

CONSULTANCIES SEE SPIKE IN APPLICATIONS & ENQUIRIES

Germany opportunity card attracts job seekers from T

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Hyderabad: Apart from the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia, many from the Telugu states are now looking at Germany as a probable destination for work, thanks to the country's recently announced Opportunity Card, Chancenkarte.

The card makes it easier for candidates — skilled workers from non-EU countries — to find work in Germany as they are allowed to stay there for a year and hunt for jobs.

"Given the situation in the United States and Canada, I am looking at other countries for work. I found opportunity card interesting and contacted a few consultancies to

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know more and will be applying soon," said Sai Kiran, who is part of the quality assurance team at a private firm.

The IT employees association said that they too have received quite a few enquires to understand opportunities available in Germany. "Until now, it was mostly employees who went onsite or students who did their masters who were the ones working in Germany. Not many directly applied and went for work from here. But, with the opportunity card being rolled out, many employees are showing interest and exploring the possibility of working in Germany," said C Vinod Kumar, general secreta-

WHAT'S OPPORTUNITY CARD?

Purpose: The opportunity card is designed to attract skilled workers from non-EU countries to Germany

Stay time: It allows candidates to stay in Germany for up to one year while they search for employment

Eligibility: Candidates must score six points based on criteria such as education, age, skills & other factors

Finances: Applicants must ensure their means of support are guaranteed for the duration of their stay

Integration: The opportunity card aims to address the shortage of skilled labour in various fields in Germany

ry, Forum for IT Employees.

The card, consultancies in the city concurred, has fuelled interest among job aspirants and led to a significant surge in enquiries. Employees working at all levels — entry, middle, and senior levels — across fields are looking to cash in on this opportunity, they added.

"In the last couple of weeks, we have received over 50 profiles and the application process has already been initiated for some of these applicants," said **Subhakar Alapati**, founder director, Global Tree Overseas Education Consultants adding that they have received a substantial number of queries from individuals eager to leverage this new gateway to German residency.

He said that the majority of queries revolve around the application process, the specific criteria needed to qualify, and the types of jobs accessible under this permit. "Professionals are particularly interested in understanding how

this permit facilitates their entry into the German job market and what strategies they can employ to maximise their chances," he added.

Germany has launched opportunity card to address shortage of skilled labour by attracting workers from non-EU countries. The candidates who score at least six points — awarded for education, age, skills, among other aspects, in the points system will stand a chance to get the card. In addition, the candidates' means of support must be guaranteed for the duration of their stay. Germany is facing shortage of engineers, medical professionals, and teachers, among others.

Consultants said that while they are receiving profiles from working professionals across fields, majority are from the STEM background — software development, computer science, mechanical engineering, and electrical engineering.

