



Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel visits India (31st Oct—1st Nov 2019) Strategic Partnership for Sustainable Growth and a Reliable International Order

1. At the invitation of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, German Federal Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel visited India from 31 October - 1 November 2019 for the fifth round of Inter-Governmental Consultations (IGC). Chancellor Merkel was accompanied by Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Science and Education, Food and Agriculture, and an Official Delegation. A business delegation comprising leaders of German companies also accompanied Chancellor Merkel. During the visit, Chancellor Merkel held meetings with President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Modi.

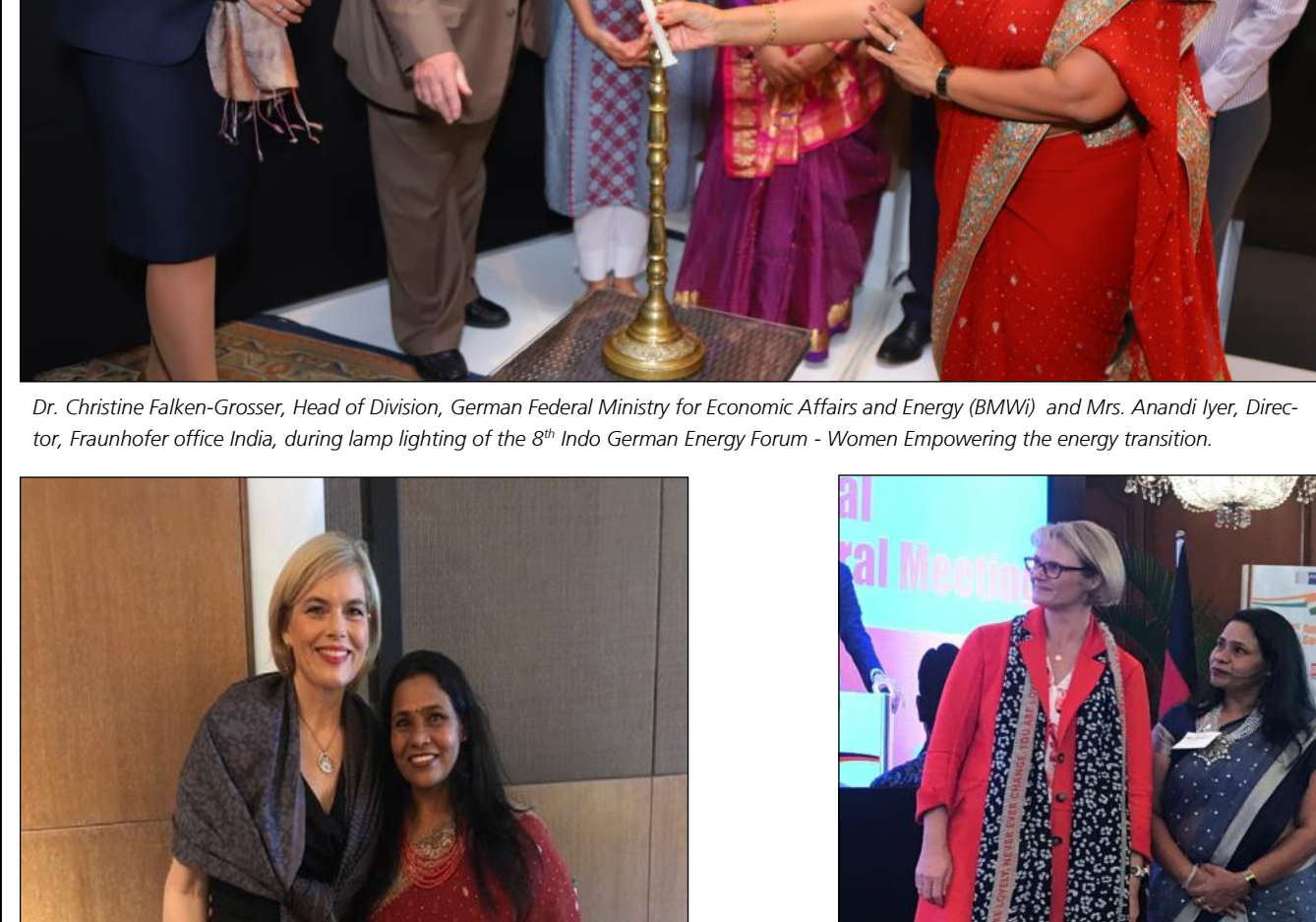
2. Chancellor Merkel and Prime Minister Modi reiterated that the Indo-German Strategic Partnership is based on the common values and principles of democracy, free and fair trade, and rules-based international order, as well as on mutual trust and respect. Key issues in the discussions included jointly driving the digital transformation through innovation and frontier technologies, especially artificial intelligence, making economic growth sustainable by cooperating on climate change, creating space for people to people contacts through legal mobility for skilled labour, and contributing to a reliable international order by strengthening and updating multilateral institutions.



