

Dear reader,

Welcome to the second issue of the Weitblick magazine. We have a very pleasant topic this time: happiness. People all over the world know this feeling but is it the same things that make us happy? And what, after all, is happiness? We interviewed students from India and from Germany to find out. Our research, which is mainly based on statements from 9th and 10th graders, confirmed that we do have a lot in common. Family, friends, sports - they are for example a universal source of happiness no matter where you live. However, what looks the same on the surface is not necessarily identical.

Different countries often have different traditions and values. Knowing these traditions helps to understand each other better and even to avoid conflicts. That is why we included both in our magazine: statements on happiness and background information on various topics. In the first and larger part of the magazine we focus on India, the second part is about happiness in Germany. So while the Indian boy Harish tells you that a cool drink makes him happy, you will also get an insight into culinary customs and why you might be laughed at if you eat with knife and fork in India. There is also a quiz and additional material for travelers.

All Weitblick projects have the motto "Learn and Help". In this case we learn more about two different cultures: India and Germany. With the money we raise selling the magazine we want to build a school in Nalgonda/India, and so help poor children to get a good education. Of course, our magazine does not give an ultimate answer on happiness and there is so much left to say about India and Germany. However, we hope that this cooperation between students from Gauting/Germany and Chinnapuri/India shows that working together is not only a lot of fun but also a first step for a better understanding between nations.

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