

Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Day

09 October 2020

The **IFS Day** is celebrated on **9 October** every year since **2011** to commemorate the day the **Indian Cabinet** created the **Indian Foreign Service (IFS)**. The IFS is the **Indian Diplomatic Civil Service** of the **Central Civil Services** of the **Government of India**. The Service is entrusted to conduct **diplomacy** and manage **foreign relations of India** and extend consular facilities to foreigners and **Indian Diaspora** abroad in all situations. It is the body of **career diplomats** working in **193 Indian Diplomatic Missions** and **International Organisations** around the world and at headquarters of the **Ministry of External Affairs** in Delhi.

The Consulate General of India-Hamburg, as part of the Diplomatic Civil Service of the Government of India, has been striving hard -

- to provide consular services on time and continued these uninterrupted during Covid-19;
- to reach out to Indian Diaspora, various Indian students' associations and was in touch with them 24x7 to check their well being and provided counselling wherever needed;
- to assist the stranded Indian Diaspora to fly back to India by **Vande Bharat Mission Flights during the peak pandemic period and even now.**
- to promote rich culture and ancient heritage of India through physical event (pre COVID-19 period) and through virtual events (during the pandemic period); and
- to promote exports, flagship economic schemes, India's economic and industrial strength through physical event (pre COVID-19 period) and through virtual events (during the pandemic period).

The IFS Body is dedicated to the service of the nation and its people in India and abroad!



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