India and Germany: The Natural Partners

India and Germany are natural partners and very close in terms of values, interests, and goals. Both countries are strong democracies, with thriving economies and increasing bilateral trade.

Above and beyond this, the two countries also consider science and innovation as key areas for ensuring economic, social and sustainable development and have partnered for over 60 years in order to promote comprehensive and fruitful scientific cooperation. Hence, in order to enable academic exchange, scientific collaboration and R&D projects, internationalise science and research and encourage innovation, DWIH New Delhi was setup by the Federal Foreign Office in 2012.

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In today’s day and time, with researches engaging in creative and global cooperation to overcome major societal challenges, science is more international than ever. Thus, in line with the strategic initiatives of the Federal Foreign Office to internationalise science and research, the German Centres for Research and Innovation (DWIH) have been established in Brazil, Japan, Russia, USA and India.

Funded by the Federal Foreign Office and managed by DAAD, the DWIHs enjoy the support of an impressive group of Universities, Research Institutes, Clusters and research-oriented industry.

Acting as innovation hotspots, the DWIH play an important catalytic role in establishing and cultivating scientific partnerships by providing a forum to develop groundbreaking solutions for current and future challenges through new joint projects. These centres work incessantly on a wide range of topics, set up networks between business and research, advise and support researchers and connect German innovators to their international counterparts. At each of the five DWIH sites, supporters participate in shaping the DWIH programme, which ensures greater interstingling of their international activities.

Objectives of the DWIH are:

- Raise awareness regarding the profile of German innovation leaders
- Increase knowledge and awareness about German science, research and innovation landscape
- Offer comprehensive advice to DWIH stakeholders in Germany and in host countries
- Facilitate networking within the innovation ecosystem.

DWIH New Delhi

DWIH New Delhi is a strong member of the international DWIH network and currently enjoys the support of an impressive group of 11 supporter organisations. The main objective of the DWIH New Delhi is to enhance existing research cooperation and strengthen ties between Indian and German academic and scientific communities. Further, the DWIH acts as an online link between government officials, policy-makers and representatives of leading German institutions by creating a platform for exchange and cooperation deemed by expert advice on partnership opportunities, and through seminars, conferences, institutional networking etc.

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