

# DECEMBER 2023

The Monthly Newsletter from GZH

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After Men's Cricket World Cup fever, we jump straight into the festive spirit with Christmas right around the corner! As the most important festival in Germany, the entire country transforms to celebrate this time of the year.

Christmas celebrations in Germany begin in late November or early December with Advents which start on the fourth Sunday before 25th December. Families decorate an Advent wreath with four red candles and on each Advent Sunday, one more candle is lit until all candles are alight to announce the imminent birth of Christ. There are interesting Advent calendars for children which are filled with sweets or chocolates behind 24 individual windows; each to be opened from 1st December until Christmas eve!

The main attraction of Christmas in Germany are the Weihnachtsmarkt. They open from early December until 25th December. Traditional German delicatessen such as Christmas stollen, hot and sticky sweet roasted almonds, 'Lebkuchen' hearts (gingerbread hearts) and other Christmas sweets and decorations are sold. Stalls also sell mouth blown brightly painted glass baubles, which add to the festive spirit.

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# UPCOMING GERMAN COURSES & EXAMS

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## Upcoming Courses

### B1 Early Morning Offline Course

27.11.2023  
07:00am-09:15am  
Mon-Sat  
10 weeks  
Rs.27,730/-

### A1 Early Morning Offline Course

22.01.2024  
07:00am-09:15am  
Mon-Fri  
11 weeks  
Rs.27,730/-

### A2 Offline Crash Course

30.01.2024  
09:30am-12:45pm  
Mon-Fri  
8 weeks  
Rs.27,730/-

### B1 Offline Crash Course

30.01.2024  
09:30am-12:45 pm  
Mon-Fri  
8 weeks  
Rs.27,730/-

## Upcoming Examinations

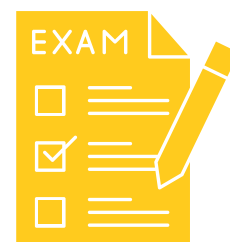
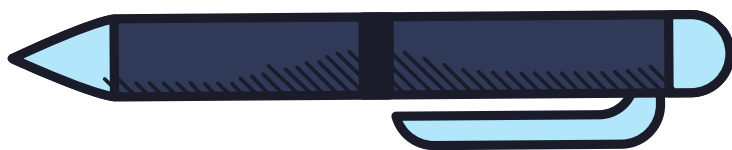
REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Goethe-Zertifikat  
A1 Exam  
16.01.2024

Goethe-Zertifikat  
A2 Exam  
12.01.2024

Goethe-Zertifikat  
B1 Exam  
03.01.2024

Goethe-Zertifikat  
B2 Exam  
04.01.2024



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# ONGOING GERMAN COURSES & EXAMS

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## Ongoing Courses

### A2 Offline Morning Course

16.11.2023  
09:00am-12:30pm  
Monday-Saturday

### A2 Offline Afternoon Course

16.11.2023  
02:00pm-05:00pm  
Monday-Saturday

### A1 Offline CC Course

13.11.2023  
09:30am-12:45pm  
Monday-Friday

### A1 Online Weekend Course

18.11.2023  
08:30 am-12:30pm  
Saturday-Sunday

### A2 Offline Super Intensive Course

13.11.2023  
09:00am-13:15 pm  
Monday-Friday

### A1 Online Evening

26.10.2023  
05:00pm-07:15pm  
Monday-Friday

### A1.1 Online Orientation Course

21.11.2023  
05:00 pm-06:00 pm  
Tuesday

### A1.1 Online Orientation Course

22.11.2023  
05:00 pm-06:00 pm  
Wednesday

## Examinations

Goethe A1 Exam  
05.12.2023

Goethe A2 Exam  
06.12.2023

Goethe B2 Exam  
07.12.2023

Goethe B2 Exam  
08.12.2023

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# WELCOME TO MEDIATHEK!

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Hallo Leseratten!

Greetings from the Mediathek at GZH. We are delighted to announce that Mediathek is now seeing a room full of students, teachers and enthusiasts discussing, reading and enjoying the plethora of books we offer.

Mediathek is located on the 4th floor of our main building. Students need to sign in at entry and are free to use the space. We have a wide range of German storybooks suited for every level (A1 - C2), Dictionaries, German Magazines and German Games.

We are excited to welcome you to our Institute and would be glad to assist you in selecting a book from our Mediathek. We also have a section called "BITTE, MIT NEHMEN" where students can take one magazine each to improve their German language skills. Stay updated on current events and trends in German by reading our popular German magazines that arrive every month at the Mediathek.