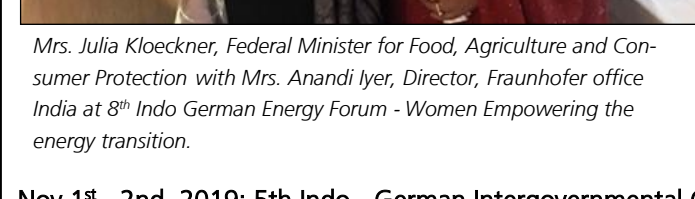
German Federal Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel & Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi along with Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs at the

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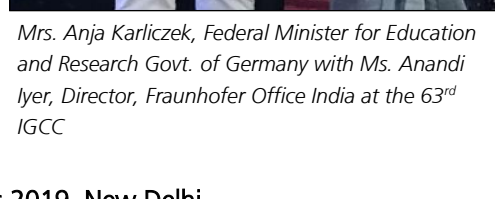
Fraunhofer was a prominent part of the events and activities around the visit. Mrs. Anandi Iyer was present in New Delhi on the invitation of the German Embassy and the Indian Government, and participated in the official events around the visit. This included the Indo German Energy Forum where she was one of the dignitaries who inaugurated the business event ahead of the Forum. She also met with the Chancellor's Delegation, and had detailed discussions with Mrs. Anja Karliczek, Federal Minister for Education and Research, Mrs. Julia Klöckner, Federal Minister for Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection as well as Mr. Christian Hirte, State Secretary for Economics and Energy. Fraunhofer signed a MoU with the Council for Education and Scientific Research on the subject of partnership in Frontier Technologies, with focus areas being Water, Building Technologies, Battery Technologies and Advanced Production Technologies. Fraunhofer was also the Innovation Partner to the 63rd AGM of the Indo German Chamber of Commerce, where the Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel was the Chief Guest.



Dr. Christine Falken-Grosser, Head of Division, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) and Mrs. Anandi Iyer, Director, Fraunhofer office India, during lamp lighting of the 8th Indo German Energy Forum - Women Empowering the energy transition.



Mrs. Julia Klöckner, Federal Minister for Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection with Mrs. Anandi Iyer, Director, Fraunhofer office India at 8th Indo German Energy Forum - Women Empowering the energy transition.



Mrs. Anja Karliczek, Federal Minister for Education and Research Govt. of Germany with Mrs. Anandi Iyer, Director, Fraunhofer Office India at the 63rd IGCC

Nov 1st - 2nd 2019: 5th Indo - German Intergovernmental Consultations 2019, New Delhi

Germany is amongst India's most important partners both bilaterally and in the global context. India and Germany have a strategic partnership since 2001, which has been further strengthened with the Intergovernmental Consultations (IGC) at the level of Heads of Governments allowing for a comprehensive review of cooperation and identification of fresh areas of engagement. H.E. Mrs. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany led the highest German Parliamentary Delegation to New Delhi on Nov 1st and 2nd 2019 for 5th IGC with Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri. Narendra Modi and his cabinet. 17 MoUs were signed during the 5th IGC. MoU between Fraunhofer and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Govt. of India to promote, establish and expand Scientific and Technological Research Cooperation between India and Germany was amongst the 17 signed MoUs.

For details about 5th IGC and the MoUs, please [click here](#)

