

# Indian cultural and student support activities in Dresden for the year 2023

## Introduction:

The **Indian Association Dresden e.V. (IAD)** is a non-profit organization committed to assisting fellow students and members in seamlessly integrating into German society. Beyond this, it serves as a cultural bridge for the Indian community in Dresden, allowing them to celebrate their festivals and traditions while away from their home country. Additionally, IAD actively promotes cultural exchange by providing opportunities for non-Indians in Dresden to learn about and participate in Indian festivities and customs. **Established in 2011 and officially registered in 2014**, IAD is listed at the Amtsgericht Dresden, with Prof. Dr. Prayag Murawala as the founding President, supported by Prof. Dr. Hussein Jinah as Vice President (also currently active), and Dr. Avinash Chekuru, the current President of IAD, among the founding members.

IAD has evolved into a significant entity, offering insights into various cultural aspects from all corners of India. The organization fosters inclusive participation, drawing students, scholars, employees, and families from in and around Dresden. Leveraging the collective strength and experience of its team, IAD has supported diverse initiatives, focusing on the growth of individuals in social and soft skills. Many events are hosted within the Dresden-Concept's network of research institutions and have become integral to the Dresden Annual Festival Calendar, attracting an increasing number of non-Indian guests (~50%).

In addition to cultural events, IAD plays a pivotal role in supporting the integration of newcomers from India into German society, fostering one-on-one interactions between students and scholars through partnerships like DAAD Indo-German initiatives. The organization extends social and economic support to artisans and performers associated with IAD.

Against the backdrop of Dresden's cultural, academic, and communal landscape in 2023, the Indian Association Dresden e.V. emerged as a vital contributor, orchestrating over 30 events that strengthened community connections, preserved cultural heritage, and provided invaluable support.

## **Events Overview:**

In 2023, IAD orchestrated a diverse symphony of over 30 events, with each serving as a unique note in the melody of community engagement. The cumulative average attendance of 200 individuals per event, and the Ganesha festival alone attracting 1100 attendees, speaks volumes about the active participation of the Indian diaspora in Dresden. Notably, the organization's distinctive initiative of welcoming and supporting 247 students in 2023, providing mentoring and arrival support, stands out not only in Dresden but also in Germany.

## **Cultural and Artistic Celebrations:**

The cultural festivities curated by IAD transcended mere events; they were immersive experiences that celebrated the richness and diversity of Indian traditions. From Sankranti and Republic Day celebrations to Holi, Ugadi, Ramadan, Rakhi, Ganesha Festival, Bathukamma Festival, Diwali, and more, each occasion not only brought the community together but also served as a dynamic showcase of cultural heritage. The Holi Celebration, with over 300 participants, set a benchmark for cultural confluence.

## **Skill Development Workshops:**

IAD's commitment to holistic engagement was evident in its diverse array of skill development workshops, including Garba Dance, Indian Vegan Food, Henna Art/Indian Tattoo, Madhubani/Mandala, and Ganesh Idol. These workshops provided a creative space for expression and skill acquisition, with the Henna Art/Indian Tattoo Workshop drawing 120 participants.

## **Student and Scientific Engagement:**

Recognizing the importance of academic and scientific enrichment, IAD curated events that facilitated engagement and learning, attracting an average of 300 participants. Events such as the Visit of the Ambassador of India to TU Dresden, DAAD Pre-departure Webinar, Career Event for Students and Professionals, and a Seminar on Funding Opportunities met the community's demand for academic insights, career growth, and networking opportunities.

## **Administrative Support and Community-Building:**

At the core of IAD's initiatives were administrative meetings that extended a supportive hand to newcomers and international students. The New Students Welcome Initiative, spanning June to November 2023, assisted 247 individuals in

acclimating to their new environment. The Indian Students in Germany (ISG) Meeting in Hamburg expanded the network, representing 33 different cities and fostering a sense of community beyond Dresden. Simultaneously, community-building events like Indian Families Gathering, Telugu Community Gathering (featuring Khokho and Kabaddi), and various barbecues consistently drew over 150 participants, creating a vibrant tapestry of shared experiences and connections.

