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At the Heart of AMI

AMI (আমি), a Bengali word which translates to "l", is an ode to the personal connections we make across boundaries and borders. It culminates as a grand celebration of multiple identities, languages, and cultures of India coming together to honour the traditional while ushering in the new. This festival seeks to create a platform for renowned and emerging artists and ignite a dialogue among art practitioners, academics, and experts, drawing inspiration from India's rich creative ecosystem.

This year, AMI is a month-long affair across multiple venues in Kolkata, with thoughtfully curated exhibitions, discussions, musical, dance, and theatrical performances, workshops, film screenings, along with several special events for and by people with physical and intellectual disabilities, ensuring we cater to a wide range of audience across the city.



Kolkata Centre for Creativity

cordially invites you to the

AMI Arts Festival Inauguration on Friday, 21 November 2025

Morning Opening Ceremony:

Venue: Indian Museum **Time:** 12:00 p.m. onwards

Unveiling the exhibition, Breathing (with) History : Celebrating Rural Heritage Stories in the presence of our esteemed guests -

Mr. Arijit Dutta Choudhury, Prof. Sachindranath Bhattacharya, Prof. Soma Bandyopadhyay, Dr. Satyabrata Chakraborty, Dr. Sayan Bhattacharya, Ms. Dona Ganguly and Baul Samrat Purna Das Baul.

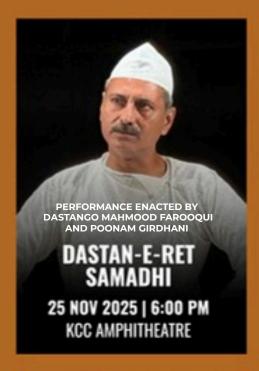
Evening Opening Ceremony:

Venue: 4th Floor, KCC **Time:** 4:00 p.m. onwards

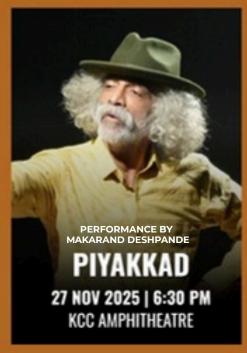
A captivating music performance **Taal Tarang** by the students of **Manovikas Kendra** followed by the unveiling of the exhibition, **The Lens of Revolution** – **A Retrospective on Shyam Benegal** celebrating the cinematic brilliance of legendary filmmaker Shyam Benegal, in the presence of distinguished guests — **Pia Benegal**, **Sachin Khedekar**, **Rajit Kapur**, **Divya Dutta**, **Atul Tiwari**, and **Syed Mohd**. **Irfan**.

Your gracious presence will make this celebration of art and cinema truly special.

Warm Regards, **Richa Agarwal**











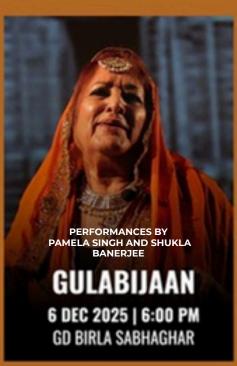




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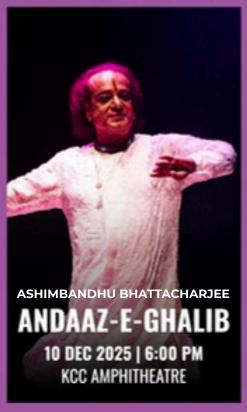
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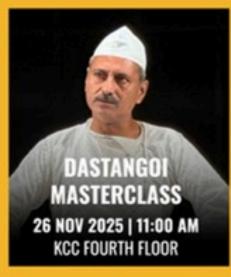




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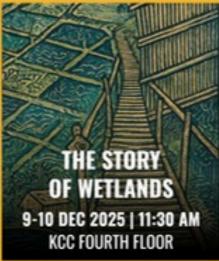
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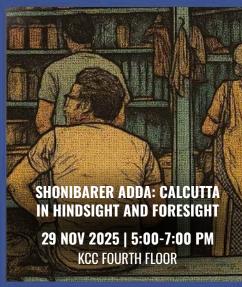
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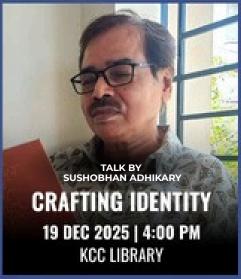




















