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The Monthly Newsletter from Goethe-Zentrum Hyderabad



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WHAT'S UP AT GZH IN AUGUST 2020!

Hello dear Readers!

As we all wait united, in the hope of a vaccine and quarantine ourselves effectively to avoid any infection, we are still very prudent about our approach towards dealing with COVID-19. GZH is following CORONA PROTOCOL. We request all friends and well wishers of GZH to help us respect these norms please. As always our staff and faculty are #workingfromhome to facilitate smooth transition and to bring you some fine events ONLINE. Check our ONLINE Language courses and our Offline Exam schedules on our website. Read on for more...

In the meanwhile, Please follow us on our social media and website.

WHAT'S INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

*Web Session by DAAD on Study
& Research in Germany | 7th Aug*

*Documentary Screening - Die
Kandidaten | 12th Aug*

Rendezvous with Seniors | 21st Aug

| 28th Aug

This and that...

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING ONLINE



Die Kandidaten (The Candidates) A film by Michael Schwarz

Duration: 82 minutes, German with English Subtitles

Wednesday, 12th August 2020, 6:30 pm IST

The German federal election of 2017 is considered historic and, like no other election before, still has an immense influence on current politics. Whereas the election campaigns of the top candidates such as Merkel and Schulz were exploited in detail by the media, we lack a focus on the campaigns of the grass roots of the political parties, far away from Berlin. The film accompanies six young politicians of the biggest political parties from Rhineland-Palatinate during the crucial phase of the election campaign and we see the variety of challenges young politicians have to face. Despite the difficulties, they all have to act according to the motto "Keep on fighting!"



Film available Online

[Click here for the YouTube link](#)

CULTURES OF RESISTANCE FILMS

FROM TRASH TO TREASURE: turning negatives to positives

Duration: 24 minutes, English Subtitles, Director: Lara Lee

In Lesotho—a highland country surrounded by South Africa—an artist named Nthabiseng TeReo Mohanela takes discarded materials and transforms them into unique clothing and accessories. Teaching young people the benefits of recycling and re-creation, she calls her project "From Trash to Treasure." With TeReo's work as a starting point, this short film showcases a broader spirit of reimagination among artists in Lesotho, who use creativity to respond to entrenched social problems: Filmmakers show the need to end child marriage. Musicians write songs about climate change. Farmers collect seeds to protect endangered tree species. Designers use fashion to preserve traditional Basotho culture and challenge common perceptions of Africa. Profiling a variety of these innovators, the film encourages us to take lessons from those who rethink, reuse, and reinvent in order to promote positive change. Cultures of Resistance Films are making their films available for free online.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=udLsJuTKrmo>



RENDEZVOUS WITH SENIORS

An evening of Readings to celebrate "Senior Citizen's Day 2020"



Image source: <https://www.pikist.com>

21ST AUGUST 2020 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM IST

The World Senior Citizen's Day is celebrated on 21 August each year. The celebration took place for the first time on 1 October 1991. It's a day to remember and celebrate the older persons and thank them for their contributions.

We take this opportunity to thank all GZH well-wishers who have accompanied our journey for over 15 years. We have learnt from their laughter, from their experience, their knowledge and most importantly their company. We celebrate this day with readings. Our readers will select a text, poetry or prose of their preference.

Do join us ONLINE as we stop to tell them how much we appreciate their presence in our lives!

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://bit.ly/3i5Okbm>

READINGS BY:

B S Prakash
Daphne Rebello
Frauke Qader
Ismat Mehdi
Professor Satyanarayana
Shankar Melkote
Vasanth Kannabiran
Vithal Rajan

Moderator:
Chandana Chakrabarti

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS' SERIES

28TH AUGUST 2020 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM IST



LV Prasad Eye Institute

Brain Mechanisms of Sight Recovery

Speaker: Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Brigitte Röder, Head of Biological Psychology and Neuropsychology, University of Hamburg, Germany



GZH launches the **Distinguished Speakers' Series** to invite eminent professionals to speak to our audiences. This could be a lecture by the specialist or a panel discussion with other colleagues in their area of expertise. We are happy to present you the first of this series.