**Conclusion:**

In 2023, the Indian Association Dresden e.V. emerged as a dynamic force, adapting to the evolving needs of the Indian community while staying true to its foundational principles. Beyond numerical success, this comprehensive report underscores the association's dedication to fostering a connected, culturally enriched, and supportive community within Dresden. As the association looks ahead, its commitment remains unwavering - to further enrich the lives of its members, contribute to the cultural tapestry of Dresden, and serve as a beacon of unity for the Indian community in the heart of Germany.

**EVENT REVIEW REPORT 2023**

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| 1. | <p>Name of the Event</p> <p>(Dance/Music/Theatre/Food Festival/Literary Festival/Folk Art, etc.)</p> | <p><b>Cultural Events / Students and Scientific events / Administrative meetings</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sankranti // Harvest Festival</li> <li>2. Republic Day celebration</li> <li>3. Visit of the Ambassador of India to TU Dresden - Interactive session with students-Scientists-Industry experts</li> <li>4. Holi Celebration</li> <li>5. Ugadi - Yugadi - Gudi Padwa Festival</li> <li>6. Ramadan Festival</li> <li>7. Rakhi festival - Rakhi distribution</li> <li>8. Hiking event - Indian Families</li> <li>9. Independence Day</li> <li>10. Dresden Intercultural Days workshops (organized by the city of Dresden)             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10.1. Garba Dance Workshop</li> <li>10.2. Indian Vegan Food Workshop</li> <li>10.3. Henna Art workshop / Indian Tattoo workshop</li> <li>10.4. Indian Traditional Art Madhubani / Mandala Workshop</li> <li>10.5. Ganesh Idol Workshop</li> </ol> </li> </ol> |
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|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. Ganesha Festival</li> <li>12. Bathukamma Festival</li> <li>13. Hiking event - Students</li> <li>14. Dandiya Navratri</li> <li>15. Diwali Festival</li> <li>16. Kannada Rajyotsava</li> </ul> <p><b>Student support initiative/s or activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17. Student Welcome Initiative 2023 (June -Nov 2023) –Arrival support for International students and newcomers to Dresden</li> <li>18. Webinar series as a part of supporting new students (10+ Webinars) “NewStudentsDresden2023”</li> <li>19. Indian Students in Germany (ISG) Meeting in Hamburg</li> <li>20. DAAD Pre-departure webinar (Online)</li> <li>21. New Students Welcome meeting -I</li> <li>22. New Students Welcome Meeting -II</li> <li>23. “How to Find a Job in Germany”- Career event for students and professionals in collaboration with INTAP</li> <li>24. Industrial tour taking students to different companies in Dresden by INTAP (our partner)</li> <li>25. Seminar: Funding Opportunities for Students and Scholars by GIZ India and BMZ (Federal Ministry of Economy)</li> <li>26. Address by the Indian Minister of External Affairs- Indian Students attending a meeting at the Embassy of India</li> <li>27. Representation at the Foreigners Council, City of Dresden</li> <li>28. German-Indian Round Table meeting - Dresden headed by Saxon Minister Dulig and German Consul General Chennai</li> <li>29. World cup cricket final match show organization – Dresden level Screening</li> <li>30. Indian Student Community Gathering (BBQ) - Khokho and Kabaddi- Sports Activity:</li> <li>31. Marathi Community Gathering (BBQ)- Maharashtra formation day</li> <li>32. Gujarati Community Gathering (BBQ)- Gujarat Sthapana Divas</li> </ul> |
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|    |                                    | <p>33. Telugu Community Gathering (BBQ)-<br/>Khokho and Kabaddi - Sports Activity</p> <p>34. Job search event: How to find a job in<br/>Saxony with foreign qualifications<br/>obtained in India.</p> <p>35. Indian Families Gathering</p>   |
| 2. | Name of the volunteers<br>involved | <p>1. Rishabh Agarwal</p> <p>2. Aaratrika Ray</p> <p>3. Ameya verma</p> <p>4. Amit Kumar</p> <p>5. Ankita Jha</p> <p>6. Anupama Narendra Swarnaraju</p> <p>7. Anusua Das</p> <p>8. Ariana jain</p> <p>9. Arupa RAY</p> <p>10. Bhoomika Chelur Shivakumar</p> <p>11. Chaitrali kulkarni</p> <p>12. Divya J</p> <p>13. Gamyra Joshi</p> <p>14. Garima Singh</p> <p>15. Jaita Syamal</p> <p>16. Janani Natarajan</p> <p>17. JANANI NATARAJAN</p> <p>18. Kasturi Banerjee</p> <p>19. Kavya Bhaskar</p> <p>20. Keshav Srinivas Manjunath</p> <p>21. Lakshmi Bhaskaran</p> <p>22. Lavina Agarwal</p> <p>23. Laxmidevi M N</p> <p>24. Madhumitaa Bharani Dharan</p> <p>25. Nithyasree Areti</p> <p>26. Nivedha Murali Shankar</p> <p>27. Om Gadche</p> <p>28. Pooja Kalal</p> <p>29. Prajakta Tale</p> <p>30. Priyanjali G L</p> <p>31. Pushpa Shankar</p> <p>32. Radha Walimbe</p> <p>33. Rajni Sharma</p> <p>34. Reshma Syed</p> <p>35. Ritu Gautam Meyer</p> <p>36. Ruchi Sharma</p> <p>37. Rudraansh Gautam</p> <p>38. Rudransh</p> |