India and Germany has Signed Agreement On AI For Agritech, Green Mobility

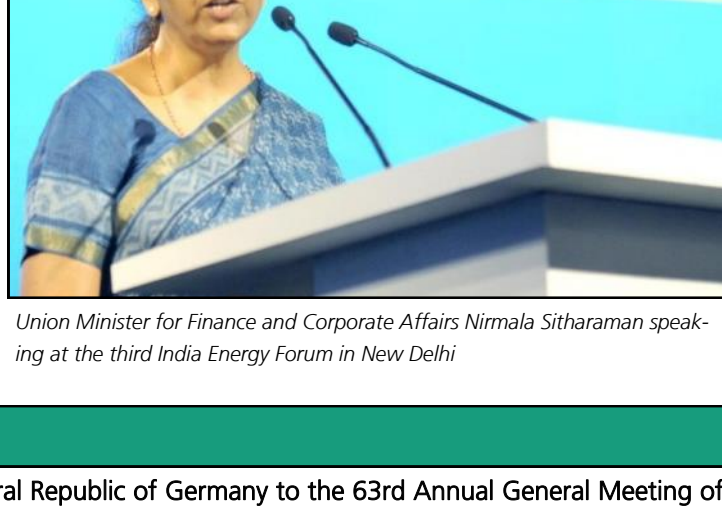
India and Germany has signed the agreement to collaborate on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in farming. The development came into light after it was reported that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Angela Merkel will be signing the agreements, which also included the AI partnership.

According to a Reuters [report](#), both countries has signed the agreements, which will not only include AI, but also green urban mobility. The German ambassador, Walter J. Lindner added that Merkel and Prime Minister Modi are expected to discuss trade, investment, regional security and environmental related issues.

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India will honour energy contractual commitments : Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said that India will honour contractual commitments under various energy agreements especially in renewables and investors need not worry about this issue. "I also want to broadly highlight the justifiable concerns about honouring contractual commitments...We as a nation (are) concerned. We will make sure that commitments are honoured. That should not worry those investors or those who already invested in building capacities in India for energy and energy security," Nirmala Sitharaman said Speaking at the India Energy Forum of CERAAWeek Nirmala Sitharaman said that she wanted to highlight the justifiable concerns about honouring contractual commitments....India as nation is concerned.



Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman speaking at the third India Energy Forum in New Delhi

Recent Events / Activities

Nov 2nd 2019 : Visit of Dr. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany to the 63rd Annual General Meeting of the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce

The Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany- Dr. Angela Merkel inaugurated and attended 63rd Annual General Meeting of the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce (IGCC). On this occasion she outlined the pollution condition in India's national capital New Delhi and appealed to upgrade the conditions of small farmers. Seeing the pollution level in Delhi during her visit, she suggested to replace diesel buses with electric buses under Indo-German Partnership for green urban mobility for which Germany has earmarked US\$1 Billion. She has also earmarked Euros 200 Million to reform bus sector in Tamil Nadu.

Fraunhofer was the "Innovation Partner" to the 63rd Annual General Meeting of the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce. Around 12 Indo-German companies and institutions displayed diverse products and services in the exhibition. Fraunhofer office India also coordinated a stand, featuring and showcasing the competencies in Artificial Intelligence, Industry 4.0, Smart city and Renewable energy through poster presentation. The stand was visited by industrial delegates, policy makers and individuals to see Fraunhofer competencies and how Fraunhofer can assist them as a technology partner.



5th from L: Dr. Angela Merkel, Chancellor-Federal Republic of Germany with other dignitaries at the 63rd IGCC-Annual General Meeting



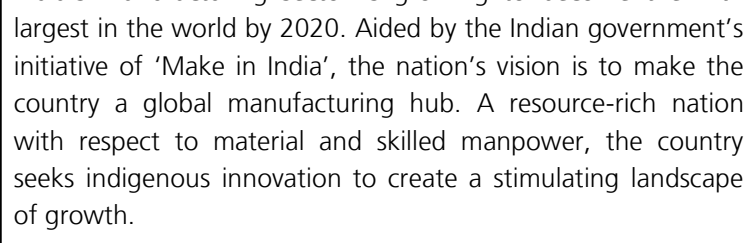
Dr. Angela Merkel, Chancellor-Federal Republic of Germany, addressing at 63rd IGCC-Annual General Meeting.

Oct 23rd - 25th 2019: Visit of Dr. Markus Schwegler, Senior Project Coordinator, Morgenstadt Global Smart Cities Initiative, Fraunhofer IAO and Ms. Ernesta Maciulyte, Research Assistant, University of Stuttgart to Kochi

Under the project - Kochi Smart City Innovation Lab, Dr. Markus Schwegler and Ms. Ernesta Maciulyte visited Kochi and had meetings with Cochin Smart Mission Ltd. (CSML) and National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), Govt. of India to analyse the comprehensive urban development plan of Kochi, and present the key performance indicators and discuss the measures that CSML should embrace against climate change. The lab focuses on developing project ideas in the following broad sectors-water, energy and buildings. CSML had also organized visits to some critical sites such as Market canal, Mullassery Canal and Perandur Canal for a better understanding of the contamination and the flow of water in the canal during heavy rainfall.