We also offer Membership for non-Goethe students.  
Membership Fee - Rs.1500/- +GST per year.

**Brigitte | Outlook | Focus**

**\*\*Tip- Reading Magazines is a good way to improve your Wortschatz**



**TIMINGS**  
**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
10:00 - 13:00 ☐  
15:00 - 17:00 ☐  
**SATURDAY**  
10:00 - 13:00 ☐





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# HYDERABAD INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

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DEC 2 | 17:00 Hrs | Sattva Knowledge City



We are proud to present the 5th edition of **The Hyderabad International Jazz Festival** with U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad, Hanger 18 and George Hull Collective.

The 5th edition, has a handpicked selection of the best national and international bands performing at the festival, similar to the previous editions which were very well received!

The bands featured at this edition are:

**George Hull Collective** from Hyderabad

**Mystik Vibes** from Bengaluru

**Ari Roland Jazz Quartet** from USA

**Hindol Deb: Essence of Duality** from Germany

The festival will be continue in Hard Rock Café with a performance by '**The S Experience**' at Sattva Knowledge City.

\*The festival is free and open to all and is on a first come, first served basis

# ESSENCE OF DUALITY

DEC 2 | 17:00 Hrs | Sattva Knowledge City

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SATTVA  
KNOWLEDGE CITY

HANGAR 18  
entertainment

Hard Rock  
CAFE  
HITECH CITY

george  
hullcollective.

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Clemens Orth | Piano  
Christian Ramond | Double Bass  
Christoph Hillmann | Drums  
Hindol Deb | Sitar, Vocals

**Hindol Deb:**  
**Essence of Duality**  
from Germany

02 Dec, 2023 | 5PM  
Saturday | Onwards

Amphitheatre,  
Sattva Knowledge City

**FREE AND OPEN TO ALL**

First come first serve  
Emails: ProgGZH@goethe-hyderabad.org  
hyderabadpd@state.gov

**Essence of Duality** traverses the boundaries between jazz and Indian music making connections between the two. The album is the inevitable result of Hindol's migration to Germany in search of new sounds and compositional styles. With Sitar as the featured instrument, his formal studies in jazz coupled with Indian classical music background inspired him to explore a new style of composing while striving to keep the two genres at eye level. The compositions have polyrhythmic structures and modes while using the language of jazz in instrumentation, harmonization and improvisation. Clemens Orth, a virtuoso jazz pianist with New York jazz background colours the compositions with interesting harmonies. Jens Düppe on Drums and Christian Ramond on Contra Bass, both highly acclaimed musicians give a strong rhythmic stability enabling a complex rhythmic exchange. Though one can't directly assign the music as European or Indian because of a new compositional style, one can still identify with the music and enjoy it thoroughly.

Featuring at the Festival:

Hindol Deb on the Sitar

Clemens Orth on the Piano

Christian Ramond on the Double Bass

Christoph Hillmann on the Drums



# SUNFLOWERS WILL GROW AGAIN

BY SAURABH NARANG AND ANASTASIYA RESHETNYK

DEC 09 | 18:30 Hrs | Hamburg Hall, GZH

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SAURABH NARANG  
MULTIMEDIA VISUAL STORYTELLER



**Sunflowers Will Still Grow** is an award-winning multimedia art project to document the stories of Ukrainian refugees who fled to Gummersbach, Germany, after Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24, 2022. The project aims to preserve cultural stories and serve as important visual evidence in the history of human culture and migration. The title is inspired by the viral video of a Ukrainian woman offering sunflower seeds to Russian soldiers so 'sunflowers grow when they die.'

'Sunflowers Will Grow Again' is a collaborative project between **Saurabh Narang and Anastasiya Reshetnyk**. Saurabh Narang is an award-winning Indian visual storyteller based in Gummersbach, Germany. He started the project and is leading the visual part of it. Anastasiya Reshetnyk is a Ukrainian refugee who fled to Gummersbach, Germany. She is studying journalism and is leading the writing part of this project.

This exhibition is part of the Indian Photo Fest 2023.

The exhibition is on view till 6th January 2024.

# WEIHNACHTSFEST 2023

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DEC 15 | 18:00 Hrs | GZH



Christmas in Germany is not only celebrated by the Christians, but people of all faiths as an important family tradition. This festive period is used to spend time with friends and family, exchange gifts, celebrate and enjoy a feast!

In some parts of Germany, the Christmas song, Silent Night is sung on Christmas eve. This popular Christmas song was written originally in German as 'Stille Nacht! Heilige Nach' and was translated into English!

