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GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

***Connections bloom where worlds unite,
A meeting ground of shared insight.
Through cultures' wisdom, fresh and new,
We shape the skills to see life through.***



Global Citizenship thrives through connections where diverse cultures meet, fostering mutual understanding and equipping us with the skills needed to navigate an interconnected world with empathy and purpose. I would like to share some important points from the Abstract from 5th World Conference on Education Sciences which says; "Today's crisis, specially war, environmental pollution, terrorism, and nuclear proliferation, is challenging the peace and security of the world. Many of these crisis are the result of misunderstandings and lack of familiarity of cultures with one another. Most of the crisis are solvable, through citizenship education, particularly in higher education. In fact one of the major goals of **Global Citizenship Education** is to help learners to attain an individual, national and global identity so that they will be able to participate actively in solving international problems such as opposition, war, AIDS, global poverty, etc. This demands educating individuals beyond geographical borders, educating individuals who pass the geographical borders and do not imprison themselves within the borders in which they were born."

The term Global Citizenship was coined in 2011. However, Bal Bharati Public School, Rohini, an institution under the aegis of Child Education Society has always been a strong advocate of '**Vasudev Kutumbakam**', **World is one big family**. Our partnership with schools in Germany, Taiwan, Switzerland, Denmark and schools across the globe through Generation Global Programme under Tony Blair Foundation are a testament to our commitment to groom citizens with desirable life skills of patience, resilience, tolerance, acceptance & treasuring diversity and understanding Global Interdependence. In appreciation of our efforts, our school has been bestowed with international School Award (ISA), now called Recognition to International Dimension (RIDS) by British Council, four times in succession, for adding International Dimension to the curriculum.

Another such exhilarating endeavour is the '**The India Germany Classroom Exchange Programme**' that epitomises the embeddedness of globalism in the curriculum and defines our relationship with the partner school Marienberg Gymnasium for the last seven years. This e-publication will give you an insight to our meaningful engagement with the partner school. Hope you enjoy the publication !

GEETA GANGWANI
PRINCIPAL

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only a page."

- Saint Augustine



In our rapidly evolving world, the importance of cultivating a truly global perspective within education has never been greater. At BBPS RH, we believe that learning transcends the traditional classroom, reaching far beyond textbooks and exams. Global exchange programs offer a unique opportunity for students to experience the richness of diverse cultures, witness different ways of life, and learn to appreciate that despite geographical distances, our shared human experience unites us.

In these immersive experiences, students witness first-hand how borders are shrinking. They gain a sense of universalism, realizing that values such as kindness, respect, and ambition are held by people around the world. No matter the place or language, the universal emotions of joy, compassion, and curiosity connect us all. Through the global exchange experiences, our students will comprehend that, fundamentally, people are guided by similar values and aspirations.

As the Vice Principal, I am proud of the commitment BBPS RH has displayed in promoting a global outlook for the future generation. I also extend my gratitude to the participating families for had it not been for their warm and incessant support, the programme could never have been a success. They not just welcomed the children but also ensured every possible comfort laying strong foundations in empathy, fine tuning and love for the children to emulate. We will continue to support these enriching opportunities, confident that they play a pivotal role in preparing our students to be informed, respectful, and empathetic global citizens. By embracing universalism, fostering skill-building, and developing an appreciation for diversity, we are not only preparing our students for future careers but also for a meaningful life in an interconnected world.

Let us continue to encourage and embrace this global spirit in our community, nurturing young minds who recognize that, across cultures and continents, we are more alike than different.

BANDHANA SHARMA
VICE PRINCIPAL



WELCOMING THE GUESTS



WELCOME ASSEMBLY WILLKOMMENS VERSAMMLUNG



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The German guests were welcomed in a traditional manner adorned with garlands and tilak. They were greeted by the young and enthusiastic school band alongwith the synchronicity of 'Scouts and Guides' student comrades. The welcome assembly was marked by a scintilating classical dance performance, singing of the German National Anthem and a high energy rope skipping act.