The Fraunhofer team also met with the Dr. Rajan Chedambath, Secretary, Centre for Heritage, Environment and Development (CHED), Kochi Municipal Corporation to discuss the ongoing projects on storm water management, annual budget and the vision of Kochi towards developing strategies for intelligent water management systems across the city. The visiting team met with the urban development experts from GIZ to discuss common and potential areas of collaboration in sustainable urban development.

This visit was coordinated by Ms. Anandi Iyer, Director, Fraunhofer Office India and Mr. Aditya Fuke, Manager - Smart Cities & IoT, Fraunhofer Office India.



L to R: Ms. Riby Mathew, CSML, Dr. Debjani Ghosh, NIUA, Dr. Markus Schwegler, Fraunhofer IAO, Ms. Ernesta Maciulyte, University of Stuttgart,



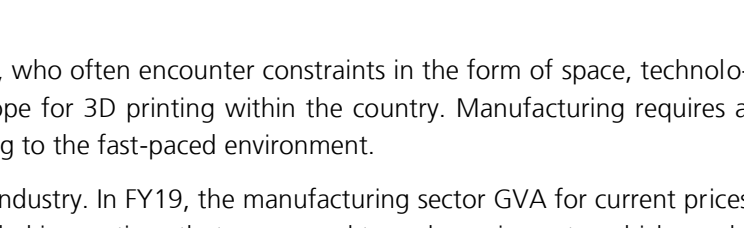
Meeting at CSML

Article

How 3D printing is poised to transform Indian manufacturing?

India's manufacturing sector is growing to become the fifth largest in the world by 2020. Aided by the Indian government's initiative of 'Make in India', the nation's vision is to make the country a global manufacturing hub. A resource-rich nation with respect to material and skilled manpower, the country seeks indigenous innovation to create a stimulating landscape of growth.

The additive manufacturing or 3D printing has made a slow yet steady impact, calling for a change in many traditional applications. Industries such as automotive, aerospace and healthcare have been the key drivers for 3D printing in India through their early adoption of the technique.



Jet Engine: 3D Printed part for prototype and study

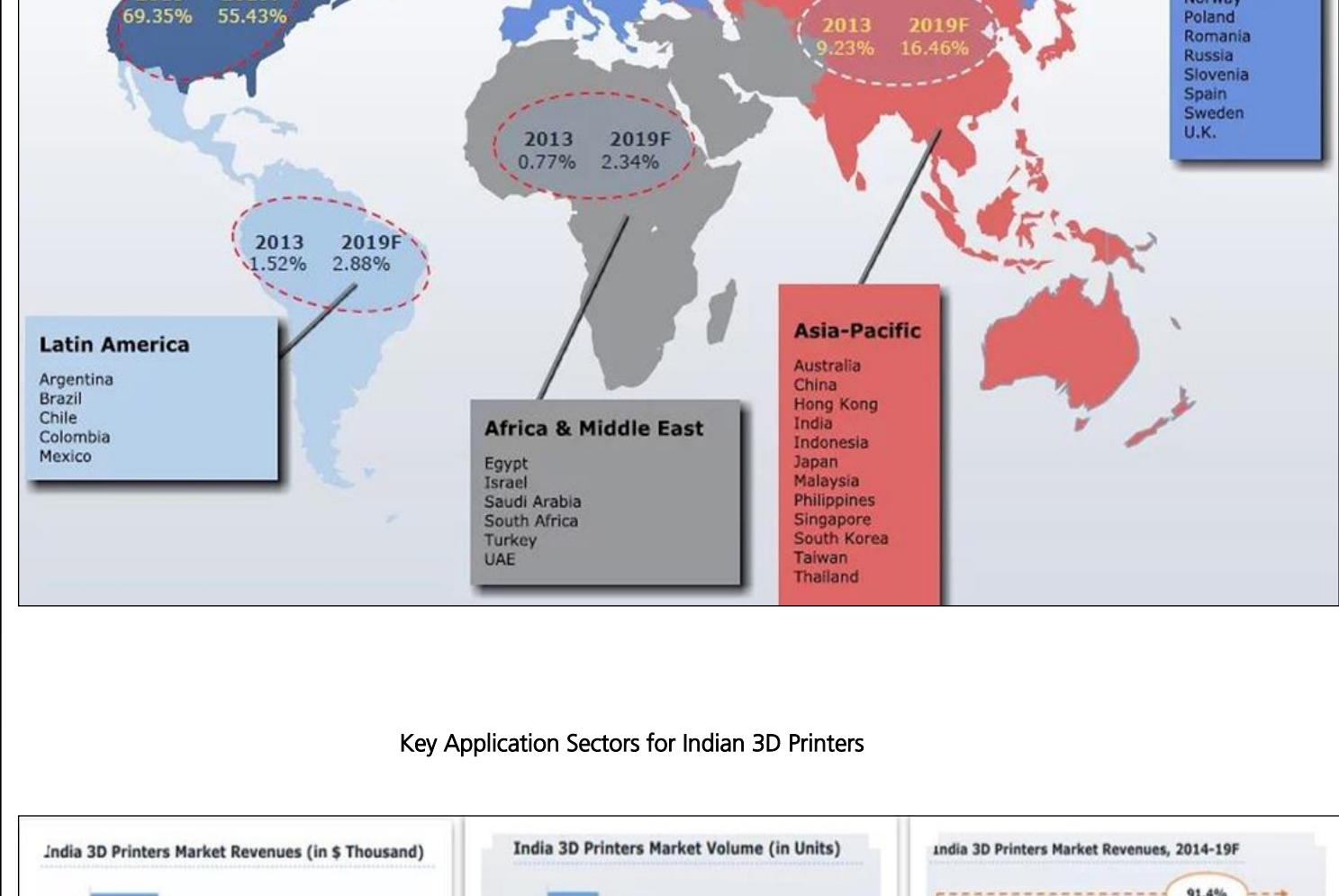
Why 3D Printing?