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|  |  | <p>39. Rutuja Joshi<br/>40. Sahana Padma<br/>41. Sanghavi Ray<br/>42. SARAN BABUCHANDRAN NAIR<br/>SUGATHA KUMARI<br/>43. Sayan Dutta<br/>44. Shravya Sharma<br/>45. Shweta Sharma<br/>46. Smahi Shrivastava<br/>47. Ashutosh Velankar<br/>48. Soubhagya Chalavadi<br/>49. Soundarya Nagarajan<br/>50. Srija Bhagavatula<br/>51. Srinithi Banerjee<br/>52. Surbhi Joshi<br/>53. Sushmitha Shet<br/>54. Swapnil Bane<br/>55. Tanumita Haldar<br/>56. Tripti Pandya<br/>57. Vanshika Jagilam<br/>58. Vinay Nair<br/>59. Yash Baravaliya<br/>60. Yashaswini Veeramani<br/>61. Anusua Das<br/>62. Ariana jain<br/>63. Ankita Jha<br/>64. Vanshika Jagilam<br/>65. JANANI NATARAJAN<br/>66. Laxmidevi M N<br/>67. Vinay Nair<br/>68. Charvi<br/>69. Ankit Chaudhari<br/>70. Milind Shende<br/>71. Anusua Das<br/>72. Rutuja Gupte<br/>73. Surbhi Joshi<br/>74. Ghata Satish Bhayani<br/>75. Diksha Avhad<br/>76. Ketaki Patil<br/>77. Sneha Nannaware<br/>78. Nethra COIMBATORE karuppusamy<br/>79. Ranjana Pottigar<br/>80. Dhara Bhavsar<br/>81. Sneha Nannaware</p> |
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|  |  | 84. Neelam bane             |
|  |  | 85. Bhavati                 |
|  |  | 86. Mahek Bhatnagar         |
|  |  | 87. Ruchi Sharma            |
|  |  | 88. Mihika Tiwari           |
|  |  | 89. Pooja Umate             |
|  |  | 90. Raj Pusande             |
|  |  | 91. Sparsha Suresh          |
|  |  | 92. Kavita Basarkar         |
|  |  | 93. Shrirang Milind Shende  |
|  |  | 94. Unmi Deshpande          |
|  |  | 95. Yash                    |
|  |  | 96. Shikha tripathi         |
|  |  | 97. Anusua Das              |
|  |  | 98. Narenderreddykatta      |
|  |  | 99. Mamta Rajguru           |
|  |  | 100. Abhilash bijwe         |
|  |  | 101. Sanghavi Ray           |
|  |  | 102. Aaratrika Ray          |
|  |  | 103. Kusal                  |
|  |  | 104. Pooja Umate            |
|  |  | 105. Gargi Joshi            |
|  |  | 106. Amitha Mayya           |
|  |  | 107. Kushal                 |
|  |  | 108. Rohit Krishnat More    |
|  |  | 109. Neeti Sharma           |
|  |  | 110. Karishma               |
|  |  | 111. Medhavi Dhamangaonkar  |
|  |  | 112. Ganesh Gode Prakash    |
|  |  | 113. Rasika Bhitale         |
|  |  | 114. Shradha Rautara        |
|  |  | 115. Tripura Reddipalli     |
|  |  | 116. Yash Ghonsekar         |
|  |  | 117. Vikrant shevale        |
|  |  | 118. Heena Sayyed           |
|  |  | 119. Sandeep Raj Sagaya Raj |
|  |  | 120. Nisha Narwal           |
|  |  | 121. Rohith Reddy Godala    |
|  |  | 122. Kanchan Bansal         |
|  |  | 123. Ashok Kumar Thella     |
|  |  | 124. Sreenithi Ilangovan    |
|  |  | 125. Rahul Rangarajan       |

