

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**MR.ACHIM FABIG, CONSUL-GENERAL OF GERMANY IN CHENNAI**  
**CALLED ON GOVERNOR**

Mr. Achim Fabig, Consul-General of Germany in Chennai called on Thiru CH.Vidyasagar Rao, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu at Raj Bhavan, Chennai today (17/02/2017).

The Consul-General said that Germany and India share historical relations in terms of social, economic, religious and cultural interest. He further said that India was among the first countries to establish diplomatic ties with the Federal Republic of Germany after the Second World War and German Government is committed to development programmes in desalination, ground water, energy, drinking water quality improvement, education- student and faculty exchange and cultural exchange programmes.

Thiru CH.Vidyasagar Rao, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu said that the visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi to Germany in April 2015 has further strengthened the Strategic Partnership. It has established a platform to identify fresh areas of investments, enable technology transfer and further expansion. The Governor added that the 'Make in India' initiative and focus on technology development and enhancement has made the countries across the globe to see India as a global partner.

The Consul-General acknowledged and observed that the Trade between India and Germany has significantly progressed and many of the Indian IT companies have invested in Germany and in the same way Germans also invested in India in various fields, specially in automobile industry in Chennai, which is an auto hub.

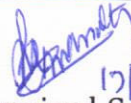
The Governor said that there should be focus on introducing 'Sister City Concept' in Chennai, like the one in Karnataka and Maharashtra in co-ordination with the Government of Tamil Nadu. The Governor observed that viable projects are necessary to solve drinking water problems of all Districts and suggested study and development of comprehensive drinking water management systems in co-ordination with all universities. Since the students are the real Ambassadors of any nation, thrust is being given for student and cultural exchange programmes.

Mr. Achim Fabig said that Germany is keen on further strengthening its business and strategic ties with India, particularly Tamil Nadu and look forward to investments in areas of renewable energy, green technologies and education exchange programmes.

Thiru Ramesh Chand Meena IAS, Principal Secretary to Governor, Thiru K.V.Muralidharan, Deputy Secretary to Governor and Comptroller, Thiru D. Mohan, Deputy Secretary (Universities) were present.

Raj Bhavan, Chennai.  
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