COLLABORATIVE PROJECT-ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY



“Intelligence and spirit of adventure can be combined to create new energies, and out of these energies may come exciting and rewarding new prospects.”-Norman Cousins

Science Projects for Indo-German exchange Program-Educational Projects: A Platform for Growth

Two thoughtfully designed projects were at the heart of this exchange:

1. Comparative Study of Sunshine Hours:

Students meticulously documented sunshine hours in Delhi and Germany during specific periods and analyzed the data. This activity not only honed their analytical skills but also fostered a deeper understanding of geographical and environmental differences.

2. Presentation on Alternative Energy Sources:

Through this, students explored and compared the energy landscapes of both nations. They recognized Germany's remarkable efficiency in renewable energy usage, serving as a case study for technical and developmental progress.

The **Objectives** of the projects were to:

- Draw comparison between the two countries wrt usage of alternative sources of energy: To develop an understanding of the role of usage of alternative energy sources in making positive impact on resource conservation
- Develop Skills: To learn Collaboration, teamwork, and communication were naturally woven into the projects, making students confident and articulate in presenting their ideas.
- Develop Environmental Consciousness: The discussions on renewable energy illuminated the path toward sustainable development, making students more aware of their role in creating a greener future.

The hands-on nature of these projects encouraged critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving. Students emerged more informed about energy sustainability and motivated to contribute to India's cleaner energy goals. Students were also motivated to carry out an energy audit in the school in the next academic session.

POOJA SHARMA
(Project In-charge)
TGT SCIENCE



VISIT TO TERIGRAM



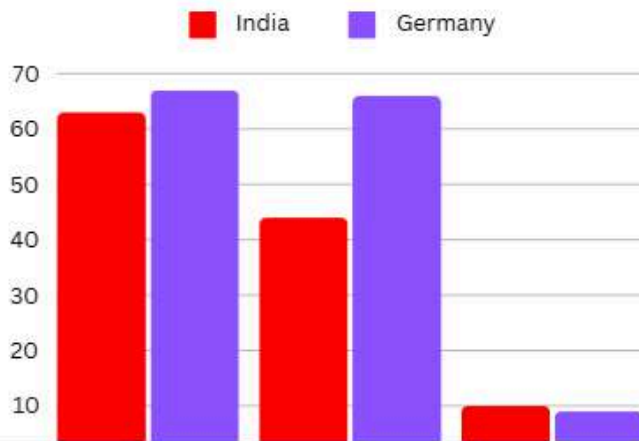
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Germany and India; Energy comparison

A Project Report on Alternate Energy Resources in India and Germany

Solar, Wind, Biomass Energy

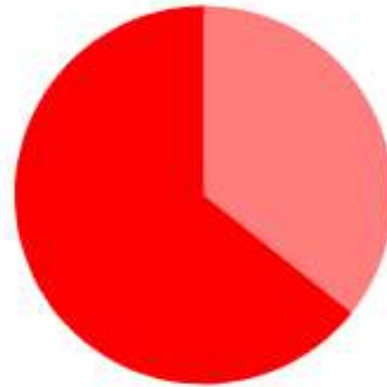


Key Insights:

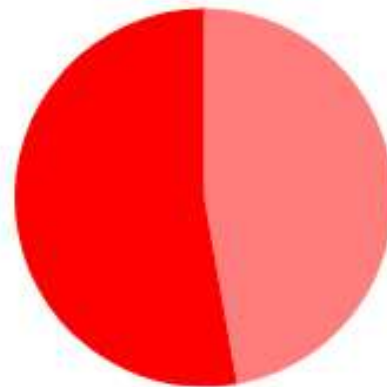
India	Germany
India has made significant progress in solar energy, while its wind and biomass capacities are growing steadily.	Germany leads in wind energy and has a balanced approach to solar and biomass as well.