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|  |  | 126. Charan Vadlapati                    |
|  |  | 127. Vinolia Dmello                      |
|  |  | 128. Omkar Jugade                        |
|  |  | 129. Pavan Sai Kumar Pavan Sai Kumar     |
|  |  | 130. Girish BI                           |
|  |  | 131. Venkatesh Rao                       |
|  |  | 132. Jessica Hernández                   |
|  |  | 133. Srividhya Sainath                   |
|  |  | 134. Kushal Saha                         |
|  |  | 135. Jyothi Mallineni                    |
|  |  | 136. Kumar K                             |
|  |  | 137. Gowrishankar Hallilingaiah          |
|  |  | 138. Arundas Pottana Meethal             |
|  |  | 139. Darshan Kare Gowda                  |
|  |  | 140. Rahul Enishetty                     |
|  |  | 141. Surbhi Joshi                        |
|  |  | 142. Anant Rastogi                       |
|  |  | 143. Chandrasekhar Naisa                 |
|  |  | 144. Saranya Ellanti                     |
|  |  | 145. Srinivasan Ramasamy                 |
|  |  | 146. Sanskriti Dresden, Tanz Art Dresden |
|  |  | 147. Pramod Vishnumurthy                 |
|  |  | 148. Amal Nair                           |
|  |  | 149. Krishna Gupta                       |
|  |  | 150. Dr. Srija Bhagavatula               |
|  |  | 151. Priyanka Patil                      |
|  |  | 152. Sri Lakshmi Nanduri                 |
|  |  | 153. Shaik Hafsa Sharief                 |
|  |  | 154. Akash Emmanuel                      |
|  |  | 155. Haridharan A C K                    |
|  |  | 156. Shruthi Mudiyunur Narahari          |
|  |  | 157. Prasath Kumaraveeran                |
|  |  | 158. Shashidhar Reddy                    |
|  |  | 159. Radhika Chatterjee                  |
|  |  | 160. Sharmin Khaleque                    |
|  |  | 161. Avijit Majhi                        |
|  |  | 162. Anne Deitrich                       |
|  |  | 163. Darshan Barkur                      |
|  |  | 164. Sankalp Jena                        |
|  |  | 165. Naga Sai Theja Malipeddi            |
|  |  | 166. Vinu Karthik Sripathi Porus         |
|  |  | 167. Apurv Vikaskumar Mandviwala         |
|  |  | 168. Akshay Kulkarni                     |
|  |  | 169. Manik Khurana                       |



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|  |  | 170. Pramoda N V                 |
|  |  | 171. Vama Chouhan                |
|  |  | 172. Vinya Vibhuti               |
|  |  | 173. Amal Nair                   |
|  |  | 174. Anant Rastogi               |
|  |  | 175. Lokesh Kumar                |
|  |  | 176. Raj Sutariya                |
|  |  | 177. Kommisetti Satya Swapna     |
|  |  | 178. Girish B L                  |
|  |  | 179. Abhinaba Habishyashi        |
|  |  | 180. Madhumitaa Bharanidharan    |
|  |  | 181. Smita Singh                 |
|  |  | 182. Ankita Jha                  |
|  |  | 183. Himanshu Patel              |
|  |  | 184. Dhara Savsani               |
|  |  | 185. Vinya Vibhuti               |
|  |  | 186. Prithviraj Patil            |
|  |  | 187. Anurag Nayak                |
|  |  | 188. Sahil Sharma                |
|  |  | 189. Reshma Syed                 |
|  |  | 190. Khaja Sharief               |
|  |  | 191. Lokesh Kumar                |
|  |  | 192. Kushal Lunawat              |
|  |  | 193. Ruchil Jain                 |
|  |  | 194. Ariana Jain                 |
|  |  | 195. Bhavana S U                 |
|  |  | 196. Surbhi Joshi                |
|  |  | 197. Kunal Joshi                 |
|  |  | 198. Gamyra Joshi                |
|  |  | 199. Vikram Kamble               |
|  |  | 200. Kishor Patil                |
|  |  | 201. Pavan Sai Kumar Singavarapu |
|  |  | 202. Sai Ranga Rao Inuganti      |
|  |  | 203. Sampada Godkhindi           |
|  |  | 204. Pawan Patel                 |
|  |  | 205. Ganesh Harugeri             |
|  |  | 206. Soubhagya Chalavadi         |
|  |  | 207. Sankalp Jena                |
|  |  | 208. Naga Sai Theja Malipeddi    |
|  |  | 209. Swapnil Bane                |
|  |  | 210. Neelam Bane                 |
|  |  | 211. Abhishek Nsg                |
|  |  | 212. Soham Gharat                |
|  |  | 213. Harshali Yenkar             |

