



GANGA ZUARI ACADEMY

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The Goa based Ganga Zuari Academy is a non-profit, duly registered cultural organization. It aims to encourage social harmony through inclusive cultural growth. A host of intellectuals that include scientists, academicians, company managing directors, writers, dancers, art directors, teachers, and top civil servants have formed this Academy. The then Governor of Goa, Shri S. C. Jamir formally launched this Academy on 24 May, 2007.



Mission of the Academy

- To bring about awareness among the masses for creation of healthy innovative minds to encourage, develop, and sustain socially meaningful film, fine and performing arts.
- To strengthen the cultural bonds between Goa and Bengal, and promote conservation of socio-cultural heritage across the Nation.

Objectives of the Academy

- To promote socially meaningful Film and Performing arts (cinema- largely non-feature, documentary, short film, animation, theatre, acting, music, songs, choreography, etc.).
- To promote socially meaningful contemporary Fine arts (Sketch, brushing, sculpting, bronze work, painting, mural, drawing, etc.).
- To develop sensitivity among the masses in these two states (Goa & Bengal) in particular for the development of good, socially relevant, meaningful Art form
- To reach out the rich cultural heritage of India through film, fine and performing arts.
- To promote cultural regeneration at the family, society, national and International levels.
- To organise and manage Events to meet the above objectives.

The Academy has three Wings, looking after specialized activities

- **Unmesh**
Literature, Language, and Philosophy
- **Chhandovani**
Performing Arts
- **Aakar**
Fine Arts & Festivals.

List of the Functions organized by the Academy in the past

- All Goa solo dance competition based on Semi classical songs.
- Several workshop on teaching Contemporary Dance
- Spoken-Conversational Konkani course for the resident non- Goans.
- Multi-lingual Theatre Festival, during 22 to 24 April 2011.
- A major 'Thought Conclave' was organised on 23rd April 2011 to celebrate fifteen decades of influence of Gurudev Tagore on Indian emancipation.
- 150th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, a state level multilingual essay competition in English, Konkani and Marathi was held in connection with the workshop "Swami Vivekananda: Realizing Self potential and Redefining Success" on 8 September 2012. Jennifer Furtado (Margao), Veronica Coutinho (Miramar) and Snehal Gurav (Morjim) took away the first three positions and won cash prizes respectively of rupees 4000/-, 3000/-, and 2000/-. Two consolation prizes of Rs. 500/- each were won by Clarissa de Souza (St. Cruz) and Deesha Suresh Patel (Vasco).



- Two-day multi-lingual Theatre festival in DM Hall in Kala Academy on 6 and 7 November 2010. To encourage local talents and to bring Goan artists and those from other states on the same platform to perform, the festival started with a Konkani Tiatr (Matiechem Bhangar Korunk) on 6th November. On 7th November, a Bangla theatre by the artists from National School of Drama, Delhi was presented.
- 3-days Goa-Bengal Festival in food, cuisine, handicrafts, dance, music & literature was held from 22 to 24 April, 2011 at Mandovi Riviera Waterfront, Panaji.



- Phagun Utsav on 12 March 2017 at ICG.



- Foundation day function on 23 May 2018 in NIO Auditorium.



Film Festivals

- **Suchitra Sen Film Festival** from 11 to 13 April 2014 in collaboration with Directorate of Arts and Culture at ESG, Panjim Goa.



- ❑ **Rituparno Ghosh Film Festival** on 8 and 9 November 2014 in NIO Auditorium, Dona Paula, Goa.
- ❑ **Bimal Roy Film Festival** on 28 & 29 February 2020 in collaboration with ESG, Panjim, Goa.



- ❑ **Sham-e-Gazal, 27 January 2019 at NIO Auditorium.**



- To encourage creation and viewership , a BLOG is now added to our website (www.gangazuari.org) that includes articles and innovation on various subjects - science, literature, cuisine, environment and society.
- The viewership as upto July 2021 was 5000 per month.
- MANTHAN, a monthly interactive dialouge platform is operational since 2020.



- 15th Foundation Day function was held on 23rd May 2021 on Virtual Mode. Foundation Day Award 2021 was introduced and presented to organizers of Goa Sikh Youth for its Social Service in providing food and essential help during Covid Pandamic years. The Program is available on YouTube.



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