Energy mix

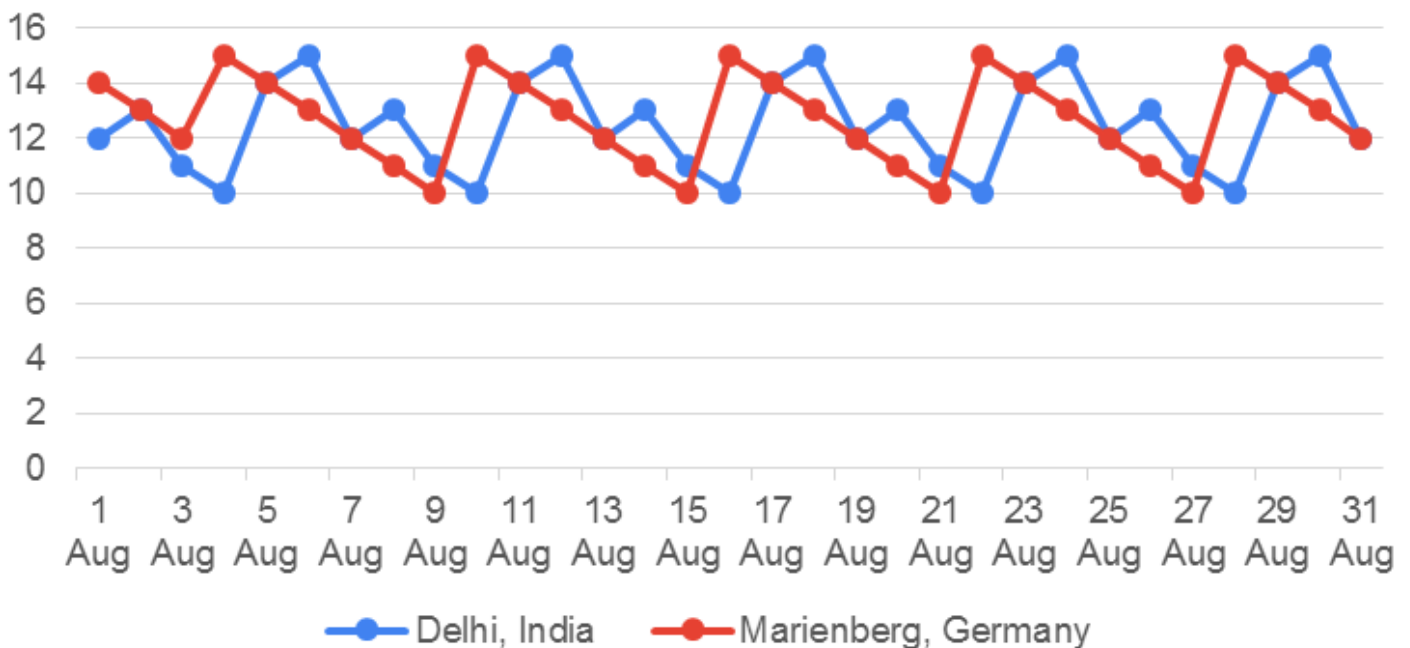
INDIA - More reliant on Non-renewable sources.



GERMANY - A Good balance amongst the two sources.



Sunshine hours Comparison: August 2024





TIMELESS TIES-ZEITLOSE KRAWATTEN

“Cross Cultural friendships remind us that despite our varied languages, traditions, and ways of life, the values of kindness, understanding, and shared humanity are universal, weaving us together in a tapestry of global connection.”

Hosting Mr. Ben, an enthusiastic English and History teacher from Gymnasium Marienberg, was a truly heartwarming experience. Our shared love for literature, history, and music, along with being the same age, created an instant connection.

Mr. Ben’s vibrant personality made his stay delightful as he explored both old and modern Delhi, from sampling Chandni Chowk’s culinary delights to picking spices at the bustling markets. His enthusiasm for local traditions shone through as he participated in Dussehra festivities, attended Ramlilas, and embraced Indian spirituality during a special discourse.

A natural conversationalist, Mr. Ben bonded effortlessly with my husband and friends, engaging in deep, meaningful discussions. He enjoyed donning traditional attire, savoring Indian dishes, and immersing himself in every experience, from lively bazaars to home-cooked meals.

