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Grüß Gott (Greetings)!

Trust that you are all doing well.

IT'S EARTH DAY MONTH!

For the past 50 years, Earth Day has been celebrated by billions of people around the globe, annually every April 22, to join together in promoting awareness for the health of our environment.

With serious concerns about our changing environment being studied and addressed today by prominent scientists, politicians, and young climate change activists alike, some people are adapting to more environmentally friendly ways of living – every day, not just on April 22 every year. Cue the composting, recycling, repurposing, carpooling, thrifting, and metal straws to save the turtles. For the past 19 years, GZH has also been trying to lead sustainable living and promote the same on all possible occasions. This month we will be launching an earth day theme exhibition, an earth day flea market, an ode to our millets, and more.

Stay tuned for more updates on our social media page.

We have included for you all the details of our classes and upcoming events below.

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# GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSES IN APRIL-MAY 2023



## Upcoming Courses

### A1 Early Morning Offline Course

27.03.2023 | 07:00 to 09:15 hrs IST

Monday to Friday | 11 weeks

### A1 Weekend Online Course

25.03.2023 | 08:30 to 12:45 hrs IST

Saturday & Sunday | 16 weeks

### B2 Offline Course

17.04.2023 to 07.07.2023 | 08:00 to 14:00 hrs IST

Monday to Friday | 12 weeks

### A2 Offline Course

27.03.2023 | 09:30 to 12:45 hrs IST

Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 14 weeks

### A1.1 Offline Children's Course

01.05.2023 to 26.05.2023 | 08:00 to 11:30 hrs IST

Monday to Friday | 04 weeks

### A2.1 Online Children's Course

01.05.2023 to 28.07.2023 | 17:30 to 19:00 hrs IST

Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 13 weeks

## Upcoming Examinations

### REGISTRATIONS ARE CLOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING

Goethe-Zertifikat

A1 Exam

11.04.2023

Goethe-Zertifikat

A2 Exam

18.04.2023

Goethe-Zertifikat

B1 Exam

06.04.2023

Goethe-Zertifikat

B2 Exam

04.04.2023

### REGISTRATIONS YET TO OPEN FOR THE FOLLOWING

Goethe-Zertifikat

A1 Exam

16.05.2023

Goethe-Zertifikat

A2 Exam

09.05.2023

Goethe-Zertifikat

B1 Exam

02.05.2023

Goethe-Zertifikat

B2 Exam

11.05.2023



For more details contact: [info@goethe-hyderabad.org](mailto:info@goethe-hyderabad.org)

Goethe-Zentrum Hyderabad continues to maintain COVID-19 protocol.

# WELCOME TO MEDIATHEK!



Picture courtesy: eGOv Online library

Dear Readers,

Greetings from our Mediathek at GZH. We are delighted to announce the Mediathek is now seeing a room full of students, teachers & enthusiasts discussing, reading & enjoying the plethora of books we are offering. Our team is looking forward to welcoming you to our Institute. Mediathek is now available for you to browse our collection of German books and magazines or use our media to know more about current topics and trends in Germany and German language.

Opening Hours:

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

10:00 am – 01:00 pm

03.00pm – 05.00 pm

SATURDAY

10:00 am – 01:00 pm

Have you tried our free Onleihe yet?

It has many new titles covering a variety of interests. Do explore the world of Onleihe.

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GOETHE-ZENTRUM HYDERABAD WILL REMAIN CLOSED ON

07.04.2023: GOOD FRIDAY

14.04.2023: DR. AMBEDKAR JAYANTI

22.04.2023: RAMZAN EID

OH WAIT, HAVE YOU SEEN HOW OUR AMBASSADOR IN DELHI CELEBRATED 'NAATU NAATU' OSCAR WIN?  
TAKE A LOOK & ENJOY: [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=ISWD05VKJC4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISWD05VKJC4)



# GERMAN DIGITAL LIBRARY

## What is Onleihe German Digital Library - HOW DO I USE, REGISTER?

ONLINE



Picture courtesy: eGov Online library

### WHAT IS ONLEIHE?

The Onleihe is Goethe-Institut's digital library (eLibrary). More than 35,000 German language eBooks, audio books, movies, materials for German language learners, magazines and newspapers are available for downloading from the Onleihe.

1. [Onleihe - eBooks](#)
2. [Onleihe - Audio books](#)
3. [Onleihe - For German language learners](#)
4. [Onleihe - Magazines](#)
5. [Onleihe - Newspapers](#)
6. [Onleihe - Movies](#)

### WHO CAN USE THE ONLEIHE?

Anyone with permanent residence outside Germany can register the eLibrary. Online registration is fast and easy. Library membership is not required.