German children receive their gifts from Heilige Nikolaus (St. Nicholas) on the night of 5th December. He is accompanied by several ragged looking, devil-like Krampusse, who mildly or not so mildly scare the children. This tradition goes back to the middle ages and continues even now!

We at GZH hope to create an atmosphere of celebrations, warmth, and joy through **Weihnachtsfest 2023**! The Christmas celebrations at GZH include Carols, Christmas plays, gluhwein and snacks to spread the joy of the festive season!

We cordially invite one and all to join these merry festivities being put together by us!



## **New regulations governing the immigration of skilled workers | Deutschland**

New rules will come into force to make it quicker and easier for skilled workers to find a job in Germany. Germany is making it easier for skilled workers to migrate to the country when new laws come into force on 18 November 2023. The new reforms in the Skilled Immigration Act includes many elements making it easier for university graduates and skilled workers who hold vocational qualifications from outside the EU to migrate to Germany. The German economy needs skilled workers from abroad, and it will now be much easier for them to migrate.

## **International researchers are drawn to Berlin | Deutschland**

Humboldt Ranking on the popularity of German universities puts Berlin ahead of Munich – Max Planck Institutes also score highly.

According to an analysis by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the major university cities of Berlin and Munich continue to attract the largest numbers of foreign academics. The current "Humboldt Ranking" involved an analysis of data on 6,500 guest stays at German universities and non-university research institutions that were sponsored by the Foundation.

In terms of the relation between the number of foreign researchers and the size of the university, a particularly large number of academics from abroad also work at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) and the University of Konstanz.

## **Nigeria and Germany agree deal on gas and renewables | DW**

Nigeria is set to provide Germany with two percent of its liquified natural gas under an historic new energy deal signed on Tuesday. In return, Berlin will boost investment in renewable technologies in Nigeria.

Nigeria and Germany have agreed on a deal for Africa's largest oil producer to supply more gas to Germany while Berlin will also invest \$500 million in renewable energy projects, Nigerian President Bola Ahmed Tinubu said on Tuesday. In a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by Nigeria's Riverside LNG project, which works in the country's Niger Delta, and Germany's Johannes Schuetze Energy Import, Nigeria will export 8,50,000 tons of liquified natural gas (LNG) per year to Germany, increasing in the future to 1.2 million tons.

## **Germany's budget woes: A threat to the government? | DW**

Finance Minister Christian Lindner has imposed a freeze on the federal budget. This is the latest dramatic twist triggered by a bombshell ruling by the Federal Constitutional Court, which threatens all policy plans.

A matter-of-fact announcement was issued by the Finance Ministry on Monday evening: With immediate effect, a spending freeze applies to almost the entire budget for 2023, it read. This drastic step was taken due to "the need to review the overall budgetary situation for the federal budget," read a statement from the ministry.

The government is sending the message that it considers last week's dramatic landmark ruling by Germany's highest judges to have much more severe consequences than initially thought.

The Constitutional Court's verdict on November 15 was a political bombshell for Chancellor Olaf Scholz and his federal government. It ruled that the government cannot reallocate €60 billion meant to fight the COVID-19 pandemic to instead address climate change.





# HIGHLIGHTS FROM NOVEMBER

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An important part of the celebrations in all German households are the Christmas feasts. The traditional meal is roast goose with potato dumplings and red cabbage. But an integral side dish to that is potato salad, without which a Christmas meal is incomplete.

While German potato salad is traditionally a Christmas side dish, here is a recipe to make it at home, all through the year!

### INGREDIENTS:

- 6 medium potatoes cubed and boiled till fork tender
- 1/4 Cup parsley
- 1/3 Cup diced onion
- 8 slices of bacon fried and crumbled – save bacon fat
- 4 tbsp bacon fat
- 4 tbsp flour
- 2/3 Cup Vinegar
- 1 1/3 Cup Water
- 4 tsp sugar
- 3 tsp salt
- 3 hard boiled eggs chopped



### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Gently toss boiled potatoes, parsley, onion, hard boiled eggs, and bacon together.
- In a saute pan whisk reserved bacon fat with flour until smooth.
- Slowly whisk vinegar and water in.
- Add sugar and salt.
- Stir continuously until thickened.
- Pour over potato mixture. You may only use 2/3 of the sauce or use it all depending on how saucy you like your potato salad.

Recipe credits: <https://www.thelilypadcottage.com/hot-german-potato-salad-and-my-christmas-menus/>

#### UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

25th December | Monday:  
Christmas  
1st January | Monday:  
New Years Day

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