Hosting Mr. Ben underscored the beauty of cultural exchange, emphasizing how shared experiences and mutual respect connect us as one global family.

PURTI KHANNA
PRT ENGLISH



TIMELESS TIES-ZEITLOSE KRAWATTEN

Involving oneself in an international cultural exchange program can be incredibly valuable for several reasons. It not just broadens cultural awareness and enhances professional development but it also offers opportunities to build international collaborations for endless learning. Being a teacher, I had greater responsibilities to shoulder than a mere participant in this programme. I had to ensure a seamless connection between the German and the Indian students for a heart-warming experience and a life-long friendship to blossom.

We welcomed the German delegation to be a part of us for the next 12 days. Every careful move was strategically planned to unwind the colonial image of India, thus, the visit to Gandhi Smriti, ISKON Temple and the Taj Mahal were curated as a few ways to walk the cultural bridges and empower students to build a future rooted in diversity, empathy, and global cooperation.

With Ms. Silvia Langhoff at my home, even a simple meal of daal chawal, it's nutritive and comfort value along with the spices that make it more palatable; to the science, thrill and absolutely refreshing taste of the fire paan on the walk ways of Connaught Place, everything became a memory and a vivid journey of self-exploration. For it was now that I realised that there was so much power packed in our every day routine. The layers of all are actions, reasons and conduct proved to be an eye opener for my humble reconnection with my land, my culture and my own identity. Little do we credit the traditions that shape us and are the least grateful to people around us. My time with Sylvia brought me more belief in my human existence in this part of the world, the East that embodies the elusive and intangible mysticism amalgamated with a future ready perspective enriched with reason.

I am absolutely grateful to my school for the opportunity to be a part of this exchange programme and to let me grow on this journey both professionally and personally.

MS. SHWETA M. DHAWAN
PGT ENGLISH



TIMELESS TIES-ZEITLOSE KRAWATTEN



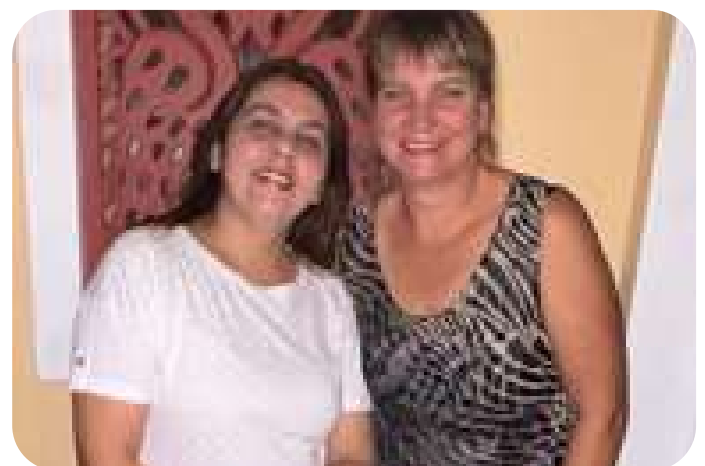
Our experience hosting Anett from Germany for 15 days beautifully exemplified the feeling of unity in diversity. During her stay, she became an integral part of our family, leaving us with cherished memories of warmth and togetherness.

Anett's sweet and humble nature resonated deeply with us. She embraced every aspect of our family life with genuine enthusiasm—relishing Indian food as if it were her own cuisine, visiting religious places like the gurudwara and temples, and wholeheartedly participating in our cultural festivals. Her fondness for Navratri celebrations and her excitement at witnessing Diwali melas reflected her eagerness to explore and immerse herself in Indian traditions.

Beyond cultural curiosity, Anett showed a profound sense of care and empathy, treating us like her own family. When my daughter was unwell, she lovingly supported and comforted her, demonstrating her nurturing spirit. Her stories about her own family, her daughter's childhood, and Christmas traditions offered us a glimpse into her world, reinforcing our mutual respect for family values.

Anett's visit reminded us of the beauty of cultural exchange—not just sharing customs, but building lasting bonds of love, respect, and shared humanity.

