

DAY OF GERMAN UNITY



Jens Friebe and Band

field of secondary education, Goethe-Institut furthermore supports five schools in Dhaka and Chittagong to include German language classes into their curricula within the framework of the initiative "Schools: Partner for the Future".

In addition, almost 50 cultural programs were organised in 2010: exhibitions, concerts, theatre plays, lectures and film screenings attracted over 10,000 visitors. Besides, the Goethe-Institut is also a favourite place to hang out for young people, who are not studying German or attending one of the cultural events. They either browse the broad media offer of the library with 5,000 fiction and non-fiction books in German and English translation, CDs, DVDs and magazines, or enjoy their time in the two cafés located inside the institute. To mark its anniversary, the German Cultural Centre arranged a colourful and varied cultural program open to everyone and free of charge, which will take place in Dhaka and Chittagong from October 8 to 13.

2011 is a year of anniversaries. While the Bangladeshi nation commemorates 40 years of independence, Goethe-Institut, the German Cultural Centre, is celebrating its very own anniversary: 50 years of Goethe-Institut in Bangladesh. Since 1961, it has promoted the study of German language and encouraged cultural exchange between the Federal Republic of Germany and the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

In 2010 alone, more than 950 persons attended a German language course at the Goethe-Institut - the majority of them either students, who are planning to pursue higher studies in Germany, or young men or women, who have to demonstrate a basic proficiency of the German language to join their spouses in Germany. In the

is a complex portrait of German society telling more about the Federal Republic than many history books and piquing the beholder's curiosity to explore Germany. The theatre play "Metamorphosis", based on a novel by German-language novelist Franz Kafka, was first staged at the Goethe-Institut in 2005 by the troupe of the Centre for Asian Theatre, following a workshop on light design. Six years after its premiere, the production, telling the story of a young travelling salesman who wakes up one morning to discover that during the night he has been transformed into a monstrous vermin, returns to its roots and will be staged once again at Berlin Hall within the framework of the anniversary.

At the close of the anniversary celebrations, Goethe-Institut Bangladesh will present Jens Friebe and Band. Jens Friebe, born in 1975 in Luedenscheid, is a German musician and music journalist. After playing for several years with rather unknown bands, he released his debut album "Vorher Nachher Bilder" (literally: pictures of before and after) in 2004, which was well received by critics, especially because of its ambiguous German lyrics. Apart from the independent pop and classic singer-songwriter influences, critics also pinpointed synthpop, Neue Deutsche Welle and euro-disco as references for Friebe's style. On stage, Jens Friebe and Band will be joined by one of the pioneer bands of alternative rock music in Bangladesh, Black, who have recently published their 4th album.

For further information including the anniversary program: <http://www.goethe.de/dhaka>



Our work in Bangladesh

Established on 1 January 2011, it brings together under one roof the long-standing expertise of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH (German technical cooperation), the Deutscher Entwicklungsdienst (DED) gGmbH (German Development Service), and Inwent - Capacity Building International, Germany. As a federally owned enterprise, we support the German Government in achieving its objectives in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development. We are also engaged in international education work around the globe.

On behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), we have provided technical cooperation to many important initiatives of the Government of Bangladesh, since the country's independence. The results of this long-standing partnership and support in a wide variety of sectors are still visible today and we, at GIZ take great pride for having been able to contribute to them. Germany has - for example - supported Bangladesh's family health and planning efforts, the strengthening of governance, rural infrastructure and sustainable livelihoods, as well as basic education, promotion of small industries, and trade promotion.

Today, GIZ is basically focused on the three priority areas of the Bangladeshi-German development cooperation agreement: health care, energy, and governance and local development. The Sustainable Energy for Development Program works to increase energy efficiency and to promote the use of renewable energy, especially in rural areas. GIZ will continue to support the reform of the Bangladesh health sector through the Health, Population and Nutrition Sector Development Program, and remains active in the area of HIV/AIDS prevention, working together with City Corporations. In the priority area of governance and local development, GIZ's support has been expanded to promote and strengthen governance, decentralization, and the rule of law in both, rural and urban areas, through projects such as the Promotion of Legal and Social Empowerment of Women, Improvement of the Real Situation of Overcrowding in Prisons, Promotion of Social and Environmental Standards in the Industries, the Second Urban Governance and Infrastructure Improvement Project

and the Rural Infrastructure Improvement Projects I & II. GIZ has also recently started supporting the Pourashavas in the area of e-governance and continues its commitment towards supporting the implementation of the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) by strengthening the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC). Finally and in

addition to the three priority areas; in the last few years, GIZ has been also supporting the Bangladesh Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan (BCCSAP), working in coastal-affected areas as well as in the wetlands, introducing mitigation and adaptation strategies. GIZ is also supporting the Forest Department project for Conservation of Resources

through Community Reforestation, which is setting up a sustainable forest co-management system in the Chunar Wildlife Sanctuary. As part of all the supported activities, GIZ makes also constant efforts to link the development work and the private sector and is already working in few areas with national and international private partners in Bangladesh.

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