

III. Indo-German Centres of Excellence

1. German Centre of Excellence at IIT Madras

Objective: To establish the Centre of Excellence for sustainable development in Environmental Science and Engineering at the IIT Madras (water, renewable energy, waste management etc.) and so assist the promotion of showcase cutting edge research from Germany at one of the leading universities in India and its integration in Indian networks.

Procedure: The Centre will promote long term bilateral cooperation and work towards significantly increasing the number of exchanges, especially at doctoral level. A preparatory centre for Indian students will be an integral part of the Centre, where students will not only have the opportunity to learn German but also to gain an insight into the country and customs in preparation for their stay in Germany.

At a later date, for a period of up to two years, highly qualified young researchers from Germany will be given the opportunity to carry out their research at the Centre for a longer period.

2. Promotion of Indology at German Universities

Objective: To present India as a modern nation at selected German institutions of higher education. These institutions will also serve as centres for educating and training young Germans from all disciplines, who are interested in India.

Procedure: Institutions of higher education with eminent Indology departments in Germany will be identified jointly with Indian partners and provided with an adequate number of Chairs. The institutes will be able to apply to DAAD for grants for supporting measures. The programme will be co-financed.

Publicity and Advertising: "India Days" at German universities, poster campaigns, information and study tours etc.

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A New Passage to India

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Germany needs more young people with expertise on India. This is the driving concept behind the "Passage to India" package outlined below. The objective is to kindle interest among students of all disciplines and courses to study or carry out research in India. The package also introduces parallel measures which will ensure the requisite reciprocity by encouraging Indian students to study or carry out research in Germany and is rounded off with a range of advertising and publicity measures.

I. Study and Research

1. "Classic" Study and Research Stay

Objective: To stimulate interest among German students from all disciplines and at all levels (Diplom, Magister, Staatsexamen, Bachelor, Master, Ph.D.) to study/research in India.

Procedure: Building on both the existing links between German and Indian universities and research institutions and contacts between individual scholars and academics (e.g. DAAD and AvH alumni), students will be funded for stays ranging from one month to one year. They will receive a credit from the partner university for the period of their stay. Academic mentoring and general guidance for the German students will be coordinated between the home and partner institution.

2. Joint Masters Programmes

Objectives: To promote the setting up of bi-national double degree programmes. The participation of German and Indian universities which already have cooperation ties (e.g. IIT and IIM Master Sandwich programme) shall be particularly encouraged to further the internationalisation of universities and to strengthen faculty and student exchange. At a later date, to accredit Indian courses in Germany so as to facilitate entry into the European market.

Procedure: Courses will be established which result in degrees from both countries (joint degree or double degree) after the completion of studies at both a German and an Indian university. Key will be common curricula, agreements on credit transfers, the awarding of degrees by both partner universities and "diploma supplements".

II. Internships

1. Culture and Work Experience in India

Objective: To offer an entry point to the Indian job market for highly qualified graduates from Germany.

Procedure: Following the completion of a three month course focusing largely on India-specific and cultural issues, the Germans will be placed at a well established Indian company for a six month internship.

2. Research Internships for Indian Students in Germany

Objective: To familiarise Indian students with the research scene in Germany an early stage in their career.

Procedure: Indian students, who have completed a minimum of two years of their undergraduate studies at an Indian university, are eligible to apply. During a 1.5 to 3 month stay in Germany they will assist German doctoral students in their experimental project work. Fields such as renewable energy, biotechnology, waste management, health research etc, which form part of the high tech strategy of the German Federal Government, will be given special consideration.