Brain mechanisms of sight recovery

If infants are born blind, their brains are able to adjust by enhancing non-visual senses such as hearing and touch in order to compensate for visual loss. If sight is restored later in life, it is often assumed that recovery is highly limited in those who receive e.g. cataract surgery only in late childhood or as adults. In fact, visual impairments remain in these individuals but there is a lot of recovery too and some functions reach close to typical levels. Neuroscience research in sight-recovery individuals uncovers the neural mechanisms of regaining visual functioning on which future treatment and rehabilitation efforts can be built on.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://bit.ly/2DAaiEI>

PANEL

Prof. D Balasubramanian
Distinguished Scientist & Director of Research Emeritus,
L V Prasad Eye Institute

Dr. Ramesh Kekunnaya
Head, Children's Eye Centre, L V Prasad Eye Institute

Dr. Idris Shareef, L V Prasad Eye Institute

Prof. Anuradha Lohia
Manovikas Kendra, Kolkata

Dr. Neeraj Jain
Director, National Brain Research Centre, Manesar

OBITUARY

Dr. Challa Subrahmanyam (1945 – 2020)



We deeply regret the passing of Dr. Challa Subrahmanyam (1945 – 2020) in Hyderabad. He was the Founder President of the Governing Board of Goethe-Zentrum Hyderabad between 2004 - 2011.

Dr. Subrahmanyam or Subbu as he was fondly called by his friends, retired as Director Grade Scientist at NGRI (1971 – 2005) and as Emeritus Scientist from 2005-2010. He pursued his M.Sc. in Geophysics from Andhra University, Waltair and Ph.D. in Geophysics from the Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad. Dr. Subrahmanyam's research focused on application of gravity and magnetics where he made significant contributions to the Indian Geophysics studies both on continental and marine aspects leaving behind an inspiring body of research in the annals of Earth Science.

On a DAAD fellowship program in Marine Geophysics Dr. Subrahmanyam was in Hamburg, Germany from 1981 – 1984. He developed a deep appreciation of the German culture and people which he actively maintained through his work with Indo German Nachkontakt Association (IGNA) as Secretary and later President as well as the Goethe-Zentrum Hyderabad.

Dr. Subrahmanyam is fondly remembered as a friendly, humorous, and approachable person. The Governing Board and staff of GZH convey their heartfelt condolences to the family.

GERMAN LANGUAGE ONLINE COURSES - AUGUST 2020

Upcoming Courses

A1 Online Evening Course

17.08.2020 | 04:30pm to 07:45pm
Mon,Tues,Wed & Fri | 11 Weeks

A2 Online Morning Course

31.08.2020 | 07:00am to 09:15am
Mon to Fri | 11 Weeks

A1.1 Online Children Course

08.08.2020 | 10:00am to 12:30pm
Sat & Sun | 13 Weeks

A1.2 Online Children Course

04.08.2020 | 06:00pm to 07:30pm
Tues, Thur & Fri | 13 Weeks

Upcoming Examinations

Registrations Closed* (Bookings for exams in Aug and Sept has closed. Please consult our website for more details.)

Goethe Zertifikat A1 Exam

25.08.2020

Goethe Zertifikat A2 Exam

13.08.2020

Goethe Zertifikat B1 Exam

27.08.2020

Goethe Zertifikat A1 Exam

15.09.2020

Goethe Zertifikat A2 Exam

08.09.2020

Goethe Zertifikat B1 Exam

29.09.2020

Registrations Open*

Goethe Zertifikat A1 Exam

20.10.2020

Goethe Zertifikat A2 Exam

22.10.2020

For more details contact: info@goethe-hyderabad.org

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Your team Goethe-Zentrum Hyderabad!



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PODCAST SERIES "PINJRA TOD KAR"

Thank you for the overwhelming response to our Podcast Series "Pinjra Tod Kar" which brought powerful and poignant stories told by the women whose lives were impacted by Shaheen led by Jameela Nishat. We have reached over **30,000 listeners** and according to statistics, interestingly over 63% of the listeners are men. We hope to continue this engagement with our next Podcast which is in the making.

Listen to this podcast here: Pinjra Tod Kar: <https://hyderabad.german.in/events#>

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