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Insights from the Interns Desk: A Journey with Hamburg Representation Mumbai

Hey there! I'm Vaishnavi Keer, an intern at the Hamburg Representation Mumbai and in today's From the Intern's Desk, I'd love to share my journey over the past five months. From coordinating delegations and analysing news to promoting India Week Hamburg 2025, my experience here has been filled with learning, challenges, and exciting opportunities. Join me as I reflect on what it's been like to contribute to Hamburg's presence in India and the valuable lessons I've gained along the way!

As my five-month internship at the Hamburg Representation Mumbai comes to an end, I find myself reflecting on an experience that has been both enriching and eye-opening. Coming into this role, I knew I would be working on Indo-German relations, but I didn't anticipate just how much I would learn about diplomacy, business development, and the dynamic relationship between Hamburg and India.

One of the most exciting aspects of my work here has been supporting and facilitating high-level delegations, including fact-finding missions and business dialogues. Coordinating meetings, preparing reports, and ensuring that Hamburg's presence in India is well-represented have given me a deep understanding of international cooperation at the city level. I had the opportunity to work closely with partners like the Senate Chancellery, Hamburg Chamber of Commerce, Port of Hamburg, promoting their activities and exploring ways to enhance their engagement in India. Whether it was being a part India Week Hamburg planning meetings, dialogues with the Indian companies, it has been contributed immensely to my professional growth.

Communications have also played a key role in my work. Whether it was crafting posts to highlight key meetings, analysing news that impacts Hamburg, or strategizing on how best to promote India Week Hamburg 2025, I gained valuable experience in shaping Hamburg's narrative in India.

One of the most rewarding moments was assisting with visits from important partners from the Senate Chancellery, and ensuring that the meetings were impactful. These experiences gave me first-hand insight into the effort that goes into building and maintaining strong international relationships.

Beyond the tasks, what made this experience truly special was the bond I created with all the people I worked with. Working in an environment that encouraged learning, collaboration, and independent decision-making helped me grow both professionally and personally. Every challenge was an opportunity to adapt and find solutions, and every success was a moment of shared achievement.

As I move forward, I take with me a deep appreciation for the role that city partnerships play in global cooperation. I'm grateful for the opportunities I had during my time here, and I look forward to seeing how Hamburg-India relations continue to evolve. Thank you to everyone who made this journey so memorable!