MONICA NARANG
PRT ENGLISH



TIMELESS TIES-ZEITLOSE KRAWATTEN



Hosting Sylvia and Rosalie as part of the German exchange program was an enriching experience that extended beyond academics. Sylvia, a teacher, shared insights into Germany's emphasis on student independence and vocational training, inspiring me to incorporate similar strategies in my teaching.

The cultural exchange was equally rewarding. We introduced Sylvia and Rosalie to Indian cuisine, from biryani to chai, and explored India's vibrant heritage through visits to historical sites, local markets, and a lively Dandiya performance. Their fascination with India's diversity and history highlighted the beauty of shared experiences.

Over 12 days, the exchange fostered learning on both sides—educationally and culturally—while building lasting connections. It was a powerful reminder of how such programs create mutual understanding, broaden perspectives, and strengthen global ties, enriching our lives in profound ways.

KOMAL CHAWLA
TGT GEOGRAPHY





SECURING SPIRITUAL TIES SEITIGKEIT SICHERN



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**SECURING SPIRITUAL TIES
SEITIGKEIT SICHERN**



REVERING THE DIVINE-AT THE BANGLA SAHIB GURUDWARA



ENLIGHTENING DISCOURSE AT ISKON TEMPLE

A DATE WITH HISTORY-EIN TAG MIT GESCHICHTE



VISIT TO MAJESTIC TAJMAHAL AND REDFORT



KNOWING ABOUT GANDHI: AT GANDHI SMRITI

**SPENDING SCHOOL TIME
ZEIT IN DER SCHULE VERBRINGEN**



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FOOTBALL



VOLLEYBALL



**SPENDING SCHOOL TIME
ZEIT IN DER SCHULE VERBRINGEN**



SPENDING SCHOOL TIME ZEIT IN DER SCHULE VERBRINGEN



Germans attended classes on Indian Folk Art, Indigenous Millets, Gandhi, Hinduism, Sanskrit greetings and presented PPT on German Cultural aspects.



SPENDING SCHOOL TIME ZEIT IN DER SCHULE VERBRINGEN



HANDS ON ACTIVITIES IN ATL LAB



INTERACTION WITH THE STUDENT COUNCIL

FAMILY DAYS-FAMILIENTAGE



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LASTING IMPRESSIONS BY THE TEACHERS

BLIEBENDE EINDRÜCK DER LEHRER



The German Exchange experience was a treasure trove of memories, fostering cross-cultural understanding and friendship.

Our joint family, spanning four generations, provided a unique backdrop for the German student, Pauline's Indian sojourn. She was enchanted by the warmth and love that permeated our home, a quintessential Indian joint family. This experience was different from her own cultural context, yet enjoyable.

These moments reinforced the importance of exploring & embracing diversity, fostering global understanding, and celebrating our unique cultural heritage both at school and homestay.

SARITA CHAUHAN
CHIEF COORDINATOR

The German exchange program was a transformative experience that broadened my horizons and deepened my understanding of German culture and education. I was inspired by the emphasis on critical thinking, creativity, and intercultural understanding. The friendships I forged will be cherished memories. This exchange program not only enhanced my professional skills but also enriched my personal life, leaving an indelible mark on my journey as a German teacher.



MANU ANAND
TGT GERMAN

LASTING IMPRESSIONS BY THE PARENTS- VON DEN ALTERN BLIEBENDE EINDRÜCK

It's was a beautiful experience in sharing lifestyles with Germans and this Cultural Exchange Programme has given such a lovely platform to both of us. Both partners could share their views and bonded well for life.



POOJA CHABRA
M/O STUTI CHABRA
IX C

This exchange programme is an excellent opportunity to learn from diverse Cultural backgrounds. I heartily congratulate Principal ma'am and the School for organizing this Programme. This Programmes truly fosters mutual understanding, enhances language skills and allows both hosts and guests to experience a rich exchange of traditions, ideas and perspectives , things that can only be understood when we have home stay experiences.



HIMANSHU VIJ
F/O VERONICA VIJ
VIII B

It was truly a bliss to experience this !