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|    |   | 214. Shubham Sharma<br>215. Harish Kodarapu<br>216. Himaja Yerramshetty<br>217. Amrita Satapathy<br>218. Bibek Mishra<br>219. Anant Rastogi<br>220. Madhumitaa Bharani Dharan<br>221. Abinaya Varadharajan<br>222. Naresh Surepelly<br>223. Nahas Hassan Annacot<br>224. Shruthi Mudiyunur Narahari<br>225. Rishav Sharma<br>226. Ahmad Omar<br>227. Sudha Satish<br>228. Vrutant Trivedi<br>229. Premkumar Umapathy<br>230. Soundarya Nagarajan<br>231. Nivedha Murali Shankar<br>232. Manik Khurana<br>233. Aravind Raj Rajendiran<br>234. Kiruthiga Devi Janarthanan<br>235. Shivasai Gaddam<br>236. Sai Nikhilesh Pilla<br>237. Madhumitaa Bharani Dharan<br>238. Supriya Joshi<br>239. Roberto Basile<br>240. Mahsa Fallah Zavaraki<br>241. Devraj Singh<br>242. Lucky Rawat<br>243. Aswathi Mannathanath<br>Chakkingal<br>244. Sanjay Singh<br>245. Rhema Jeet<br>246. Komma Venkata Siva<br>247. Ariadne Katsika<br>248. Juhan Lee |
| 3. | Whether the visit coincided with any significant event/festival | <b>Indian festivals and Indian national holidays</b><br>1. Holi<br>2. Ugadi / Gudi Phadwa<br>3. Independence day celebrations<br>4. Navratri<br>5. Rakshabandhan<br>6. Bathukamma<br>7. Ganesh Festival   |

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|    |  | 8. Ramadan<br>9. Deepawali<br>10. Kannada Rajyostava<br>11. Sankranti<br>12. Republic Day   |
| 4. | Details of pre-event publicity efforts                 | <p><b>90% of our events were entry FREE</b> and publicized our events via our Facebook, WhatsApp groups and partner associations. Additionally, we used Eventbrite to sell and register for the tickets.</p> <p>We also made posters with the Embassy of India, Berlin logo for all the events. The posters are available on the IAD Facebook page, which can be accessed via the website, <a href="http://www.iadresden.org">www.iadresden.org</a>, and on the media attached to this document</p> |
| 5. | Dates and places/venues of performances/shows          | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Most of the events were held at TU Dresden premises.</li> <li>2. Tusculum, Studentenwerk, TU Dresden.</li> <li>3. Studentenwerk, TU Dresden.</li> <li>4. BCUBE TU Dresden</li> <li>5. CRTD TU Dresden</li> <li>6. Max Planck Institute - CBG</li> <li>7. Johanstaterkultutreff e.V. Dresden</li> </ol>  |
| 6. | Number of performances/shows and duration of each      | <p>Avg. The duration of the event has been 4-6 hours as per the need and availability of the location agreed with each provider.</p> <p>Rules about noise level, number of people, availability of active security, number of performers planned for the event has influenced this decision</p>   |
| 7. | Whether any Lec-Dem/workshop arranged, if so, feedback | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Degree recognition for foreigners by Intap</li> <li>● Funding opportunities for Indian Students and entrepreneurs by GIZ India with funding up to 60,000€</li> <li>● Workshop for Master and PhD students to perform aboard research semesters in India.</li> <li>● Garba Dance workshop</li> <li>● Peta Workshop</li> <li>● Indian food Workshop</li> </ul>   |

