

Report on
DAAD Info Session on “Higher Studies & Research in Germany”
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On behalf of MITS Madanapalli, the **Department of Chemistry** organized an info session entitled “**Higher Studies and Research in Germany**” on 21 March 2018 between 2:00 and 3:30 pm in Mechanical Seminar Hall. The talk was given by **Ms. Padmavathi Chandramouli**, Information and Office Manager, Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD), German Academic Exchange Service, DAAD Information Center, Chennai. The info session was organized to provide information about higher studies and research opportunities in Germany **exclusively** for the larger benefits of **MITS students**.

The welcome address was given by **Dr. Logudurai R**, HoD-Chemistry. Next, **Dr. Sremmant Basu**, Dean-Administration, gave an introductory talk about the importance of higher education in Germany. **Prof. C. Yuvaraj**, Principal, initiated the info session and advised the students to utilize this opportunity and enrich their career. He also pointed out the increasing trend of Indian students’ admission in German Universities because of its higher international standards.

Ms. C. Padmavathi delivered an excellent talk with detailed information about higher studies (Internships, Thesis and Masters), research funding and research collaborations in German Universities/Institutes. Secondly, she pointed out that there is no tuition fee in German Universities/Institutes for pursuing Master’s and Ph.D. programmes compared to other countries. She also mentioned that, GRE, TOEFL, IELTS or other language proficiency exams are not mandatory for getting admissions to German Universities/Institutes. In addition to that, she cited that German Government provides job seeker visa for 18 Months to the students who completed their studies in Germany. She concluded the presentation by discussing the German visa procedure, part-time job possibilities, social life at Germany, job opportunities after studies, various scholarships and fellowship details, etc. More than 160 students and 25 faculty members attended the info session. Furthermore, there was a question and answer session with the participants. The students and faculty members actively interacted with the speaker.

MITS’ students got really inspired and benefitted from her presentation. The info session was concluded with a vote-of thanks by the program co-coordinator **Dr. K. Seeni Meera** – **alumnus** DLR/DAAD Postdoctoral Fellow.

Ms. C. Padmavathi interacted with faculty members from various departments in the conference room after the info session. She briefed various DAAD programs available to support advanced research and institutional co-operation.