### HOW DO I REGISTER?

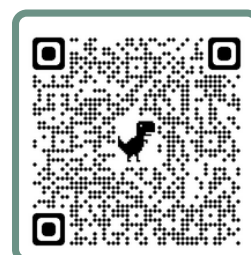
Depending on your device there are various options for accessing and downloading media:

Registration Process :

DESKTOP OR LAPTOP - [Click Here](#)

FOR ANDROID - [Click Here](#)

FOR IOS - [Click Here](#)



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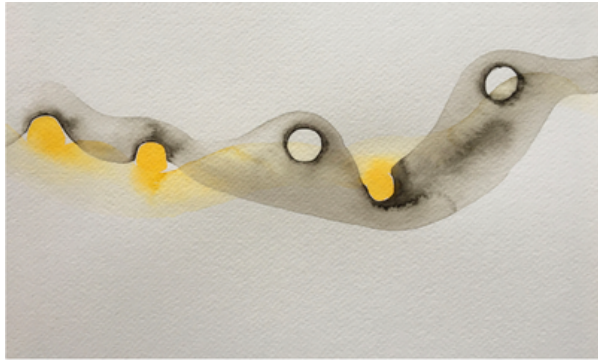


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# MY HEART DRESSES IN BLACK AND DANCES

Exhibition by Aarti Vir

Exhibition Launch: 13th April, 19:00 IST | On view till: 23rd April



"My heart Dresses in Black and Dances"  
(after Mary Oliver)

As the climate crises multiply and the damage our species has inflicted upon the Earth becomes ever more acute and obvious, Earth day is equally a celebration - of the daily wonders of our planet and its natural world, as it is grieving, of all that has been lost and continues to be desecrated. It is a reminder to us all, to nurture the Earth we have, for our very lives depend on her well-being.



It is perhaps a cliché already, to say that the Covid pandemic reminded us of the interconnectedness of all life on this planet. Ancient cultures and Aboriginal societies across the world respected that truth. May we never again, in our hubris, forget it. This show is a collection of watercolor paintings and handmade ceramics, that takes inspiration from the world around her. As my heart dresses in black and dances along to the tunes of that muse, she hopes to be able to hold with reverence and celebrate all that we still have.

## ABOUT THE ARTIST

Aarti Vir studied painting at MSU Baroda 1990-94 and SN School, Hyderabad 1994-96. She then spent two years as a student at the Golden Bridge Pottery in Pondicherry, and a year as an apprentice to Ray Meeker. In 1999 she returned home to Hyderabad and set up a studio, making salt-glazed ceramics.

In 2003, she was awarded the Charles Wallace India Trust scholarship and spent a semester at the Ceramics Department, University of Wales, Cardiff, and four months as an apprentice to Micki Schloessing. In 2008, she apprenticed with Sandy Lockwood and Gwyn Hanssen Pigott in Australia.

Aarti had to give up her studio of twenty years in 2019. She has been renting a studio for the past year and a half and hopes to have a new studio sometime in the future.

Picture courtesy: Aarti Vir



# EARTH DAY FLOHMARKT

15th APRIL | GOETHE-ZENTRUM HYDERABAD | 17:00 TO 21:00 HRS | ENTRY IS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL

A shout out to all vendors who believe and want to be a part of a sustainable flea market.



Using low environmental impact materials

Handmade products

Slow Fashion

Planet friendly

Minimum carbon footprint

Practicing zero waste strategy

Promoting green energy

Reduce Reuse Recycle

Sustainable food

Practicing zero plastic footprint

Practicing Upcycling



Goethe-Zentrum Hyderabad believes in and lives a sustainable life to its best capability! We are celebrating our planet by promoting and encouraging a lifestyle that will only make our Earth healthier. Save the date for an engaging Earth Day Flohmarkt, spread all over Goethe-Zentrum Hyderabad. Sustainable products, sustainable food, workshops, poetry sessions, live music, cozy reading space, paint & play arena, film screening, and much more are planned for the FLOHMARKT!

Do join the fun with your friends and family, and help us spread the word.

