



Goethe-Zentrum Hyderabad (GZH) celebrates 20 years!

On **Sunday, 29 September** from **10:30 AM to 7:00 PM**

At GZH Office, Banjara Hills

From the Director's Desk

It feels like it began just the other day, under a beautiful Banyan tree. But 20 years have passed since the day Goethe-Zentrum Hyderabad was born.

Twenty years of learning, thoughtful and exciting events, wonderful colleagues and immense joy! The last two decades have been busy, to put it gently. GZH has had more than 50,000 students and language learners, close to 45,000 examinees, and more than 2000 cultural events.

We're thrilled to say there have been several lakhs of visitors to our numerous lighthouse cultural programmes. Goethe-Zentrum Hyderabad can look back with satisfaction, achievement, and pride too at the several trailblazing events launched in the city - enriching it's cultural space. Hyderabad in return thanked us by soaking in everything on offer- public film screenings – on wheels in the old and the new city, public art events, dance theatre at the Qutb Shahi Tombs, Slam Poetry with piano and Kathak dance choreography at Taramati Baradari, student art project with painted benches placed at the Durgam Cheruvu park, art and photography scrolls hung from the trees at Public Gardens, outdoor concerts at Durgam Cheruvu, Qutb Shahi Tombs, under the Banyan Trees, Digital Art, photography events, all women Qwwali, dance festival with the LGBTQIA+ artists, World Music Day, Women's March, Oktoberfest, Jazz festivals, documentary film festivals, environmental films, melas, Kunstmarkt, busking at metro stations, Hyderabad Literary Festivals and the list goes on, and on, and on ... Our team at GZH have been excited & proud of all our events, treating each as unique and important.

On the occasion of completing 20 years, we offer our incredible city of Hyderabad, a mélange: of photography exhibitions, interactive wall art and public art event that underlines our efforts to be an inclusive society, as well as showcase our steadfast commitment to the environment by hosting an Eko-Mela.

We look forward to warmly welcoming you at Goethe-Zentrum Hyderabad to all the exciting events in the coming months under the banner GZH@20.

Belong & Beyond

Exhibition | Talks | Public Art | Interactive Mural
Free and Open to all

'Belong' with GZH

A public art project that soulfully commemorates the sense of community that GZH has built over the years. Percy Kaki takes us through *belonging* – as individuals and a community – while still valuing diversity of experience and thought. Expressed in the form of a massive quilt of reused cloth & sown together by diverse people over several days, it is on display across the GZH building.

Visit & experience for yourself!



Exhibitions

'Not the Only Gay in the City' by Carsten Bruhn tell the stories of gay men – across ages & geographies. These are stories of coming-out, self-discovery, fear, courage, shame & liberation.

'Unequal Heat' by Bhumika Saraswati recognises heat as more than just rising temperatures. It is a simmering, potent force, a metaphor for women, especially 'untouchable' women. In this heat, there's power—an unyielding force that demands recognition, justice, and equality, even as, the planet warms.



Interactive Mural

Gender-based violence continues on the streets and in our homes. Through this interactive mural, we can each paint our fears & our thoughts – as we try to reckon with the world we live in. This is a tribute to the courage of women and men who have navigated injustice & violence.

Talks



Photographer Bhumika Saraswati talks about marginalised women, and their experiences and resilience with heat. Heat serves as a symbol of resistance in the face of systemic oppression.

Eko-Mela

Stalls | Talks | Workshops | Music | Books

Free and Open to all

Stalls

Diverse & exciting stalls have been hand-picked for our fellow Hyderbadis! As part of our continued commitment to the natural & local, we bring some of the city's loveliest vendors showcasing their eko-friendly & made-with-love products – just for you. Join us in your support for the eko-friendly way of life.

Workshops



Join the fantastic Vibrant Living workshop by the master of clean cooking herself, Sridevi Jasti.

Music

Everyone's favourite, the NRB will bring their energy & vibe to the mela and we can't wait! Also, don't miss the beats of Djembe Circle's to kickstart our celebrations!

Storytelling

Don't miss stirring storytelling by the city's own The Little Theatre of Hyderabad!

Talks



India's leading conservationist & founder of Sanctuary Asia, the one & only, **Bittu Sahgal**, will talk to our audiences. An opportunity of a lifetime – do not miss this!

Book Corner

Rather than buy new books, pick up used books from our book corner – and maybe, leave a few of your own for someone else to read!



Films

All of us are complicit in the climate crisis. And all of us can be a part of the solutions. Join us for profound & impactful environmental cinema.