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This is to inform the HOD's and the faculty members of all the departments that Dept of Biotechnology & Genetics is hosting a seminar on Opportunities for Higher Education in Germany for the final year UG and PG students at M S Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

Speaker is Mrs Suganya Tamalapadi, Regional Officer, DAAD German Academic Exchange Service, German Consulate General, Bengaluru.

Faculties whoever is free can also attend.

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## Seminar on

# Opportunities for Higher Education in Germany (For final year BSc & MSc students)



## SUGANYA TAMALAPADI

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## Organized by

# Department of Biotechnology & Genetics

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Kuvempu Seminar Hall

Tuesday, 3 Sept, 2024

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3:00 PM - 4:30 PM



# **Department of Biotechnology and Genetics**

# Report on Guest Lecture: "Opportunities for Higher Education in Germany"

Date: 3/09/2024

Name of the resource person: Mrs. Suganya Tamalapadi

No of participants: 59

Venue: Kuvempu Seminar Hall

Time: 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

The Biotitans Club of the Department of Biotechnology and Genetics organized an informative guest lecture titled "Opportunities for Higher Education in Germany" on 3rd September 2024 at the Kuvempu Seminar Hall. The lecture was delivered by Mrs. Suganya Tamalapadi, Regional Officer at DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), German Consulate General, Bengaluru. The event, anchored by Ms. Daisy Dominic, attracted a good number of students interested in exploring educational opportunities in Germany.

#### Welcome Address

The session commenced with a warm welcome address by **Dr. Radha Dayanidhi**, who emphasized the importance of international education and how studying in Germany can open up numerous avenues for students.

#### Presentation of Survey on Student Concerns

**Dr. Sathish Babu** presented the results of a survey conducted among students regarding their doubts and concerns about pursuing higher education in Germany. The survey highlighted key areas such as eligibility criteria, financial planning, and cultural integration, which were later addressed by the guest speaker. The presentation set the stage for the lecture, ensuring that the content was aligned with the interests of the students.

## Key Topics Covered by Mrs. Suganya Tamalapadi

Mrs. Suganya Tamalapadi provided a comprehensive overview of higher education opportunities in Germany, covering several crucial aspects for students considering this path. The main points discussed during the lecture were:

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#### 1. Eligibility and Academic Requirements:

Mrs. Tamalapadi began by explaining the academic prerequisites for admission to German universities, including minimum grades, entrance exams, and specific subject requirements for different courses. She also discussed the importance of a strong academic background and the role of extracurricular achievements in strengthening applications.

### 2. University Selection and Specialization:

 She guided the students on how to choose the right university and specialization based on their academic interests and career goals. Mrs. Tamalapadi stressed the importance of thorough research, understanding the curriculum, and aligning it with long-term career aspirations.

### 3. Scholarships and Financial Planning:

One of the key highlights of the lecture was the discussion on various scholarship opportunities available for international students through DAAD and other organizations. Mrs. Tamalapadi provided detailed information on how to apply for scholarships, manage finances during the course of study, and plan for living expenses.

## 4. Accommodation and Living Arrangements:

 Mrs. Tamalapadi addressed concerns related to finding accommodation in Germany, including university dormitories, private housing, and shared apartments. She also offered tips on budgeting for living expenses, transportation, and utilities. Overall, around Euro 950 was the basic amount needed.

## 5. Language and Cultural Integration:

She highlighted the importance of learning the German language, even if the course is taught in English, as it aids in better cultural integration and everyday interactions. Mrs. Tamalapadi also provided insights into the cultural nuances in Germany, encouraging students to embrace the new environment and make the most of their international experience.

## 6. Career and Job Opportunities:

A significant portion of the lecture focused on career opportunities available for international students, both during and after their studies. Mrs. Tamalapadi discussed the robust job market in Germany, especially in fields like biotechnology, engineering, and IT, and shared tips on how students can enhance their employability through internships and networking.

# 7. Post-Graduation and Long-Term Opportunities:

 Mrs. Tamalapadi explained the various long-term career options for students who wish to stay in Germany after completing their studies, including work permits, permanent residency, and further academic opportunities such as pursuing a PhD.

