's emphasis on skill development and empowering its staff with essential digital competencies.

## WORKSHOP ON TEAM BUILDING



Continuing its focus on professional development and workplace excellence, Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore organised a Team Building Workshop for its staff members on 13 June 2026. The session was conducted by Mr. Sasi Kumar R., Senior Manager – HR, UMS Technologies Private Limited.

Through a series of engaging and interactive activities, the workshop emphasised the importance of teamwork, effective communication, collaboration, and mutual trust in creating a positive and productive work environment.





# WORKSHOP ON RESIN ART

Creativity and imagination took centre stage as Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore organised a Summer Camp - Resin Art Workshop on 9 May 2026 at the STEM Lab, GD Science Museum.

The workshop brought together 26 enthusiastic participants for an engaging and hands-on learning experience, introducing them to the fascinating world of resin art. Guided through the creative process, participants explored innovative artistic techniques while expressing their imagination through colourful creations.

Blending learning with creativity, the workshop inspired artistic expression, encouraged experimentation, and provided a memorable experience for all who attended.





# WORKSHOP ON WOODCRAFT

A day of creativity, craftsmanship, and hands-on learning unfolded at the Summer Camp - Woodcraft Workshop, organised by Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore on 13 May 2026 at the STEM Lab, GD Science Museum.

Participants enthusiastically explored the art of woodcraft through engaging practical activities, transforming simple materials into unique and imaginative creations. The workshop fostered creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork while providing a stimulating environment for learning through experience.

The event offered participants an enjoyable and rewarding opportunity to develop new skills, making it a memorable addition to Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore's Summer Camp series.



## VISIT BY THE INCOMING AND OUTGOING DIRECTORS OF GOETHE-INSTITUT, CHENNAI



On 22 May 2026, Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore had the privilege of welcoming Dr. Leonhard Emmerling, the incoming Director of Goethe-Institut Chennai, along with Dr. Katharina Görgen, the outgoing Director. During their visit, they interacted with the Goethe-Zentrum team and students, gaining insights into the institution's dynamic learning environment and vibrant community.

The visit marked a significant moment for Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore as it warmly welcomed Dr. Emmerling and introduced him to the institution's activities and initiatives. It also provided an opportunity to bid a heartfelt farewell to Dr. Katharina Görgen, whose unwavering guidance, encouragement, and steadfast support have played a pivotal role in the centre's growth and achievements. The occasion reflected both gratitude for her invaluable contributions and optimism for continued collaboration under the new leadership.



# ORIENTATION PROGRAMME- **KARPAGAM ACADEMY OF HIGHER EDUCATION**



As part of its outreach initiatives, Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore conducted an orientation programme at Karpagam Academy of Higher Education (Engineering), Coimbatore, on 19 June 2026, highlighting the growing importance of learning the German language in today's global landscape. The session provided students with valuable insights into German language learning, higher education opportunities, global career prospects, and

Germany's increasing demand for skilled professionals across various sectors. The interactive programme encouraged students to explore international pathways and underscored the significant role of German language proficiency in building successful global careers.







# TRAINING SESSION ON FIREFIGHTING & SAFETY

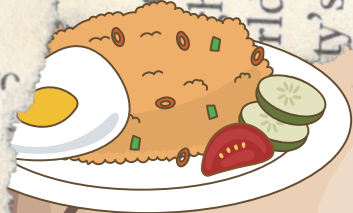
As part of its commitment to ensuring a safe and secure learning environment, Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore organised a Training Session on Firefighting and Safety on 23 June 2026. The programme was conducted by Usha Fire Safety and witnessed the participation of faculty, staff, and students.

The comprehensive session provided valuable insights into fire prevention, emergency response procedures, and safety preparedness. Participants also received practical demonstrations and hands-on training in the effective use of firefighting equipment, equipping them with the knowledge and confidence to respond appropriately during fire emergencies.

The programme reinforced the importance of safety awareness and preparedness, reflecting Goethe-Zentrum Coimbatore's commitment to fostering a secure and responsible campus environment.







# GERMAN RECIPE CORNER:

## SPÄTZLE

Serves 4

*A beloved comfort food from southern Germany, Spätzle are soft, homemade egg noodles that can be enjoyed as a side dish or as a meal on their own. Topped with buttery toasted breadcrumbs, they are simple, hearty, and delicious.*

### Ingredients

2 cups all-purpose flour

1 tsp salt

2 eggs

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup milk

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup fine dry bread crumbs

$\frac{1}{4}$  cup butter or margarine, melted

### Method

1. In a mixing bowl, combine the flour and salt.
2. In a separate bowl, whisk together the eggs and milk, then gradually stir the mixture into the flour until a smooth batter is formed.
3. Bring a large pot of salted water to a rolling boil.
4. Place the batter into a Spätzle maker or a colander with large holes (approximately  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch (4.75 mm) in diameter). Press the batter through the holes directly into the boiling water to form the Spätzle.
5. Cook for about 5 minutes, stirring gently until the Spätzle are tender. Drain thoroughly.
6. Mix the melted butter with the fine breadcrumbs and drizzle the mixture over the cooked Spätzle before serving.

**Serving Suggestion:** Enjoy Spätzle as a traditional accompaniment to German meat dishes, or serve it on its own with sautéed onions and cheese for a classic Käsespätzle.





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