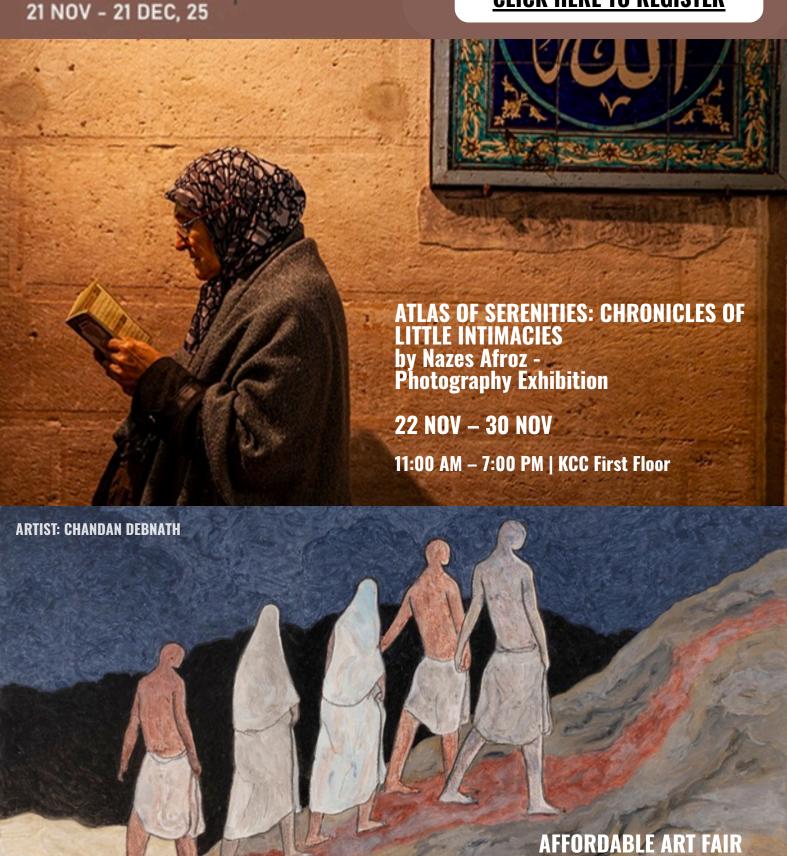
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4 DEC – 7 DEC

11:00 AM - 7:00 PM | KCC FIRST FLOOR





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BREATHING (WITH) HISTORY -CELEBRATING RURAL HERITAGE STORIES

EXHIBITION DATES: 21ST - 29TH NOV

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM | INDIAN MUSEUM





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CELEBRATION OF WORLD DISABILITY DAY

