

## **Internship report**

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With almost 3 months getting over, the memory of landing in Germany still seems fresh. With all the excitement of working with one of the biggest manufacturers of printing machines in the world, it has been an amazing journey till now. Getting to know the new culture and blending with people in this foreign land has been a great experience. With all the initial apprehensions have gone in just a few days of arriving here in Germany and realizing that people will give their best shot for helping us out despite the language barrier. With the warmth of the colleagues and friends, it never felt too lonely for me. I might have initially been of this opinion that it will be difficult to settle down here but once we started meeting people and talking to them, everyone is really very friendly.

Attending the language course in Chemnitz is one of the highlights of this period along with many excursions and the fun that I had along with the class mates. Learning a new language is always fun, but I had to take special interest in this intensive language course as I realized how important the language of deutsche is for a foreign student who wants to work as an Intern or pursue higher education in here. Besides, the local language is always a plus point for you & helps in better communication.

During the initial days, I had to overcome the greatest problem which the whole of Europe was experiencing – EXTREME COLD. For a person like me who comes from a place (Bangalore, India) where the climate is very moderate & stays decent throughout the year, this COLD was unbearable. The positive side of this year's winter is the long duration of snow fall...it was all white everywhere, a perfect scene for a monochrome graphic artist.

The only strange thing which I noticed here in Germany is the celebration of "Printer's Day" which falls on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February every year. I was highly disappointed to know that here – in the "Land of Printing", most of the people associated with print media are not aware of any such day. Everyone I wished 'A Happy Printer's Day' was really surprised about this particular day...All confused! We, in India celebrate "Printer's Day" with lot of pride...pride of being a printer!!

*"If you want to be best, you have to be with the best".* Working with KBA has been a great experience. It's a total different atmosphere and you know that why they are the best. It is all in the spirits they work with...the compassion...and the way people love what they do! I have always dreamt of working in KBA and companies alike. I have

been fascinated by 'PRINTING' for long & this same fascination brought me here in KBA. This decision to work in KBA for my bachelor's thesis is one of the best in my life. Apart from learning the new technologies, KBA has given me complete freedom to work on my project. There is no stopping in here. The project which I am working on is related to color management & illumination.

Before I conclude, I would like to thank Manipal University (Manipal, India), Chemnitz University (Chemnitz, Germany) & not to forget Koenig & Bauer AG (Radebeul, Germany) for giving me this opportunity of doing my engineering project here & experiencing German life!

Tschüss!