## 8. Visa and Health Insurance:

 She provided essential information regarding visa requirements, application processes, and the importance of obtaining proper health insurance before arriving in Germany. Mrs. Tamalapadi emphasized the need for early planning to avoid last-minute complications.

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#### 9. General Advice:

 The session concluded with practical advice for students preparing for their studies abroad. Mrs. Tamalapadi encouraged them to be proactive, make use of available resources, and stay connected with academic and social support networks to ensure a smooth transition into life in Germany.

#### Interactive Session and Q&A

After the lecture, there was an engaging interactive session where students raised questions about specific concerns such as visa delays, scholarship deadlines, and balancing work and studies in Germany. Mrs. Tamalapadi patiently answered all queries, providing clear and actionable advice.

#### Vote of Thanks

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mrs. Nikitha Ajith, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Suganya Tamalapadi for her informative lecture and to the Biotitans Club for organizing the event. She also thanked the students for their enthusiastic participation.

#### Conclusion

The guest lecture by Mrs. Suganya Tamalapadi on "Opportunities for Higher Education in Germany" was a resounding success, offering invaluable guidance to students aspiring to study in Germany. The detailed discussion on eligibility, financial planning, and cultural integration provided a clear roadmap for students, helping them navigate the complexities of international education. The session was both educational and motivational, leaving the students well-informed and inspired to pursue their academic dreams in Germany.



### Photos of the event



Dr Radha, HoD giving Welcome Address



Mrs Suganya, HoD addressing the event



Dr Sathish presenting the survey results



Mr Sai, alumini sharing his experience



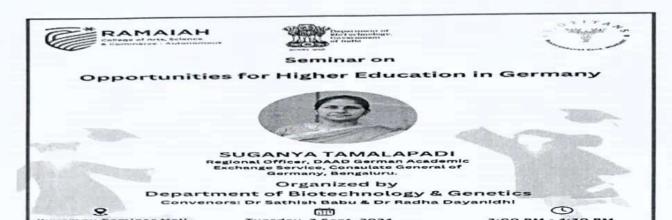
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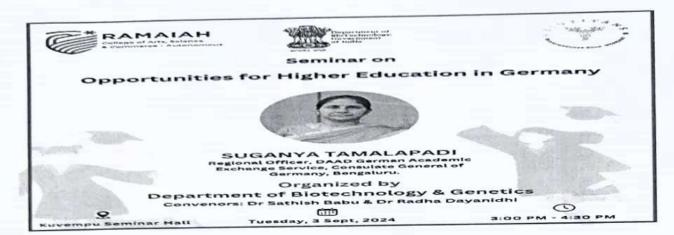


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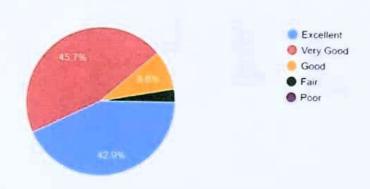


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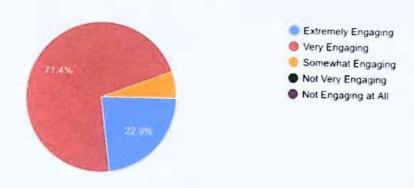


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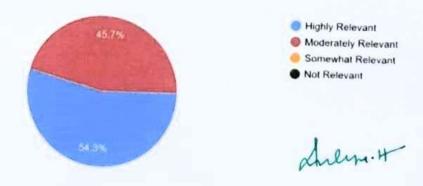
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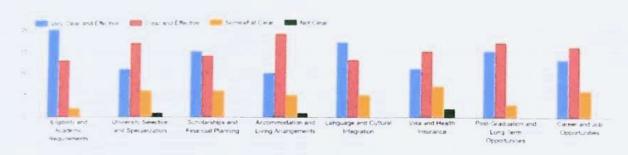


3. How relevant was the lecture to your academic or career interests?

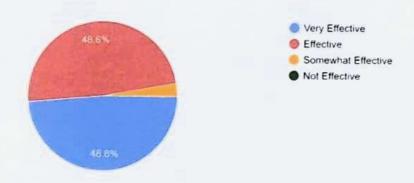




4. How clearly were the following topics explained?



5. How effective was the speaker's communication and presentation style?



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