



Press Release

Kolkata Centre for Creativity hosts 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam-The freezing moment'

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Kolkata, February 2021: Kolkata Centre for Creativity is coming up with the third edition of its annual conference Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. Co-curated by Ms.Reena Dewan, Director, KCC and Dr. Shwetal A. Patel, Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam III builds upon the two previous editions of the annual conference, which began in 2019. Outcomes from Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam continue to inform our progress at the Kolkata Centre of Creativity and we look forward to inviting physical and online audiences in India and around the world to join us once again. The conference will be held at KCC as well as online on zoom from 6-7th March,2021, 10am – 8pm.

It continues to be an unprecedented time, one that modern human civilization has rarely encountered on such a global scale. Many of the things that we took for granted were taken away or paused indefinitely. Businesses shuttered, domestic and international travel stopped, and the socially driven human practice of gathering also halted. As humans sheltered for a while, the natural world took its chance to rejuvenate and flourish.

Despite this, in those frozen moments of uncertainty, a lot ensued. New possibilities were imagined and created. As we continue the process of recovery from the pandemic, we stand at a crossroads and many new pathways now seem possible. Not many things have remained as we had expected. The third edition of the annual conference of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam at Kolkata Centre for Creativity, explores topics including education, art production and policy, mental health, commerce, activism and the environment.

The keynote speaker for the opening day of the conference on 6th March will be Mr. Raghavendra Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India and the plenary speaker will be Dr. Venu Vasudevan, IAS, Kerala. The first day will focus on the concepts of art policy, digitalization of arts and education.

The second day of the conference will be marked by the presence of Mr.Ganesh Devy, a renowned Indian literary critic broadly discussing about activism followed by discussions on environment and sustainability of arts and commerce.

The registrations for the conference are open to all who are above 18 years of age. For more details, visit <https://pages.razorpay.com/vk2021> .

About Kolkata Centre for Creativity (KCC)

Kolkata Centre for Creativity (KCC) is a multi-disciplinary interactive art and creativity Centre located in Kolkata, West Bengal. It is the first in Eastern India to make Art accessible to visually impaired and differently abled under their 'Art for All' initiative. Spearheaded by Richa Agarwal as it's Chairperson, the 70,000 sq. ft. Centre champions the art and cultural landscape of contemporary India since

November 2018. It comprises of an Amphitheater, Exhibition & Learning Spaces, Dance studio, Conservation Lab, Books & Materials Library, Creative Culinary space, Craft & Design outlet and a Skill Development Maker's section. Integrating several expressions of art and design to highlight their common creative core – KCC encourages visitors to explore, interact and design ideas on various art forms. KCC works in the areas of Capacity Building, Well-Being, Conservation & Restoration, Craft & Design, Culinary, Visual and Performing Art. It acts as a catalyst for Artistic enhancement through Displays, Presentations, Fellowships, Laboratories, Residences, Conservation, Research and Discourses.

The programs at KCC are designed on the principles of Cultural Diversity, Gender Equality, Conservation of Environment and Inclusion of people with different abilities.

The Centre offers free entry to the public and is open between 11 am to 6 pm from Tuesday to Sunday. For more information about exhibitions and the conferences, please visit www.kolkatacentreforcreativity.org
