

## Information sessions on double degree Master's programme in Mumbai

On 26 August 2009, Paritosh Prayagi visited the Government Institute of Printing Technology in Mumbai to give an information



session on higher education opportunities at the Institute for Print and Media Technology, and new upcoming technologies in the printing industry. Mr. Prayagi being himself an alumnus of the GIPT, was well received at the institute and honoured along with Mr. Ashok Desai (former head of the institute), Mr. Deepak Ghare (recipient of the award for contribution in print education) and Mr. Ranjan Joshi (a renowned designer in the Indian industry). The audience was a dedicated group of students and teaching staff along with Mr. Sachin Shardul, a journalist from Print Week India Magazine. The information session lasted for around 2 hours including the question and answer sessions where many students interested to study at Chemnitz University were curious to learn about the life of students, and scope of printing studies in India and abroad, etc. At the end, Mr. Dendge, a lecturer at GIPT along with Mr. Ashok Desai concluded the session on a thanksgiving note. The information session was followed by a short tour through the machine rooms. The second information session was held by Paritosh Prayagi at the SIES School of Packaging for the Bachelor students of printing technology and post-graduate students of packaging technology. The session was opened by the staff members of the institute after a brief welcome by Prof. C.S. Purushothaman, director of SIES School of Packaging. The two hours session was followed by the question-answer session on the double degree programme and technological challenges in the printing industry. The tour through the institute's packaging laboratories was indeed interesting and opened new dimensions of thought for future cooperation. All in all, both information sessions were a value addition for the Indo-German cooperation by opening new horizons for higher education opportunities, technology and thought exchange, and the building of new networks within the printing and packaging industry.

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## WAN-IFRA special report on „New printing plants“ published

The first joint research project of the pmTUC and Manipal University has been finished successfully. The project, which ran from February 2008 to February 2009, was concerned with the question if there are standardised planning concepts for the establishment of new newspaper printing plants in India. For the project we were able to win over the South Asia delegation of IFRA (globally active research and service organisation for the news publishing industry) with headquarters in Chennai, India. The universities were also supported by representatives of the Indian newspaper industry, ranging from printing press manufacturers to printing plant owners. It was possible to win over some of the biggest Indian companies of the sector, including TechNova Imaging Systems Ltd. (manufacturer of printing plates), The Hindu (one of the biggest daily newspapers in India), GOSS (manufacturer of printing presses), Manugraph India Ltd. (manufacturer of printing presses) and Manipal Press Ltd. (printing plant). During visits and interviews with the Indian newspaper industry, researchers got an idea of the needs of this market. The findings of the research project were published as a WAN-IFRA special report that contains topics such as decision making, project management, printing plant concepts and realization. It also includes different checklists in its appendix. The report, which is free for IFRA members, may be purchased from the WAN-IFRA website ([www.wan-ifra.org](http://www.wan-ifra.org)). Presentations on the report follow at IFRA Expo India in Chennai by Prof. Arved Hübler (25.09.2009) and IFRA Expo in Vienna by Conny Schuhmann (13.10.2009). CS



## Scholarships for students of double-degree Master's programme

The scholarship programme is supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) for the next year. It contains financial support for students who opt for the double degree and spend one (Germans) or two (Indians) semesters at the partner university. Students who need the financial support and therefore want to apply for a scholarship may contact Mrs. Conny Schuhmann ([conny.schuhmann@mb.tu-chemnitz.de](mailto:conny.schuhmann@mb.tu-chemnitz.de)) for further information.

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## News

### » Scholarships for Bachelor students -- Call for applications open until 15 October

The pmTUC (supported by the DAAD) awards scholarships for Bachelor students of "Media Production" in Chemnitz, Germany and "Printing and Media Technology" in Manipal, India who want to write their Bachelor thesis at the partner university (the possibility of internships is planned). The call for applications is open until 15 October. Interested students may contact Mrs. Conny Schuhmann (conny.schuhmann@mb.tu-chemnitz.de) for detailed information. CS

### » Coordination trip to India

At the end of September, Prof. Hübler and Sylvia Strauß visit Manipal University to discuss open questions concerning the joint double degree Master's programme and the scholarship pool for German and Indian Bachelor students. In the course of the trip, Prof. Hübler will visit various companies and research institutions to discuss options for cooperation. SS

### » First Indo-German conference

On 3 December 2009 the first Indo-German conference on "Technology Trends and Development in Packaging Printing" aims to bring together experts from the German and Indian printing industry to discuss the science and technology involved. The conference is jointly organised by the pmTUC and Graphic Arts Technology and Education (Mumbai). The conference will include practical solutions for all concerned, i.e. material and machine manufacturers, printers, converters and end-users. GS

### » Student round table on 14 October 2009

The 1st Indo-German student round table takes place in the "Club der Kulturen" (Thüringer Weg 3) on Wednesday, 14 October at 7 p.m. The roundtable wants to bring together German and Indian students to discuss life and culture in both countries in an enjoyable atmosphere. This round table also serves as an information platform for the pmTUC India activities. Jens Hammerschmidt from the pmTUC talks about his experiences in Manipal (India), where he did an internship at Manipal Press Ltd. Paritosh Prayagi, one of the first Indian Master students at the pmTUC, speaks on student life and culture in India. We would like to have a short feedback from students interested in joining the round table. Please send an email to: paritosh.prayagi@s2007.tu-chemnitz.de GS

### Public holidays in October

India	Germany
<i>Friday, 2 October 2009</i>	<i>Saturday, 3 October 2009</i>
Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday	German Reunification Day
<i>Saturday, 17 October 2009,</i>	<i>Saturday, 31 October 2009</i>
Diwali and Govardhan Puja	Reformation Day
<i>Monday, 19 October 2009,</i>	
Bhaidooj	

### » First double degree student from Manipal University comes to Chemnitz

With the start of the new winter semester, the pmTUC welcomes the first Master student from Manipal University. Ms. Minu Peethambaren will study at Chemnitz University for two semesters within the joint double degree programme. After successfully completing the programme with her Master thesis, Ms. Peethambaren will receive the degrees "M.Sc. Media Production" from Chemnitz University and "M.Tech. Printing and Media Technology" from Manipal University. Dear Minu, we cordially welcome you at our Institute and wish you all the best for your studies and a great time at Chemnitz University. SS

### » New website online

We are proud to introduce our new website <http://www.pm-india.in>. Together with the Indian design company Thunk based in Mumbai, we designed a new website, which will provide all information on the cooperation of the Institute for Print and Media Technology with India. Take a look around, all feedback is greatly appreciated! SS

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