Lean manufacturing is the best option for Indian manufacturers, who often encounter constraints in the form of space, technology, and assembly limitations. Which is why there is a huge scope for 3D printing within the country. Manufacturing requires a long-term vision, but its implementation needs to be quick owing to the fast-paced environment.

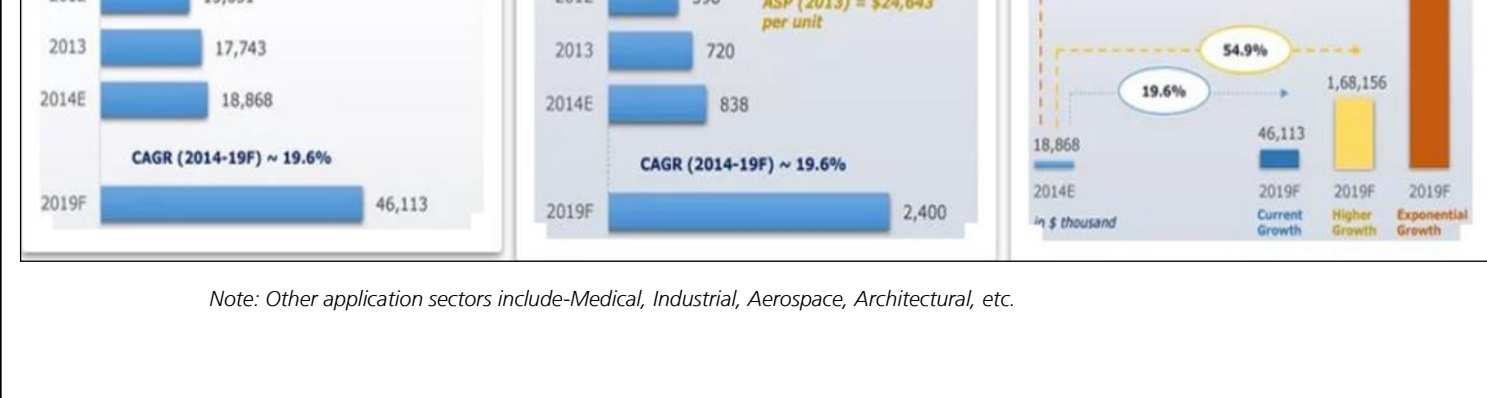
3D printing will introduce a new, leaner, Indian manufacturing industry. In FY19, the manufacturing sector GVA for current prices accounted for 18.32% share. With a growing economy and global innovations that are geared to make an impact—which would be substantial to anchoring industries for the long run—3D printing is ready for widespread adoption.