# SAVE THE DATE-BOOK LAUNCH

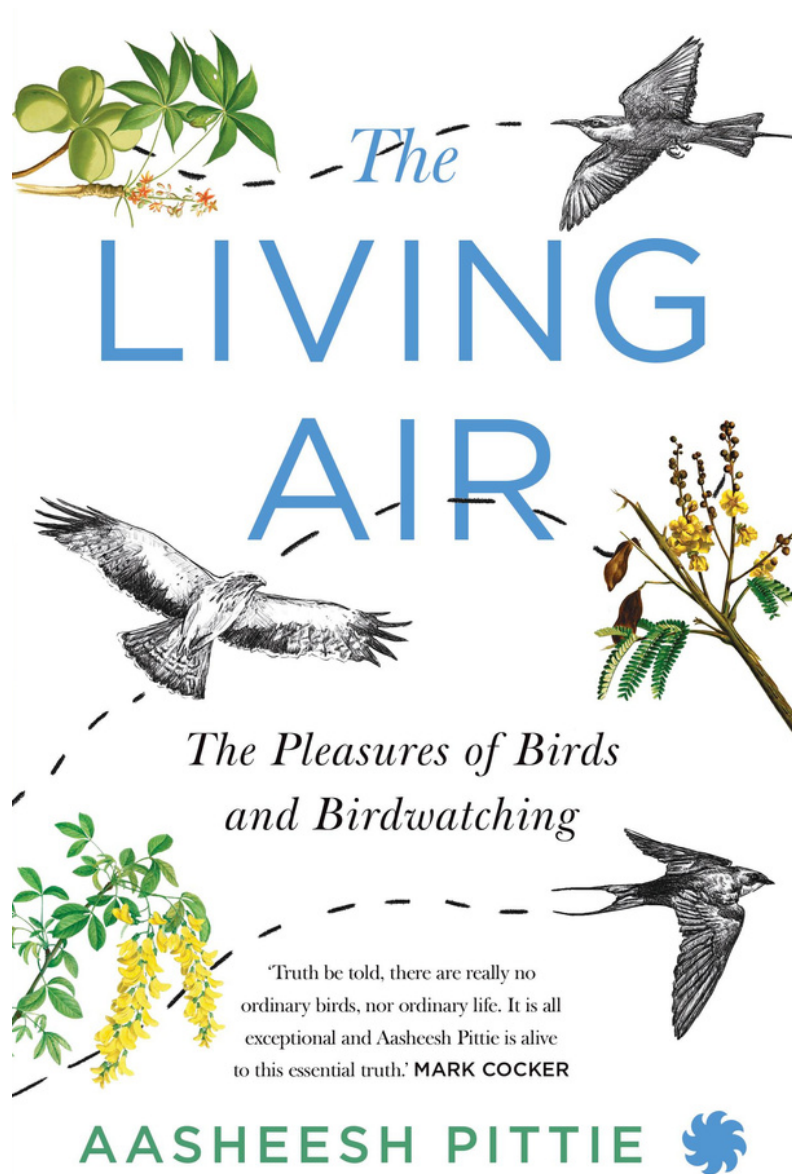
16TH JUNE | HAMBURG HALL, GOETHE-ZENTRUM HYDERBAD | 18:00 HRS

## THE LIVING AIR

The Pleasures of Birds & Birdwatching

Written by Aasheesh Pittie.

Published by Juggernaut under Indian Pitta Imprint



Picture courtesy: Juggernaut

If you're looking for new ways to engage with birds and birdwatching, Aasheesh Pittie's book of essays, *The Living Air* is a great place to start. This book will not only make you want to get out and observe your city and surroundings in a whole new light, but it will also offer a fresh perspective into what birdwatching is and the many ways you can benefit from it. Informative yet a joy to read, *The Living Air* is an excellent introduction to the transformative pleasures of birdwatching.

# DAAD NEWS FOR APRIL

## DAAD Scholarships: Call for Applications

### Re-Invitation Programme for Former Scholarship Holders

The aim of this programme is to enable former DAAD scholarship holders to carry out research and working projects in Germany and to maintain contacts as part of DAAD's global alumni network.

Funding Duration: 1 to 3 months between August 2023 and January 2024

Application Deadline: 3 April 2023

### Research Stays for University Academics and Scientists

The aim of this programme is to support short-term research stays and thus promote the exchange of experience and networking amongst colleagues.

