

# Two schools sign deal on education, culture with German govt for pupils

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Pune: Students of Sanskriti and Dr Shamarao Kalmadi High School will now get a chance to access training material, workshops, theatre and be in musical tours as part of 'Schools: Partners for Future (PASCH)'— an initiative of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Goethe-Institut.

Both the schools on Wednesday signed an agreement with the German government to extend these opportunities to their students.

"The MoU was signed on August 12. The event was virtu-

## ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

> The PASCH initiative was launched by Frank Walter Steinmeier, German minister of foreign affairs, in 2008 to connect German teaching schools worldwide and thereby strengthen the interest in Germany and explore study possibilities

### WHAT'S IN IT FOR THE SCHOOLS?

> Education projects, competitions, language courses in Germany or multinational summer schools abroad, learning materials, guidance services and/or music tours

> The initiative makes use of a variety of programmes to motivate pupils at PASCH schools to learn German, promotes their language skills, and helps foster inter-cultural dialogue

(Source: PASCH-initiative website)

ally attended by senior members of Goethe Institut, including the head of South Asia, Andrea Walter, and director, Miriam Bruns. PASCH is an initia-

tive of the German Government & Goethe Institut where a select group of schools from across the world are chosen as partners after a rigorous evaluation pro-

cess. The aim is to share best practices, learning and strengthen the educational and cultural ties between the German educational institutions and the pupils of the partner schools," a statement issued by Sanskriti Group of Schools read.

Students of the two schools can also avail of scholarships for studies in Germany. "We are confident that many of our students will benefit from this initiative," director of Sanskriti Group of Schools, Devyani Mungali, said. Director of Goethe-Institut, Pune, Miriam Bruns, said that she was delighted with the new partnership.