The shortened lead time will empower industries like aerospace and healthcare to create components with precision in design. Especially when it comes to prosthetics or implants, 3D printing allows for a more customised solution, becoming a boon for the healthcare industry. The potential of 3D printing has hardly any bounds, it is only limited by imagination.

Global 3D Printers Market Revenue Share, By Region



Key Application Sectors for Indian 3D Printers



Note: Other application sectors include-Medical, Industrial, Aerospace, Architectural, etc.

Ref: Fortune India, Jariwala Robotics

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Important meetings

Oct 7th 2019: DWIH Board Meeting
Visit of the delegation of Cochin Smart Mission Ltd. (CSML) to Barcelona for Morgenstadt Conference and visit to Fraunhofer's Smart City Labs. This visit will be undertaken as a part of the project activity under Kochi Smart City Innovation Lab.

Oct 10th - 17th 2019: Fraunhofer Energy Alliance - Coordinators Meeting, Germany
Mr. Sanmati Naik, Manager-Energy (RE) participated in the Fraunhofer Energy Alliance (EA) Coordinators' Meeting in Frankfurt, Germany. During the EA meeting several activities were discussed like international projects & strategies including Global Energy Storage Partnership convened by the World Bank, SA, event participation, overview of the working groups, EA webpage flyers and new activities within Fraunhofer. Fraunhofer Office India prepared a brief report on 'Battery (EES) Technologies - Research Scope in India', which was shared with the participants of the Energy alliance meeting for further discussion.

Oct 17th 2019: Meeting with Mr. Alkesh Kumar Sharma, CEO, Cochin Smart Mission Ltd.
Ms. Anandi Iyer, Director, Fraunhofer Office India and Mr. Aditya Fuke, Manager - Smart Cities & IoT, Fraunhofer Office India met with Mr. Alkesh Kumar Sharma, CEO, Cochin Smart Mission Ltd. (CSML) to discuss the developments in the ongoing smart city project with CSML and plan the forthcoming initiatives.

Nov 1st 2019: 8th Indo German Energy Forum Conference

The 8th meeting of the Indo - German Energy Forum concluded on 1st November, 2019 in New Delhi. The Forum was co-chaired by Mr. Sanjit Nandan Sahai, Secretary (Power) from the Indian side and Mr. Christian Hirte, Secretary of State, Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy, Germany. The conference began with the lamp lighting ceremony by Ms. Anandi Iyer, Director, Fraunhofer Office India.

Upcoming Events

Nov 18th - 20th 2019: Morgenstadt City Insights (M:C) Conference, Barcelona
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Nov 18th - 20th 2019: Bengaluru Tech Summit 2019, Bengaluru (Bangalore)
Bengaluru Tech Summit is a gathering foreground for all those who thrive on businesses that leverage technology. Over the last few years, the summit has become a global catalyst, introducing next generation innovators to the market place & shrinking borders to bring world technology to Indian soil. A conducive case, where industry experts share their insights on technological advancements in varied sectors and where business create fruitful cross-linkages to further their growth in the realm of IT and BT.

As a part of Global Innovation Alliances (GIA), the German Consulate General in Bangalore has confirmed its participation in Bengaluru Tech Summit 2019 and is conducting a session on Artificial Intelligence on Nov 19th 2019. Fraunhofer has been requested to participate as a speaker in a high-level panel discussion on Artificial Intelligence - Driver of Sustainability. A brief background of the panel discussion is - AI has the potential to lead to profound changes in the way humans, organizations and technology interact. This session will be curated to highlight the latest trends and challenges in the field of Artificial Intelligence regarding Healthcare, Agritech, & mobility/Aviation.

Ms. Anandi Iyer, Director, Fraunhofer Office India is one of the panelists in the panel discussion on 'Artificial Intelligence - Driver of Sustainability'

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Nov 27th - 29th 2019: Intersolar India 2019, Bangalore

To participate in this event, please contact Mr. Sanmati Naik, Manager - Energy (RE), Fraunhofer Office India at sanmati.naik@fraunhofer.in

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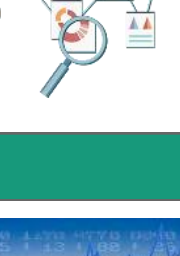
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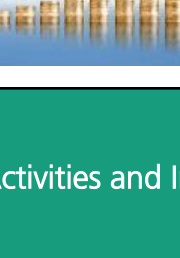
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