One of the 10 Paradises of the world. Top 50 places to see in a life time. (National Geographic)
Kerala: A Few Facts

33.5 million people

HDI- 0.814 (Germany- 0.885; India- 0.519)
Literacy rate- 95% (India- 74%)

Excellent Healthcare: life expectancy- 75 to 79 years

Official Language: Malayalam. (English and Hindi)

Religions: Hindus (54%), Christians (25%), Muslims (20%), Jews and others (~1%)

Relaxed and laid back life style.

Poorly Industrialized. Weak job market
Not so good for higher education
People immigrate.

Long standing connections with Europe.
Vasco da Gama
20 May, 1498

1706- Bartholomäus Ziegenbalg - Christian missionary

1838- Rev. Dr. Hermann Gundert

Introduced (.) (,) (;) (:) (?) into Malayalam.
First- Malayalam English Dictionary
Malayalam Grammar Book.
Translated the Bible into Malayalam.

Vasco da Gama

Hermann Gundert
Indo-German relations

Never colonized India.

Supported the Indian freedom struggle against the British.

India was the first country to end the ‘state of war’ with Germany after World War II.

India’s largest European business partner. Business at the level of mining, heavy industry, telecommunication, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, software and many more.

Germany invests in research and education in India.
Indians in Germany

1951- The first Indian international student arrived in to enrol at the Dresden University of Technology.

1950s and 1960s many more men followed to study engineering.

1970s Catholic women were recruited by the Church to work as nurses

Until 1973 many came as engineers and computer scientists.

1980s many from the state of Punjab arrived

2001- IT Green card- Gerhard Schröder- another 20000 followed.

At present about 100,000 Indians in Germany.
Indian Student in Germany

A totally different world.
Heart-eye co-ordination problem.
Vicious circle
Place to live
Culture and food

Max probability that you will actually find this new Indian.
German classes, Lab rotations, institute seminars...
The Transformation

Germans and German, meat and alcohol, mixing internationally, roaming with other Indians, travelling, getting along with project and colleagues. Getting used to the system.
Indians in Würzburg

India Center for Würzburg

Welcome
Join us when we celebrate our
64th Indian Independence Day
August 15th, 5pm
St. Laurentius Kirche·Kirchgasse 3·Würzburg-Heidingsfeld

Happy Diwali

A New Passage to India-
DAAD
Some Issues

Difference in attitude. Supervisors and co-workers

Way of communication. Slow and clear.

Taking holidays.

Acceptance of Indian documents.

Indian system of education and grading.

Germans are not unfriendly.

We look different.
What is great in Germany- Indian Perspective

Value of time and organization.

Respect towards everyone. (especially while driving)

Quality of life.

Quality and approach towards science.

A practical approach to problems.

International exposure.
What I do in Würzburg

Arrived as a GSLS Fellow.
PhD student at Junior Research Group under Dr. Jörg Wischhusen.

Tumor Immunology Lab
Role of miRNAs in TGF-b signalling in Immune cells.
Thank you