



India Foundation For The Arts

India Foundation for the Arts (IFA) is an independent, nationwide, not-for-profit organisation, based in Bangalore. Set up as a Public Charitable Trust in 1993, IFA has been making grants and implementing projects across research, practice and education in the arts and culture across India since 1995.

IFA is a Facilitator, Catalyst and Provocateur

We believe the arts

Are essential for our individual
and community lives

Ensure a more equitable and just world
Enable us to enquire into our past, critique
our present and imagine collective futures

We support and explore

Journeys that challenge dominant narratives
seeking untold stories

Experiments that push boundaries
of knowledge and practice of the arts
Platforms that spark dialogue between artists
and the larger community

Our journey over 25 years
has ensured support and implementation
of over 680 projects and counting

The outcomes of these projects as books, films, performances, exhibitions and archival materials have been circulating in the public domain through presentations, seminars, screenings, and festivals, helping widen access for a diverse public and encouraging broader participation in the arts.

People

The Board of Trustees and Advisors bring to their work considerable experience in the arts and humanities, industry, finance, public affairs, communications and law. They share a common passion for the enrichment of arts and culture.

The Executive Director, Arundhati Ghosh, is an internationally recognised professional in the arts and organised philanthropy.

IFA believes that people are our key strengths and assets. The staff at IFA comes with diverse backgrounds and experiences, and is encouraged to engage with and respond to the changing needs and aspirations of the field.

Our projects and programmes are evaluated by scholars and practitioners from the field, who help shape our vision. Our constant dialogue with them keeps us anchored and relevant to the aspirations of the arts community.

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IFA makes grants and implements projects under the following key programmes. IFA specifically encourages work in Indian languages other than English.

Arts Research

The **Arts Research** programme engages scholars and practitioners to critically enquire into various histories and practices in India.

It implements projects that seek to explore new methodologies, offer fresh perspectives on artistic practices through interdisciplinary approaches and create spaces for dialogue between theory and practice. The programme places emphasis on discourse building in particular language contexts.

Arts Practice

The **Arts Practice** programme implements projects where artists expand their present range of practices in new directions. These could question accepted conventions, push new frontiers in content, form and medium, and explore new modes of engagement with space, audience and communities.

Foregrounding a spirit of explorations, projects could take the form of probing nascent ideas, production of artistic work, creating spaces for exchange and dialogue through seminars, residencies and workshops, and fostering platforms that attempt to build solidarities among practitioners.

Arts Education

The **Arts Education** programme 'Kali Kalisu' supports arts-based training for teachers from government schools in Karnataka and beyond. It also facilitates artists, teachers and schools to develop arts projects within their contexts using artistic and cultural practices from their own environments.

Archives and Museums

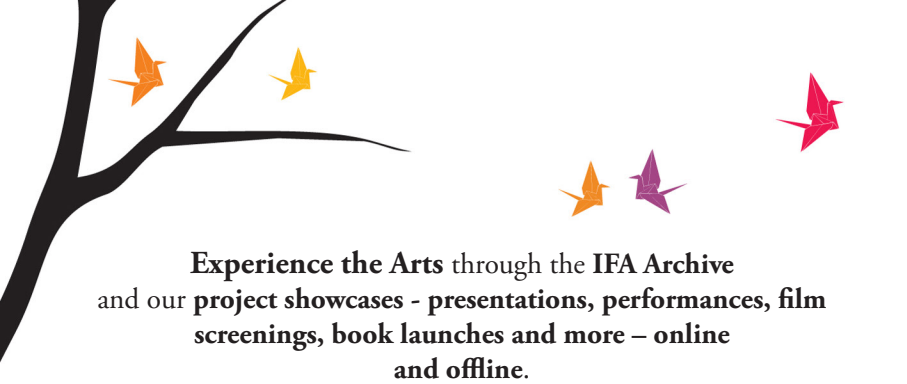
The **Archives and Museums** programme of IFA has been initiated with a two-fold objective: to provide arts practitioners and researchers an opportunity to generate new, critical, and creative approaches for public engagement with archive and museum collections; and to energise these spaces as platforms for dialogue and discourse.

Project 560

Project 560 takes its name from the first three digits of Bangalore's pincode. It proposes to encourage artists, scholars, institutions and neighbourhoods to engage creatively and critically with the city. In doing so, it aims to provide citizens with a kaleidoscopic experience of exploring and reimagining the city.

Programmes & Initiatives





Experience the Arts through the IFA Archive and our **project showcases - presentations, performances, film screenings, book launches and more – online and offline.**

You can visit the **IFA Archive** to explore more about the many arts and culture projects supported by IFA over the last two decades.

It is a website, as well as a physical site in Bangalore that houses the diverse outcomes of our work.

Learn more at www.theifaarchive.org

Connect with us and our work at various **physical and digital events**, including **festivals, seminars and conferences**, and encourage discussions on vital issues in the arts. Also join our staff to engage with **queries on project criteria and application processes.**

Read about the Arts through our publications, the **Annual Report** and **Half Yearly E-Newsletter**, which inform readers on our projects, initiatives and events. Delve deeper into the arts with our **specialty commissioned books** on arts and culture. We also conduct **studies and reports**, and compile **directories, databases and manuals** on various aspects of the arts, produced for organisations and corporates

Collaborate towards a shared imagination for the future

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Be a part of this journey
*through your contribution, participation
and encouragement!*

**Every donation you make helps us extend
our support to the field**

As an individual you can become a **Friend of IFA** or a **Donor Patron**, and experience the results of your contribution in the outcomes of our many projects. You can contribute towards our programmes, corpus fund or specific projects from Rs 5,000 to Rs 10 lakh, and more.

As a **Trust or Foundation**, you can partner on diverse programmes and projects, including partnerships through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as a **Corporate House.**

You can also **Sponsor** our **Fundraising Events**, the collections from which go directly towards supporting our grantees.

You can hire us for diverse **Arts Services**, which include conceptualisation, design and management of arts courses and workshops for different audiences.

If you would like to learn more about how you can get involved or support IFA, please write to **Menaka Rodriguez** at menaka@indiaifa.org

To make a contribution to IFA, send your cheque/demand draft drawn in favour of 'India Foundation for the Arts' to 'Aparva', 259, 4th Cross, RMV 2nd Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore - 560 094, India.

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