

Fifth Youth Delphic Games: Arts, Cultures & Beyond



For **art and culture** enthusiasts, February 2016 is the time to head to **Goa** to witness a truly international event, the **Youth Delphic Games**, coming to **India** for the first time to celebrate the artistic human expression.

Regarded world over as the twin sister of the Olympic Games (2500-year history event from ancient Greece), the Delphic Games of the modern era were founded in **1994** and have travelled across 8 Countries in the past 20 years.

The **Fifth Youth Delphic Games** will be hosted in Goa **from 1 to 14 February 2016**, attracting 125 Countries with over 7000 participants, 6 Art categories and over 70 sub-categories, with many parallel artistic and fun events and activities for everyone.

This time, Goa is inviting the artistic youth of the world between 15 and 25 years of age to participate under the motto "**Celebrating Arts and Cultures**". Artistic competitions, presentations and exhibitions define the essence of the Games. Artists and performers from all over the world will come to India to showcase their talent and cement cultural ties with people from different countries.

The Delphic Games Celebrate **6 Art categories**, namely: **Musical Arts & Sounds** (Singing, Instrumental Music, Electronic Sounds), **Performing Arts** (Dance, Theatre, Circus, Puppetry) **Language Arts** (Literature, Poetry, Moderation), **Visual Arts** (Painting, Graphics, Fashion, Sculpture, Installation, Photography), **Social Arts** (Communications, Internet, Media, Pedagogy, Didactics) and **Ecological Arts & Architecture** (Urban Planning, Landscaping, Preservation & Conservation of nature, monuments)

Globally **celebrated Indian personalities** such as **Alyque Padamsee, Dr Sonal Mansingh, Shiamak Davar, Pahlaj Nihalani** and **cultural icons from around the world** are associated with the Delphic Games. **Nelson Mandela** was the Delphic Youth Ambassador during his lifetime.

A **top Goa government official** declared: «Goa is a true representation of our great Country. Being selected to host the coveted Youth Delphic Games raises Goa to global prominence as a cultural tourism hub and culinary paradise besides being known as a leisure paradise. We will leave no stone unturned to make it one of the most memorable editions ever hosted in the world».

Pankaj Kothari, Spokesperson for the Youth Delphic Games Organising Committee, said: «It is a proud moment for India to host the world's largest common floor for Arts & Cultures, especially at the most opportune time in India's journey to be a global super-power. With the beautiful backdrop of Goa and the world's growing interest in India, there is no better time than this. Delphic Games is over 2500 years old and is the twin sister of the Olympic Games; it has the power to unite the world in artistic expressions and thus reduce conflicts. And the delight is that India is the youngest country today, with the oldest civilisation! »

Held once every four years in two formats, Delphic Games is a performer's paradise, where celebration and creativity go hand in hand. A cultural heaven for art lovers and young performers, this is a platform for enriching individual experiences and engagement for media, opinion leaders, bloggers, columnists, government bodies and people at large. For participants and the public, Delphic Games are **an opportunity to witness the beauty of human expressions from across different races and cultures.**

An organising committee has been formed for the India chapter of the Youth Delphic Games, comprising of professionals from various disciplines and the Government of Goa. The committee will ensure a planned and structured approach towards a seamless execution of the world event.

About the Delphic Games:

The **International Delphic Council, Berlin, Germany** (Non-Government, Non-Profit, Non-political) is a powerful initiative in the world to promote Art and Culture in a way that brings humanity closer and strives for world peace through beautiful human expressions in the various arts, across linguistic, geographical, demographical, religious and social boundaries.

Delphic Games are to Arts & Cultures what Olympic Games are to Physical Sports. As the twin Sister of the Olympic games, they have a history of over 2500 years in Ancient Greece and of over 20 years in the Modern Era.

The Delphic Games are the largest common floor for Arts and Cultures in the world, as Olympics games are the largest common floor for Sports. Categories include all disciplines of Musical Arts & Sounds, Performing Arts, Social Arts, Visual Arts, Linguistic Arts and Ecological Arts & Architecture.

The International Delphic Council (IDC) organises the Delphic Games/Youth Delphic Games/Delphic Art Movie Award (DAMA)/World Culture Forum and Regional Delphiads around the world.

The Games are organised every 4 years in 2 formats, alternatively. The games have been staged in 8 countries since 1997, including **Georgia, Russia, Germany, Malaysia, Philippines, Korea, South Africa and Greece.**



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