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|     |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ganesh Idol making Workshop</li> <li>• Heena Art Workshop</li> </ul>   |
| 8.  | VIPs who graced the occasion   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shri. H.E. Harish Parvathaneni, Ambassador of India, EOI, Berlin</li> <li>• Shri Dr. Madhusudhan Reddy Nandineni, Counselor S&amp;T, EOI, Berlin</li> <li>• Prof. Staudinger, Rector of TU Dresden</li> <li>• Director/s, Max-Planck institute Dresden</li> <li>• Frau Winkler, City Integration officer, Dresden</li> <li>• Former Chairmen of the Foreign Parliament Dresden, Prof. Dr. Hussein Jinah</li> </ul>   |
| 9.  | Number of foreign nationals who attended the performances  | <p>In general, we estimate 30-50% of non-Indians attending our events for the past 5 years. All major events have 300-500 people participating. *</p> <p>*It can also be seen in the YouTube live video celebration of Diwali about foreign national participation</p>  |
| 10. | Number of Indian community members, including Persons of Indian Origin who attended the performances | 50-70% Indians or Indian origin   |
| 11. | Local media coverage – electronic/print  | <p><b>Event Media links (General)</b><br/> <b>Most of the photos and videos are published online:</b></p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/IAD_YouTube">http://bit.ly/IAD_YouTube</a><br/> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/IADresden/events/">https://www.facebook.com/IADresden/events/</a></p> <p><b>Event specific links</b><br/> Some event photos might not be online; hence we provide it in the links below</p> <p>1. Onedrive Combined link/s<br/> <a href="https://1drv.ms/f/s!ApJuNI-sO6MImDi4iQc8t6DLvjOH?e=4Nlr9Q">https://1drv.ms/f/s!ApJuNI-sO6MImDi4iQc8t6DLvjOH?e=4Nlr9Q</a></p> |

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| 12. | Performance quality, feedback from the organizer and others | We conduct a feedback survey after every event is finished. Internal statistics show a very good to excellent rating for the events' management and cultural performance.   |

### Event list along with a brief description of the event for the year 2023

**1. Sankranti (Harvest Festival):** Sankranti, a significant harvest festival in India, is a celebration of abundance and prosperity. Families come together to mark the end of the winter harvest season, flying kites, preparing traditional sweets, and expressing gratitude for a bountiful harvest.

**2. Republic Day Celebration:** Republic Day is a patriotic event commemorating the day when the Constitution of India came into effect. The celebration includes the hoisting of the national flag, cultural performances, and various activities that highlight the country's unity in diversity.

**3. Visit of the Ambassador of India to TU Dresden:** An enriching interaction facilitated by the visit of the Ambassador of India to Technische Universität Dresden (TU Dresden), where students, scientists, and industry experts engage in a dialogue, fostering collaboration and understanding.

**4. Holi Celebration:** Holi, the Festival of Colors, is a vibrant and joyous occasion where people come together to play with colored powders, dance to lively music, and share festive treats. It symbolizes the triumph of good over evil.

**5. Ugadi Festival:** Ugadi, marking the Telugu New Year, is celebrated with traditional rituals, special dishes, and cultural events. It's a time for reflection, new beginnings, and the sharing of joyous moments with family and friends.

**6. Ramadan Festival:** Ramadan is a sacred month observed by Muslims worldwide, involving fasting from sunrise to sunset, prayer, and reflection. It is a time for spiritual growth, self-discipline, and compassion.

**7. Rakhi Festival:** Rakhi is a heartwarming celebration of the bond between brothers and sisters. Sisters tie protective threads (rakhi) on their brothers' wrists, symbolizing love, care, and a promise of support.

**8. Dresden Intercultural Days Workshops:** As part of Dresden Intercultural Days, workshops are conducted to promote understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures, fostering an inclusive community.

**9. Garba Dance Workshop:** A lively workshop teaching the energetic and graceful Garba dance, an integral part of Navratri celebrations. Participants learn the traditional steps and immerse themselves in the cultural richness of India.

**10. Indian Vegan Food Workshop:** This workshop is an exploration of the delicious world of vegan Indian cuisine. Participants learn to prepare

**plant-based versions of classic Indian dishes, emphasizing healthy and sustainable culinary practices.**

**11. Henna Art/Indian Tattoo Workshop:** Participants in this workshop delve into the art of henna application or Indian tattooing. They learn about the intricate designs and cultural significance behind these beautiful forms of body art.

