

**Consulate General of India
Munich**

Brief on Baden-Wuerttemberg

General:

Germany comprises of 16 states. The Consulate General of India in Munich represents India in two states viz. Bavaria and Baden-Wuerttemberg (BW). Together these two states are considered the economic powerhouse of Germany.

Population:

The total population of Germany is around 84.7 million. With a population of 11.3 million, Baden-Wuerttemberg is the third most populous state in Germany after Bavaria (13.4 million) and Nordrhein-Westfalen (18.2 million). The present population of Baden-Württemberg has remained stable over the last ten years. The State Statistical Office has predicted that the population would decrease in the coming years, especially the working-age population. Considering its repercussions on the industry, the State government is taking steps to increase the immigration of skilled professionals.

Economy:

Baden-Württemberg is one of the strongest economic regions in Europe. Baden-Württemberg is considered the most innovative region in the European Union, especially in the area of industrial technology, research and development. In 2023, Baden-Wuerttemberg held first place in terms of total exports (€ 252 billion) and third place in imports (€229 billion) in Germany. Baden-Württemberg is also home to global players like Daimler, Porsche, Robert-Bosch GmbH, SAP, etc. It is also known for innovative start-ups and small and medium businesses (Mittelstand).

High-Tech and R&D:

Baden-Württemberg is considered as one of the most innovative regions of Europe. Numerous inventions from Baden-Wuerttemberg have changed the world. These include most notably, the automobile, which was invented in 1886. However, many other everyday items such as ring binders, matches, photocopiers, electrical drills, and even the ski lift originated in this state. Since 2018, the state government and the federal government have implemented “Excellence Strategy” program providing 533 million Euros annually for university research and institutional strategies for development in the field of cutting-edge technology. From 2026, the total budget will be increased to EUR 687 million per year.

Driven by the high-tech culture, Baden-Wuerttemberg holds the first position among the top patent generators in Germany with 14,648 patent applications in 2023. Some of the world-known centers of excellence and R&D located in Baden-Wuerttemberg are the Institute of Beam Tools (Stuttgart), Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Cancer Research Centre and the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (Heidelberg). City of Freiburg in the State has been globally recognised as the Green City for having employed state-of-the-art sustainable technologies.

India-Baden-Württemberg Trade:

Baden-Württemberg is a major driving force for growing India-Germany trade and investment ties. During the year 2023, Indian exports to Baden-Wuerttemberg stood at 1.8 Billion euros and imports at 2.4 Billion euros. Top import items from Baden-Württemberg are automotive components, machinery and apparatus for electricity production & distribution, paper production & printing, textile and leather production, machine tools, chemical end products, etc. The major export items from India are automotive components, pharmaceutical products, metal products, apparel of cotton, leather products, jewellery, intermediary chemicals, etc.

Indian investment in Baden-Württemberg:

There are around 50 Indian companies in Baden-Württemberg. Prominent Indian investors in Baden-Wuerttemberg are: TCS, Infosys, Tata Technologies, Wipro, Motherson Sumi Systems Ltd. Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd, etc.

Baden-Württemberg investment in India:

Baden Wuerttemberg is also an important investment partner with nearly 350 companies from the State already operating in India. Some of the best-known Baden-Wuerttemberg investors in India include Daimler AG, Robert Bosch GmbH, SAP AG, Heidelberg Cement, Porsche, Wuerth, Voith, Lapp Cables, etc.

Co-operation MOUs:

India and Baden-Wuerttemberg have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to further enhance bilateral cooperation between the State of Maharashtra and Baden-Wuerttemberg in 2015(revised periodically). Partnerships exist between Stuttgart-Mumbai since 1968; city of Karlsruhe & Chamber of Commerce, Pune since 2014 and Coimbatore and Esslingen since 2016.

