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Betreff: Circular message to create awareness among the Indian Diaspora and Indian Students under the jurisdiction of Consulate General of India Hamburg

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like you to draw the attention of all Indian Students in Germany and Indian Diaspora members to a very serious issue of our young students/Indian Diaspora members getting drowned and losing their precious life, of late at a regular interval. The recent incidents (last week) at Clausthal (near Goettingen) and near Hamburg-Harburg were really heartbreaking where 2 young students lost their lives due to drowning in a lake.

In 2017, 2 Indian students died (both 23 years old) due to drowning in Duisburg. In 2018, a 22 year old Indian student died in Ruhrsee near Aachen. On 19 July, this year an Indian man drowned in Mannheim. On 28 July, a 28 year old student drowned near Ashaffenburg. And of course, the two recent incidents at Clausthal (near Goettingen) and near Hamburg-Harburg – which happened last week in quick succession.

I would request you to spread awareness among Indian students and other Indian Diaspora members living in Germany about the dangers of swimming in unknown lakes/natural water bodies. The water in these lakes/natural water bodies is really cold, which can affect swimming as a result of cramps leading to a cardiac arrest. Usually, these lakes do not have life guard facilities. One should avoid swimming in these serene and beautiful lakes by risking one's life. Please get suitable advisories posted on maximum number of Facebook pages/FB Groups/Whatsapp Groups and other social media groups etc. Spread the word, by all means, as much as possible. Make announcements during your programmes/shows/events/meetings. The Indian Students and the Indian Diaspora may please also conduct some awareness campaigns. We need support and cooperation from every member of the Indian Diaspora in protecting young lives.

Regards

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