



# Latvia as preferred study destination for Indian students

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DEPUTY RECTOR OF RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

Number of Indian students in Latvian universities and colleges has increased dramatically due to several reasons:

- ▶ **Good quality of studies, practical approach in technology programmes;**
- ▶ **Affordable tuition fees and low living costs;**
- ▶ **Large Indian student community;**
- ▶ **Recognition of degrees worldwide:**
- ▶ **Latvia as EU and Schengen area country offers more opportunities to explore Europe, continue education and have sufficient practical training;**
- ▶ **Safe, friendly and healthy environment.**

Riga Technical University has the largest number of Indian students in Bachelor, Master, Doctoral programmes



# FOREIGN STUDENTS



# Most popular programmes for 950 Indian students at Riga TU

- ▶ Mechanical Engineering
- ▶ Aviation Transport
- ▶ Computer Systems
- ▶ Entrepreneurship and Management
- ▶ Electronics

## Cooperation:

IIT Delhi, IIT Madras, Anna University, Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science, Dev Sanskriti University, Vellore Institute of Technology, et al.

# Potential cooperation in science

Joint participation in EU-Indian projects



Business University college «Turiba» - more than 500 Indian students in programmes:

Master - “Business Administration”;

Bachelor - “Tourism and hospitality management”.

Partnership with:

Manipal University,

Indian Institute of Management Kashipur.

# Number of graduates, number of employed Indian students increasing





# A few other Universities and colleges having students from India

- ▶ University of Latvia – Medicine, Computer Science;
- ▶ Riga Stradins University - Medicine;
- ▶ RISEBA University of Applied Sciences – International Business and Health Management;
- ▶ Rezekne Academy of Technologies – Mechatronics, Programming;
- ▶ Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies - Veterinary Medicine, Food Science;

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# What do we need to do next?

- ▶ Agreement on Recognition of Academic and Scientific Degrees, signed by governments of India and Latvia;
- ▶ Closer cooperation between leading universities in India and Latvia in joint scientific projects, especially in Computer Science, Robotics, Chemical Technology, Electronics, Mechanical Engineering;
- ▶ Joint supervision of Doctoral students;
- ▶ Setting up of double degree programmes between Indian and Latvian universities in priority areas of economic development of both countries;
- ▶ Improving living conditions for Indian students in Latvia.

Ultimately, education in its real sense is the pursuit of truth. It is an endless journey through knowledge and enlightenment.

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Thank you! Paldies!

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