Funding Duration: 1 to 3 months between August 2023 and January 2024

Application Deadline: 3 April 2023

## WEB SESSIONS

Masters in Germany

11 April, 15:00 IST

My Student Journey - Achal tells his Story

13 April, 15:00 IST

PhD in Germany

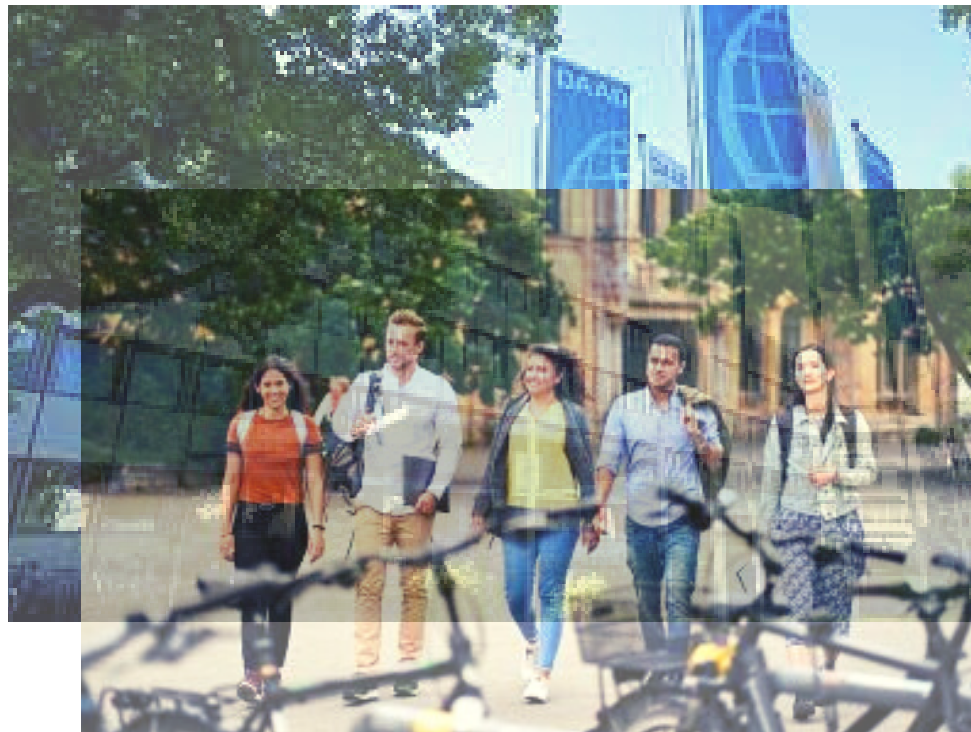
18 April, 15:00 IST

Bachelors in Germany

25 April, 15:00 IST

Studying at HS Bremen

26 April, 15:00 IST



### PhD Proposal Writing Workshop Week - April 2023

The DAAD Proposal Writing Workshop Week takes off soon. It will take scholars a step closer to their doctorate in Germany!

The DAAD offers PPWW on various subject fields throughout the year. They are always announced in DAAD News Update.

The subject fields that will be covered and the schedule is as follows

4 April – Geo & Hydro Science

5 April – Biology

6 April – Social Science

The sessions will take place online. More information [here](#)



# GERMANY EARTH-DAY ARTICLES

Germany is committed at both the national and international levels to ensuring a sustainable supply of water. "The climate crisis, species extinction, and the pollution crisis are the three ecological crises of our time," Federal Environment Minister Steffi Lemke stressed on World Water Day. Energy transformation plays a central role in the battle against climate change. In a special section about this long-term project, we explain how much progress Germany has made with expanding renewable energies, how citizens are championing the transformation, and how vital international climate partnerships are.



## A new era of transformation

The impact of the war in Ukraine is posing challenges for the energy transformation. But the crisis has the potential to become an opportunity.

The energy transformation in difficult times. How the crisis can become an opportunity.

The impact of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine is also confronting the energy transformation with enormous challenges. The first step was to ensure the energy supply in Germany. However, the crisis could at the same time accelerate the expansion of renewable energies. Energy economist Claudia Kemfert even expects a "real energy transformation booster".

More information on this article below:

## A new era of transformation

An energy transformation that involves citizens generating green electricity collaboratively.

Expanding renewable energies is not only the job of the state and the business sector; everyone can play their part. In Heidelberg in the southwest of Germany for example, an energy cooperative of committed citizens has set itself the goal of supplying people with 100 per cent locally produced renewable energy. We talked to its board member Laura Zöckler.

More information on this article below:

## Generating green electricity collaboratively



## The green transition in the city of steel

500,000 people in a confined space – Duisburg's climate protection managers have a big job on their hands: after all, cities are crucial when it...



## Generating green electricity collaboratively

As the board member of an energy cooperative in Heidelberg, Laura Zöckler is committed to citizens

The energy transformation in cities.

The green transition in the city of steel.

Duisburg is situated in the heart of the Ruhr area, a former coal and steel region in North Rhine-Westphalia. With a population of around 500,000, the city is still Europe's largest steel-producing location. A municipal climate protection team wants to ensure that the energy transformation is implemented here, too. Its climate protection managers are thus making a decisive contribution to helping Germany keep its promise of becoming a climate-neutral industrialized country by 2045.

