

**Joint Declaration of Intent**  
**between the**  
**Ministry of Human Resource Development of the Republic of India**  
**and the**  
**Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany**  
**regarding**  
**the Promotion of German as a Foreign Language in India**  
**and**  
**the Promotion of Modern Indian Languages in Germany**

With the aim of intensifying bilateral cooperation between Germany and India, and of strengthening understanding and mutual trust between the peoples of the two countries, the Ministry of Human Resource Development of the Republic of India and the Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany declare their intention of further advancing the relations between the two countries in the field of education in accordance with the laws, regulations and policies in force in the two countries.

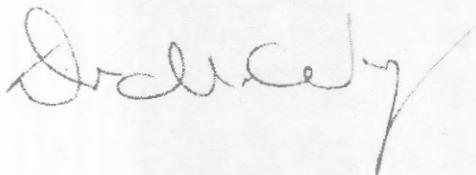
Noting ongoing and mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of education between India and Germany and recalling the Joint Declaration signed by both sides on 11 April 2013 in Berlin, in particular sections 3 and 4 thereof, they have come to the following understanding:

1. Recognising the importance of knowledge of the languages of each other's country in promoting closer business and economic ties and in deepening cultural relations between the two countries, both sides welcome the teaching of languages of each other's country in their respective educational institutions.
2. Both sides declare their readiness to support each other's efforts in a spirit of cooperation. They welcome the ongoing German initiative, Schools: Partners for the Future, and support the activities undertaken by the Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan, the Central Agency for Schools Abroad (ZfA), the Educational Exchange Service (Pädagogischer Austauschdienst – PAD) of the Secretariat of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Academic Exchange Service within this initiative.

3. Furthermore, both sides highlight the successful cooperation between the Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan and Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) schools in India in the teaching of German in KV schools. They declare their support for the cooperation between the Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) in the teaching of German as an additional foreign language in KV schools in conformity with the National Education Policy of India. On details of the implementation, Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan and KVS may enter into a separate Memorandum of Understanding.
4. Regarding the promotion of teaching of modern Indian languages in German educational institutions, the Embassy of India will establish at the earliest, contacts with the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany as the competent institution for school and higher education. On the details of implementation, the nodal implementing agencies of both sides may enter into a separate MoU at the earliest. The Federal Foreign Office declares its readiness to support such contacts.
5. This Joint Declaration of Intent comes into effect on the date of signature thereof.

Signed in New Delhi on 5 October 2015 in duplicate in the English language.

For the  
Federal Foreign Office  
of the Federal Republic of Germany



For the  
Ministry of Human  
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of the Republic of India