Educational Co-operation:

- a) The two sides have very close cooperation in the fields of higher education and technology. Universities in Baden-Wuerttemberg have cooperation agreements with multiple institutes/ universities from India. On the Baden-Wuerttemberg side, important institutions involved in this cooperation include Universities of Freiburg, Heidelberg, Karlsruhe, Ulm, Hohenheim, and Pforzheim, besides the Institute of South Asian Studies, Heidelberg. On the Indian side, the major Universities/institutions are JNU, CDRI (Lucknow); IITs (Delhi, Chennai, Kharagpur and Mumbai), IISc (Bengaluru); Indian Institute of Information Technology (Bangaluru), Anna University (Chennai), Indira Gandhi Research Centre (Kalpakkam), India Statistical Institute (Kolkata), University of Delhi, Hyderabad; ICSSR (New Delhi), IGNSA (New Delhi), IIM (Ahmedabad), IIFT (New Delhi).
- b) Tübingen University and Malayalam University, Kerala, entered into an agreement to set up the 'Gundert Chair' on Malayalam language with the

support of UGC of India. The Chair was formally inaugurated at Tübingen University on 9th Oct. 2015.

- c) In August 2005, the Ministry of External Affairs and the German Foreign Office approved a proposal for reciprocal arrangement for grant of courtesy visas to groups of school children from both sides, for promoting closer people-to-people contacts. Under this initiative, several schools from the State of Baden-Württemberg have entered into exchange programmes with reputed Indian schools from different States.

Cultural Activities:

- a) India Summer Week in Stuttgart is organised on an annual basis since 2004. In 2013, Mahatma Gandhi's bust was unveiled as part of the Indian Summer festival held in 2013.
- b) CMT (Caravan, Motor, Touristik) Travel Fair is held every year in the city of Stuttgart and is considered to be the world's largest consumer show for tourism and leisure. In 2016, India participated as a Partner Country - for long-haul destinations in the event.
- c) A cultural troupe from Maharashtra performed at India Summer Festival, Karlsruhe, and at India Week at Stuttgart held in July 2017. First ever 'Maharashtra day' was celebrated in Stuttgart in May 2018. The event in July 2018 marked the 50th Anniversary of the Stuttgart Mumbai city partnership.
- d) During the pandemic, Indian Summer Days were held in a digital form due to restrictions. In 2021, the 18th Indian Summer and Indian Film Festival was held in Stuttgart.
- e) As a part of the Amrit Kaal celebration, the Consulate organized various cultural events in association with Indian diaspora organizations in Baden-Wuerttemberg.
- f) The Consulate participated in the India Summer Days at Karlsruhe from July 22-24, 2022, which is one of the biggest festivals of South Germany with footfall of close to 2-3 lakhs people in three days festival. ICCR sponsored cultural troupe from Mumbai 'Bhairi Bhawani Performing Arts' performed during the festival and got a standing ovation for their performances.
- g) The Consulate organized AKAM Iconic Event Ramayana (dance drama event) at Karlsruhe on September 25, 2022. The event was graced by Lord Mayors of Karlsruhe and Walldorf. The event involved cultural presentation from around 60 artists performing various acts. Around 750-800 people witnessed the greatest Indian saga.
- h) The Consulate participated in the intercultural festival at Friedrichshafen, which involved footfall of close to 5000 people on July 2, 2022. The event involved cultural presentation from local troupe and Indian food stall containing mouth-watering Indian cuisines.
- i) In addition to these events, the Consulate has also organized a number of events under AKAM celebrations in 2022 in the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg including

Gandhi Jayanti, Margazhi Utsav, Diwali celebrations, etc. The events have been attended by a large number of local Germans and people of Indian origin.

Ayurveda/Yoga in Baden-Wuerttemberg:

The black forest area of Baden-Wuerttemberg has several popular Ayurveda centres. The International Day of Yoga was celebrated in Schwäbisch Hall on 21 June 2015. Continuing with a long tradition of supporting yoga, the city of Öhringen also hosted a day-long 'Yoga Day' to celebrate 'International Yoga Day 2018'. Since then, the celebrations have continued in other cities, for example in Bietigheim-Bissingen in 2021. Also, the Consulate is collaborating with local partners to host Ayurveda events in the region.

Indian Students in Baden-Wuerttemberg:

Around 3671 Indian students are registered at various universities in Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria. Among them many students are registered at Heidelberg, Stuttgart, Karlsruhe, Freiburg and Tübingen.