More information on the article below:

## The green transition in the city of steel

# GUN LAWS IN GERMANY

Fury in Germany as Hamburg shooting brings 'lax' gun laws into focus.

According to the Weapons Act, you need a weapons possession card (Waffenbesitzkarte) to own or buy a firearm and a weapons license (Waffenschein) to use or carry a loaded firearm. This means collectors, for instance, only need the first. Hunters don't need a weapons license as long as they have a hunting license (Jagdschein) and only use their guns for hunting games.

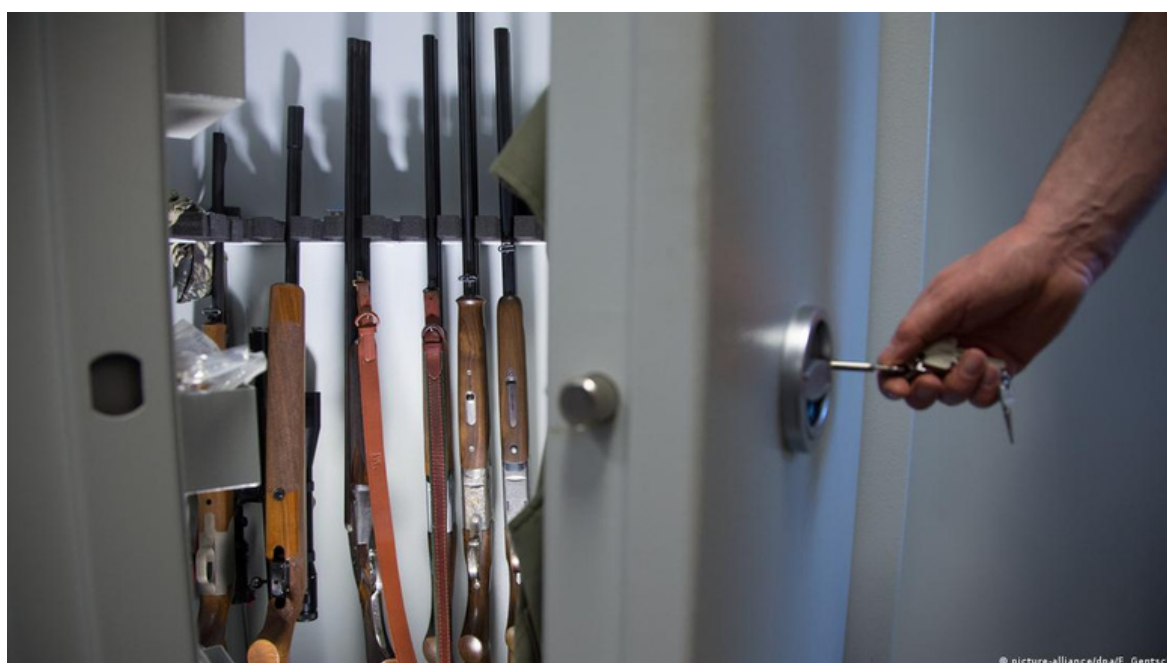
A weapons possession card allows gun owners only to "transport" a firearm, rather than carry it. That means it must be unloaded inside a locked case when taken out in public.

A license to carry a gun, or Waffenschein, is only granted in rare cases: Essentially when the applicant can prove that he or she is in greater danger than the general public and that carrying a gun will keep them safer. German law has no provision stipulating whether a gun must be concealed or loaded in public or not.

There is also a minor firearms certificate, (Kleiner Waffenschein) which is easier to obtain and is needed to carry lower-powered weapons, such as starting pistols, flare guns, or anything that can only shoot blanks or irritants.

Low-powered air guns (below 7.5 joules) also come under this definition.

Altogether, the costs for an application, including the required insurance, can run to around €500 (\$540).



## What kinds of guns are legal in Germany?

German law makes a distinction between weapons and war weapons, with the latter listed in the War Weapons Control Act.

In Germany, it is illegal to possess or use any war weapons. These include all fully automatic rifles, machine guns (unless antiques from World War II or earlier), or barrels or breeches for such weapons. Pump-action shotguns are also banned under the Weapons Act. Some, though not all, semi-automatic weapons are defined as war weapons.

## Who is allowed to carry guns in Germany?

Applicants for a German gun license must

- 1) Be at least 18 years old,
- 2) Have the necessary "reliability" and "personal aptitude,"
- 3) Demonstrate the necessary "specialized knowledge,"
- 4) Demonstrate a "need," and
- 5) Have liability insurance for personal injury and property damage of at least €1 million.