**12. Indian Traditional Art Madhubani/Mandala Workshop:** This workshop is a creative journey into traditional Indian art forms such as Madhubani and Mandala. Participants discover the historical roots and techniques of these mesmerizing art styles.

**13. Ganesh Idol Workshop:** A hands-on workshop where participants craft their Ganesh idols, celebrating the beloved deity associated with wisdom and new beginnings. The idols are often used during the Ganesh Chaturthi festival.

**14. Ganesha Festival:** The Ganesha Festival is a joyous occasion dedicated to Lord Ganesha. It involves processions, cultural performances, and elaborate decorations to honor the revered elephant-headed deity.

**15. Bathukamma Festival:** Bathukamma, a floral festival celebrated in Telangana, involves creating vibrant flower stacks, cultural dances, and joyful festivities, symbolizing the beauty of nature and womanhood.

**16. Hiking Event - Students:** A hiking event tailored for students, providing an opportunity to connect with nature, engage in physical activity, and build camaraderie with fellow students.

**17. Dandiya Navratri: Celebrated during Navratri, Dandiya involves energetic dance performances with sticks. Participants showcase their rhythmic moves, creating a lively and festive atmosphere.**

**18. Diwali Festival: Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is a grand celebration involving the lighting of lamps, exchanging of gifts, feasting on sweets, and the bursting of fireworks. It signifies the triumph of light over darkness.**

**19. Kannada Rajyotsava: A celebration marking the formation of the state of Karnataka, featuring cultural programs, traditional music, and patriotic events that showcase the rich heritage of Karnataka.**

**20. Student Support Initiative/s or Activities: Initiatives designed to provide comprehensive support to students, addressing their academic, cultural, and personal needs.**

**21. Student Welcome Initiative 2023 (June - Nov 2023): A multi-month program offering arrival support and orientation activities for international students and newcomers to Dresden, facilitating a smooth transition into their new academic and cultural environment.**

**22. Webinar Series as part of supporting new students "NewStudentsDresden2023": A series of webinars designed to equip new students with essential information, resources, and tips to navigate academic and social aspects of their new life in Dresden.**

**23. Indian Students in Germany (ISG) Meeting in Hamburg: An informal gathering of Indian students in Hamburg, providing a platform for networking, sharing experiences, and building a supportive community.**



**24. DAAD Pre-departure Webinar (Online):** An online webinar organized by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) to offer valuable information and guidance to students preparing to depart for Germany.

**25. New Students Welcome Meeting - I:** The first of a series of welcome meetings for new students, offering crucial information about the academic environment, resources, and cultural aspects in Dresden.

**26. New Students Welcome Meeting - II:** A continuation of the welcome series, delving deeper into orientation, community engagement, and available support services for new students.

**27. Career Event for Students and Professionals in collaboration with INTAP:** An event aimed at bridging the gap between students and professionals, providing insights into career opportunities and fostering connections through collaboration with INTAP.

**28. Seminar: Funding Opportunities for Students and Scholars by GIZ India and BMZ:** A seminar organized in collaboration with GIZ India and BMZ, providing valuable information on funding opportunities for students and scholars interested in academic pursuits.

**29. Address by the Indian Minister of External Affairs:** An exclusive meeting at the Embassy of India, where Indian students have the privilege of listening to and interacting with the Minister of External Affairs, gaining insights into diplomatic affairs.

**30. Presentation at the Foreigners Council, City of Dresden:** An informative presentation about Indian culture and community delivered at the Foreigners

**Council in the city of Dresden, promoting cultural understanding and dialogue.**

**31. German Indian Round Table Meeting: A high-level meeting involving representatives from Germany and India, chaired by Saxon Minister Dulig and German Consul General Chennai. The meeting aims to foster collaboration and discuss mutual interests.**

**32. World Cup Cricket Final Match Show Organization – Dresden level Screening: An event organizing the screening of the World Cup cricket final at the Dresden level, providing a platform for cricket enthusiasts to come together and enjoy the thrilling match.**

**33. Sports Activity: Indian Student Community Gathering (BBQ): A lively gathering of the Indian student community, featuring sports activities like Khokho and Kabaddi, along with a BBQ, promoting a sense of unity and camaraderie.**

**34. Marathi Community Gathering (BBQ): A BBQ gathering specifically for the Marathi community, creating an opportunity for community members to connect, share experiences, and celebrate**