

**Consulate General of India
Munich**

PRESS RELEASE

Subject: Signing of the Letter of Intent (LOI) for Sister City Partnership between the cities of Aurangabad (Maharashtra, India) & Ingolstadt (Free State of Bavaria, Germany)

The city of Aurangabad in Maharashtra and the city of Ingolstadt in the Free state of Bavaria, Germany have signed a letter of intent for establishing a sister city partnership through an online event on April 8, 2022.

2. On the occasion, Consul General Shri Mohit Yadav stated that the partnership would explore synergies between India's focus on "ease of living" and emphasis on "quality of life" in Germany. Shri Yadav added that the LOI would lay a strong foundation for a sustainable and greener future and help use digitization for betterment of the lives of citizens in both the cities

3. Lord Mayor of Ingolstadt City Dr. Christian Scharpf signed the LOI on behalf of the city of Ingolstadt while the Commissioner & Administrator, Municipal Corporation, Mr. Astik Kumar Pandey, Commissioner & Administrator, Municipal Corporation, Aurangabad represented Aurangabad city. The online event was attended by the Commercial Representative at CGI Munich, Dr Suyash Chavan, the city administration officials, company representatives, industry organizations and civil society representatives from both the cities.

4. The Guardian Minister of Aurangabad & Industrial Minister, Maharashtra State, Mr. Subhash Desai was the chief guest for the event. He congratulated the cities and expressed hope for greater trade and investment between Aurangabad and Ingolstadt.

5. The twinning of the two cities is a major step in developing intensive, long-term and multi-faceted cooperation. The LOI provides a framework for cooperation in the areas of economy, science, digitization, urban development, culture, tourism, sport, health and education.

6. It may be noted that Ingolstadt is a major industrial center of Germany. It is the headquarters of the automobile manufacturer Audi and the region hosts numerous large, medium and small-scale industries. Aurangabad is one of the fastest growing cities in Maharashtra and has ambitious plans for urban development and investment promotion. AURIC – Aurangabad Industrial city (AURIC), one of India's largest greenfield industrial cities is being developed as a part of the Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor. The sister city partnership will help in attracting greater German investment to Aurangabad, facilitate sharing of best practices among institutions and promote people to people ties.

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