

First Indo-German Packaging Conference

In recent years, the growth of the packaging industry and consequently packaging printing in India has been phenomenal. This is catalysed greatly due to the globalisation of the Indian economy, modernisation of technology, increased functionality of printed packages and above all, the increased awareness of what technology has to offer and its use. Consumers' quality expectations are steadily increasing, posing new challenges to the printing industry and requiring the awareness of technologies, such as colour control, special effects with UV and varnishing, coupled rightly with the practical orientation and advancement in material sciences. At the same time, printing of electronic functionalities, e.g. RFID tags, active inks etc., using conventional printing processes is leading into a hi-tech integration. The scope and future of the packaging industry could be foreseen as a combination of high quality multi-colour printing and electronic functionalities.

The conference "Technology Trends and Developments in Packaging Printing" is jointly organised by the Institute for Print and Media Technology at Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany, and the leading printing consultant in India, Kiran Prayagi from Graphic Arts Technology & Education (GATE). It aims to bring together experts from the German and Indian printing industry to discuss the science and technology involved and to provide expertise in the area of special applications. The conference includes practical experience and possible solutions for all concerned, i.e. material and machine manufacturers, printers, converters and end-users. The event will be held on 3rd December 2009 in Mumbai at Hotel Novotel Juhu Beach (former Holiday Inn). For registration or further information please contact Kiran Prayagi, email: kiran_p@vsnl.com. See you at the conference!

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Coordination and networking in Manipal



In September 2009, during a coordination and networking trip to India, Prof. Dr. Hübler and Sylvia Strauß spent 3 days at Manipal University to finalise open organisational details

concerning the joint double degree Master's programme and the DAAD grants for German and Indian Bachelor students. In addition, Prof. Hübler and Ms. Strauß discussed with Prof. Sharma and his colleagues from the Department of Printing and Media Technology options for cooperative research projects, student projects, faculty exchange as well as joint conferences and workshops. Furthermore, Prof. Hübler gave a lecture for the Manipal students of Printing and Media Technology on "Design of newspaper plants to optimise production". A meeting was also arranged with the Director of Manipal Institute of Technology Brig. Dr. Mishra and the Associate Director of MIT Prof. Dr. Aithal to discuss the cooperation between Manipal University and Chemnitz University of Technology, which shall be extended to other departments in the future. Prof. Hübler and Ms. Strauß further met with the Pro Chancellor Dr. Ballal and the Registrar Dr. Prabhu, with whom they spoke about the prospects for the collaboration of the two universities. A day field tour was taken to one of India's most important printing



companies, Manipal Press Ltd. With the director and CEO Mr. Pai, the technical director Mr. Rao and the R&D manager Mr. Wagle, Prof. Hübler and Ms. Strauß explored ideas for joint research and development projects and spoke about internship possibilities for the students of CUT.

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Public holidays in November

India

2 November 2009
Guru Nayak Jayanti

24 November 2009
Guru Tegh Bahadur's
Martyrdom Day

27-28 November 2009
Bakri Id/Eid ul-Adha

Germany

18 November 2009
Day of Prayer and Repentance

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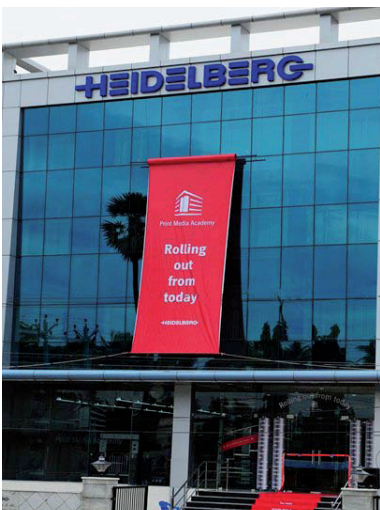
» Second Indo-German student round table

We would like to announce our 2nd Indo-German student round table, which takes place on Wednesday, 11th November 2009, at 7.30 p.m. at the Filmclub "mittendrin" (Reichenhainer Str. 35-37). We will watch the movie "Outsourced" and have a discussion about it afterwards. The film is a hilarious comedy on experiences of an American in the Indian working environment, his cultural experiences, mis-conceptions and reactions of Indian people. The movie starts at 8 p.m. Hope you join us and enjoy the comedy! SS

» BMBF project meeting

On 1st October 2009, Dr.-Ing. Gert Schlegel and Paritosh Prayagi went to Bonn/Oberkassel for an exchange of experiences with other participants of the BMBF initiative "India and Germany – Strategic Partners for Innovation". They used this opportunity to give a presentation on the pmTUC's positive experiences with its Indian partners and gain insights into other projects. All participants agreed on a positive result of the campaign. Long-term R&D cooperations could be established and bilateral conferences and workshops for the exchange of knowledge in different areas could be organised. GS

» Visit to Heidelberg Print Media Academy, Chennai



During his visit to Chennai in September 2009, Prof. Hübler had deep discussions with Prof. Dr. Rajendrakumar Anayath, Head of the Heidelberg Print Media Academy (PMA), regarding the potential of the Indian industry, cooperation in research and education. Heidelberg, being the world's biggest manufacturer of printing presses,

has developed a unique concept of PMAs with 18 centres spread around 15 countries. PMAs provide the industry with specialist courses on products, print business management and general printing education. On the Indian subcontinent, too, Heidelberg enjoys a sustainable growth.



The company opened its first PMA in Chennai. Prof. Dr. Rajendrakumar has been the head of the academy in Chennai since its inception. The other areas he discussed with Prof. Hübler were joint cooperation with the Indian media industry and personal and knowledge development of students through student research projects. PP

» Learn more about India!

We recommend a fascinating documentary on India to have a reality check on the life of people, mis-conceptions, rich culture and growth of economy. This would positively catalyse the preparations of students and colleagues going to India in the near future. Just log on to www.mediathek.zdf.de and search for "Indien". The four-part documentary starts from page 4. PP

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