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PRESS RELEASE**

8th Goa Arts and Literature Festival (GALF) inaugural on 7th December.

PANAJI: Noted editor Mini Krishnan and eminent historian Ramachandra Guha will deliver the keynote addresses at the inauguration ceremony of the 8th edition of the Goa Arts and Literature Festival (GALF) to be held at the Maquinez Palace Complex, Entertainment Society of Goa on the evening of 7th December.

The inaugural function will also see the unveiling of the official artwork of GALF 2017 prepared by the well-known Goan artist Hanuman Kambli.

The session will include the launch of Goa-based Salil Chaturvedi's *In the sanctuary of a poem* and will conclude with a tribute session dedicated to the Late Eunice de Souza.

GALF 2017 will shift to The International Centre Goa (ICG), Dona Paula, for the next three days - 8-10 December. GALF 2017 is conceptualised, organised and hosted by The International Centre Goa in association with Goa Writers, with stellar support from the North Eastern Council, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and Directorate of Art & Culture, Government of Goa.

GALF 2017 is bringing several writers and artists from all across India and abroad, which includes Brazil, Canada, Ireland, Singapore, UK, and the USA. Besides writers in English and Konkani, others writing in languages such as Gujarati, Marathi, Kannada, Malyalam, and Maithili will also be attending GALF 2017.

Among the many prominent and acclaimed authors, poets, journalists, and artists attending GALF 2017 include Sahitya Akademi Award winners Ganesh Devy, Ramachandra Guha, Jerry Pinto and Ranjit Hoskote. The North Eastern Council (NEC) is sending several writers from the region as well.

Several international participants including Singaporean Edwin Thumboo and Gabriel Rosenstock (Ireland) will be seen at GALF 2017.

As in earlier years, GALF 2017 will have a special focus for children and young people, both school and college students. The organizers plan to line up leading authors and books for specifically tailored programmes that are accessible and enjoyable for the youngest visitors.

GALF 2017 seeks the collaboration and participation of schools and colleges across Goa. Students attending the festival will find a fairly large number of sessions, discussions, readings and performances to their interest. GALF 2017 promises to reach larger numbers of people with its quality and variety of programmes and delegates.

GALF 2017 is free and open to all. All are welcome to attend but it is always advisable to register in advance at www.goartlitfest.com.

GALF 2017 Additional Information

Delegates from Overseas

Brazil - Shelly Bhoil; **Canada** - Sanjay Talreja; **Ireland** - Gabriel Rosenstock; **Nepal** - Prashant Jha; **Singapore** - Edwin Thumboo; **UK** - Philip Browne & Mathew Staunton; **US** - William Wolak, Nishi Chawla, Rafiq Kathwari, and Antonio Gomes

Indian language writers besides Konkani

Assamese - Moushumi Kandali; **Assamiya** - Utpal Baruah; **Gujarati** - Prabodh Parikh; **Kannada** - Chandan Gowda; **Kashmiri & Urdu** - Shafi Shauq; **Maithili** - Udaya Narayana Singh; **Malyalam** - K R Meera and A Sethumadhavan; **Marathi** - Ganesh Devy & Sachin C. Ketkar; **Tamil** - Salma & Bama; **Telgu** - Volga (Ms Lalitha Popuri)

Exclusive North eastern pavilion for special sessions featuring art, culture and literature from the North Eastern Region.

Young GALF, specially designed sessions for children will feature Angela Ferrao, Arshia Sattar, Arthy Muthanna Singh, Chitra Viraraghavan, Gabriel Rosenstock, Paro Anand, and Perna Singh Bindra.

Young GALF 2017 Books Quiz Contest for Schools

on Sunday 10 December from 10.30 am – 12.30 am

Exhibitions

Paintings by Goan artists under the banner of Silent Voices

ISLAND WORLDS...of land and sea

A photographic Exhibition on the Andaman & Nicobar Islands specially produced on silk by Pankaj Sekhsaria

Performance

Two fathers by Imaya Shows

Book releases

1. In the sanctuary of a poem by Salil Chaturvedi
2. A nine chambered heart by Janice Pariat
3. Girls are coming out of the woods by Tishani Doshi
4. The parrots of desire by Amrita Narayanan
5. An uncivil woman by Rakhshanda Jalil
6. The Way I See It; A Gauri Lankesh Reader by Chandan Gowda
7. Jasmine and Jinns by Sadia Dehlvi
8. The Portuguese Impress by Teresa Albuquerque
9. Islands in Flux by Pankaj Sekhsaria
10. The Miscreant by Victor Rangel Ribeiro

Bookshops: Broadway Book Centre; The Dogears Bookshop; Niyogi Books; Jaico Publishing House; Oxford University Press; Other India Books; and Bookworm Trust

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