

Visit of H.E. Mr. Achim Burkart, the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Bangalore to SJU

On June 27, 2024, H.E. Mr. Achim Burkart, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Bangalore, along with Dr. Manjula Mundakana, Senior Advisor on Science, Technology, and Political Affairs, visited the campus of St Joseph's University. They engaged with university officials and students in a productive session.

Present during the interaction were Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Lobo SJ, Vice-Chancellor; Rev. Fr. Dr. Richard Rego SJ, Dean of the School of Communication and Media Studies and Director of the Office for International Affairs; Mr. P. Venugopal, Associate Director of the Office for International Affairs; alongside 14 SJU students. Also in attendance were Mr. Harsh Vardhana Umre, IRS, former Deputy Director General of Customs and Narcotics and Environmental Activist; Mr. Ravindra Singh, ICYEA India; and German Exchange Project students Ms. Hannah Weber, Ms. Leonie Moser, and Ms. Jule Orion.

The Consul General commenced the session with a brief address following a video presentation about the university. He highlighted ongoing efforts to bridge knowledge gaps and foster cooperation in business, science, technology, education, student exchanges, and sports sectors between India and Germany. He emphasized the significant presence of Indian students in Germany and underscored the importance of bilateral cooperation, stating, "We won't be successful without India."

During the Q&A session with students, the Consul General elaborated on the consulate's role in enhancing collaboration between Indian and German universities, particularly in sports and education. He encouraged students to explore avenues for mutual engagement and knowledge exchange. Additionally, he discussed the pivotal role of women in national development and international relations, diplomacy, foreign policy, and global conflict resolution.

Concluding his remarks, the Consul General expressed gratitude to the university authorities for organizing the visit, which was coordinated by the Office for International Affairs, SJU.

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