Through collaborative activities, joint projects, and shared experience, participants develop critical skills as communication, adaptability and teamwork. These programmes are not just about academic or cultural exchange but also about building bridges of friendships and understanding across borders. This endeavour inspired the students to think globally, embrace diversity, and contribute positively to an interconnected world.I totally enjoyed throughout the entire experience !



DEEPTI SETH
M/O MEHAR SETH
IX C

LASTING IMPRESSIONS BY THE STUDENTS

BLIEBENDE EINDRÜCK BEI DEN STUDIERENDEN

It was a really wonderful experience. We shared a great bond. It was not just a cultural exchange but also exchange of laughter, joy, emotions and love. It was a proud feeling to know about their love and excitement for enjoying our customs related to food, costumes, festivals, music, films. Especially the emotional bond that we all shared together.

STUTI CHABRA
IX C

Participating in the Indo-German Exchange Program as a hosting family has been an extraordinary experience that opened doors to a world of cultural understanding, mutual respect, and lifelong memories. I really learnt a lot during the hosting of Gloria, my friend from Germany. We both have developed a lasting bond that will stay strong between us forever.

MEHAR SETH
IX D

LASTING IMPRESSIONS BY THE STUDENTS- BLIEBENDE EINDRÜCK BEI DEN STUDIERENDEN

Hosting the German exchange students was an unforgettable experience. I not only connected with my partner, but I also built friendships with others in the programme. We had an amazing time exploring Delhi together—whether it was wandering through bustling markets, visiting iconic landmarks, or simply sharing stories. It was fascinating to see how they were amazed by even the simplest things that are so common in India. The programme gave me a deeper appreciation for my own traditions and culture. It was a truly enriching experience that allowed us all to create lasting memories, forge new friendships, and share in the joy of cultural exchange.

KENISHA WASON
IX B

Hosting a German student was an amazing experience. Although I was initially nervous, my partner quickly put me at ease, adapting seamlessly to my family and becoming a friend from the very first day.

I learned a great deal from her independence and discipline—qualities I deeply admire and aspire to develop in myself. Exploring her culture, traditions, and habits was equally fascinating, making the exchange even more enriching.

I believe everyone should take the opportunity to participate in exchange programs if they get the chance—they are fun, educational, and an incredible way to grow.

VERONICA VIJ
VIII B

LASTING IMPRESSIONS BY THE STUDENTS- BLIEBENDE EINDRÜCK BEI DEN STUDIERENDEN

When Rosalie visited, her stories of life in Germany and curiosity about Indian culture created a beautiful exchange. From late-night talks to Dandiya nights, her open-mindedness inspired me to see my culture anew. She left behind more than just memories; she left behind a deeper understanding of what it means to connect across cultures. Rosalie's visit taught me that even though borders separate us, the bonds of friendship and shared experiences can bring us closer than we imagine.

VIDUSHI CHAWLA
IX C

Hosting Pauline, a German gem, in my humble abode was a truly transcendent experience. As we blossomed into beautiful friends, our hearts danced with the rhythms of cultural exchange. I was thrilled to showcase the vibrant tapestry of my city, introducing her to the loving warmth of my family and friends. In return, Pauline graciously shared the melodious sounds of the German language, teaching me precious phrases that will forever resonate in my heart. Our teachers, with their wise guidance, further enriched this experience, allowing us to flourish in a garden of mutual understanding and respect.

ADISHAKTI CHAUHAN
IX C



Across the miles, we found our way,
 A bond of friendship here to stay.
 Cultures blending, hearts entwined,
 A journey shared, with ties that bind.

Through laughter, learning, and stories told,
 A partnership blooms, strong and bold.
 No borders divide, no distance too wide,
 With every step, we walk side by side.



The past may glow with memories bright,
 Yet the future beckons, a guiding light.
 Together we grow, together we dream,
 A partnership stronger than it may seem.

Here's to the years, both old and new,
 And the promise of all we'll continue to do.
 German friends, our hearts align,
 In this shared journey, forever we shine.