Indian Community in Baden-Wuerttemberg:

As per the latest data available, there are 38,330 Indians living in Baden-Wuerttemberg. Additionally, there are about 10,000 Germans of Indian origin in Baden-Wuerttemberg. Though small, the Indian community is quite active and comprises 4 distinct groups namely (i) those who came in the 60s for higher education, most of them are now living a retired life; (ii) those who came in the late 70s and 80s, most of whom are in textiles and restaurant business; (iii) IT professionals and (iv) University students. The well-integrated Indian community also remains in active contact with developments back home and organizes various cultural functions.

Honorary Indian Consulate in Stuttgart:

India has a long tradition of maintaining an Honorary Consulate in Stuttgart, which was continued after the establishment of CGI, Munich in the year 2002. The present Honorary Consul is Mr. Andreas Lapp, an industrialist from Stuttgart who has also invested in India. Mr. Lapp contributes to the organization of the India Summer Week in Stuttgart where Stuttgart Indian Film Festival is held annually and organizes the 'Stuttgart meets Mumbai' event.

An annual meet titled 'Stuttgart meets Mumbai Winefest' takes place on the basis of the twinning agreement in Mumbai. In recent years, a delegation from the City of Stuttgart led by the Lord Mayor has been visiting Mumbai as part of the 'Stuttgart meets Mumbai' to strengthen cooperation in business, education, health, and culture. The 19th Wine Festival took place in February 2023. with more than 1,000 guests from India, Germany and other countries. Mr. Lapp is also the Convener of the Stuttgart Chapter of the German India Round Table (GIRT). As part of his own establishment in Stuttgart, he also operates an India Business Centre.

Out-reach activities of the Consulate:

In recent years, the Consulate has reached out to various stakeholders including Ministries in Stuttgart and Mayors in important cities. Efforts have been made to connect with important Universities and Research Institutes, and schools involved in student-exchange programs. Since there are several diaspora/community associations in Baden-Wuerttemberg, Consulate encourages them to organize events related to Indian festivals, cultures etc. and provides financial support where possible.

Baden-Wuerttemberg
State Parliament

State Ministers of Baden-Wuerttemberg Cabinet

Mr. Winfried Kretschmann (Greens)	Minister-President (similar to Chief Minister)
Mr. Thomas Strobl (CDU) Deputy Minister-President	Ministry of Interior, Digitalisation, and Local Government
Dr. Nicole Hoffmeister-Kraut (CDU)	Ministry of Economic Affairs, Labour and Tourism
Dr. Danyal Bayaz (Greens)	Ministry of Finance
Ms. Theresa Schopper (Greens)	Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports
Ms. Petra Olschowski (Greens)	Ministry of Science, Research and Arts
Ms. Thekla Walker (Greens)	Ministry of Environment, Climate Protection and Energy Sector
Ms. Marion Gentges (CDU)	Ministry of Justice and Migration
Mr. Peter Hauk (CDU)	Ministry of Food, Rural Affairs and Consumer Protection
Mr. Winfried Hermann (Greens)	Ministry of Transport
Mr. Manfred Lucha (Green)	Ministry of Social Affairs, Health & Integration
Ms. Nicole Razavi (CDU)	Ministry of Regional Development and Housing
Dr. Florian Stegmann	Minister of State and Head of State Chancellery

Macro-economic data: Baden-Wuerttemberg and Germany

Indo- Baden-Wuerttemberg /German- Trade (Value in million euros)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Indian Exports to Baden-Wuerttemberg	1127	1131	1056	1371	1916	1841
Indian Imports from Baden-Wuerttemberg	1893	1698	1417	1800	2163	2430
Total Trade	3020	2829	2487	3171	4079	4271
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Indian Exports to Germany	9088	9380	8997	11086	15216	14310
Indian Imports from Germany	12502	11935	10658	12464	14886	16509
Total Trade	21590	21315	19655	23550	30102	30819

Total Baden-Wuerttemberg/German Trade

(Value in billion euros)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Baden-Wuerttemberg Export	203	205	190	221	262	252
Baden-Wuerttemberg import	177	183	174	198	259	229
Total Trade of Baden-Wuerttemberg	380	388	364	419	521	481
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German Exports	1317	1327	1205	1375	1574	1590
German Imports	1095	1104	1029	1208	1502	1366
Total Trade of Germany	2412	2431	2234	2583	3076	2956

(Source : Aussenhandel Bayern and Aussenhandel Baden Wuerttemberg)

(As on August 2024)