2 DEC 2025 | 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM KCC FOURTH FLOOR

3 DEC 2025 | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM KCC FOURTH FLOOR



INCLUSIVE ARTS WORKSHOP BY ACCESS FOR ALL

24TH NOV - MANOVIKAS KENDRA **25TH NOV** - SUSHILA BIRLA GIRLS' SCHOOL, MOIRA STREET

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM





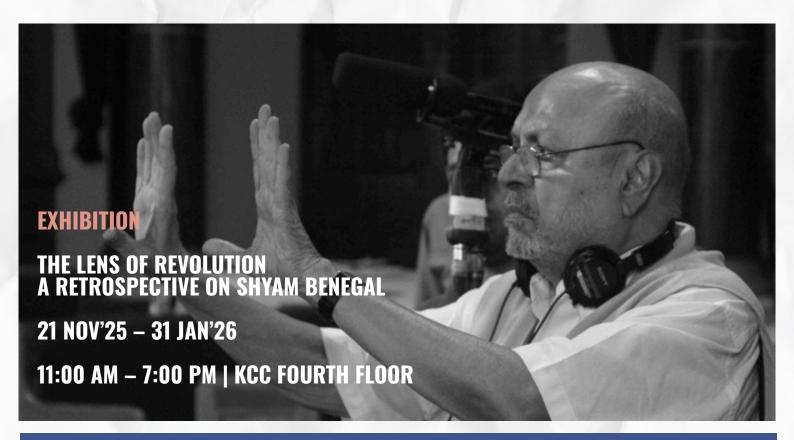






THE LENS OF REVOLUTION

A Retrospective on Shyam Benegal





TALK SESSION

THROUGH BENEGAL'S LENS ACTING, ART AND THE INDIAN CONSCIENCE 21 NOVEMBER 2025 5 PM - 6:30 PM | KCC FOURTH FLOOR







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TALK SESSION

THE CHALLENGES FACED BY CONTEMPORARY INDIAN CINEMA

Speakers: Anurag Kashyap, Alankrita Shrivastava, Anjum Rajabali, & Swastika Mukherjee.

Moderator: Sudhanva Deshpande

5 DECEMBER 2025

6:30 - 8:00 PM | KCC AMPHITHEATRE





TALK SESSION

THE LEGACY OF SAFDAR HASHMI

Speakers: Anjum Katyal, M.D. Pallavi & Sunil Shanbag Moderator: Sudhanva Deshpande

6 DECEMBER 2025

6:30 - 8:00 PM | KCC AMPHITHEATRE

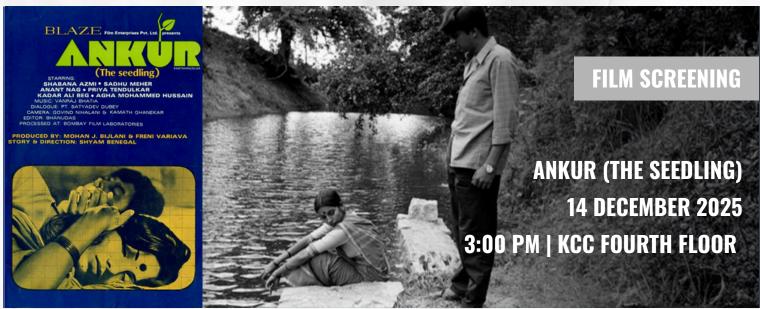




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GANGS OF PENCILPUR

Gangs of Pencilpur is an original collaborative musical play designed by the Education Department of KCC. This allegorical play brings together 100 students of Classes 6–9 from five top Kolkata schools namely Birla High School, Mahadevi Birla World Academy, Sri Sri Academy, Sushila Birla Girls' School and The BSS School to recreate the story of Pencilpur, a land in turmoil as Red and Blue Pencils grow dangerously apart. Through music, dialogue, and ensemble performance, the concert invites young artists to investigate conflict, empathy, and harmony. This unique project provides professional artistic direction, equitable acknowledgements, and inter-school collaboration in a supportive learning environment.



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UTSAV IV

UTSAV is Kolkata Centre for Creativity's annual festival for young performing artists aged 12–25. To be held at the iconic lawns of Victoria Memorial, this year Utsav 4.0 appears in a new avatar. On Day 4th and 5th December brings together emerging voices in dance, music, and elocution for a unique showcase of energy, story, and joy. The opening act will be a performance by the specially abled students of Manovikas Kendra.

This year, a jury comprising Priti Patel, Alokananda Roy and Sudarshan Chakraborty for Dance, Pandit Anindya Banerjee, Debojyoti Mishra and Shreya Guhathakurta for Music and Bratati Bandopadhyay and Saswati Guhathakurta for Elocution have chosen the final awardees from over 200 applicants.

On 6th December, the last day the students of the music and dance academies will take the stage led by their gurus like Srikanta Acharya, Sourendro-Soumyojit, Kaushik Chakraborty. Dance academies like Darpani, Niharika and Sapphire Creations will bring the curtains down in the majestic lawns of Victoria Memorial.

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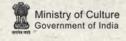






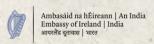














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