

BHOOMI HABBA

The Earth Festival 2026



"The Earth is the only thing we have in common. To cherish what remains of it and foster its renewal is our only hope."

Wendell Berry

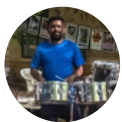


**18th Edition of Bhoomi Habba
Dedicated to**

SOIL Vasu

Bhoomi Habba-The Earth Festival is a vibrant, annual multi-art eco-festival organized by Visthar in Bengaluru. The festival serves as a unique intersection where environmental activism meets creative expression, while fostering deep reflection on climate justice, sustainability, and community living. The 18th edition of Bhoomi Habba brings together artists, activists, and communities under the theme "Restore & Reclaim: Community Paths to Climate Action." Join us for a day of inspiring performances, hands-on workshops, & eco enterprises as we celebrate climate resilience & sustainability.

Programmes



Indian Folk Band

Balu Djembe. No Habba without Jambe! Get ready to be swept off your feet by the electrifying beat of Balu Jambe and his team from the Indian Folk Band.



My Earth Songs

Dominic D'Cruz. Featuring sing-alongs and audience interaction to engage with themes of earth care, sustainability, & global responsibility through music.



Performative Storytelling

Anish Victor & Vinnu. This intimate storytelling experience for children explores themes of books, imagination, and embracing differences—through gentle, interactive narration.



Echoes of Kabir

Parvathi Narippatta & Ajay Srinidhi. A soulful musical performance inspired by the timeless poetry of Kabir Das.



Treewalk

Janet Orlene & Arun Kumar.

Step into a guided sensory journey with trees through stories, play, drawing, touch, & quiet observation.



Somatic Movement

Megha Malhar. A powerful somatic live movement performance that explores the deep connections between the human body and the living Earth.



Poetree Theatre

Mallesha. The play "If a Tree Talks" presents the relationship between humans and nature, and the growing conflict between them.



Nature Walk

David Selvaraj. Join this immersive journey through our eco-sanctuary to explore the vibrant biodiversity and regenerative systems of the campus.



Voices for the Earth

Mariyamma Chudi. Theatre performance reminding us that we are co-creators within nature, not its masters.



Indigenous Food Traditions

Kashmira Rao/Atmashakti Trust. Exploring indigenous food traditions through fragments—ingredients, oral clues, & sensory cues—to collectively reconstruct a dish.



Waste Management Workshop

Nikitha Chawla/The ClimActive Initiative. A simple, practical introduction to zero waste living. Learn waste segregation and the 10R model.



Playback Theatre

Mansee Shah. Theatre Jam on climate change and sustainability— a space to play and explore stories of climate and connection.



Traditional Games

Ima Recreation. Come-Learn-Play around 150+ games in different genre like alignment strategy games, Hunting strategy games, Race and dice games, etc.



Theatre for Climate Action

Ravi Ramaswamy . Explore the journey from inaction to action. Create images with our bodies on the struggles we face and ways forward.



Story Heart Circles

Ramya Iyer. A storytelling and expressive arts-based journey. Ponder, feel, reflect, and express through braided perspectives our interconnectedness.



Echoes of the Soil

Thippeswamy & Team / Vimukthi Vidya Samsthe. Immerse yourself in the raw, energetic rhythms of rural Karnataka. A powerful showcase of live folk music and Tamate, capturing the true spirit of community.



Folk Dance

Kanasu Kishori Sanghatane. This performance brings the grounded rhythms of traditional dance to the center stage, speaking directly to themes of equity and resilience.



Community Painting

Carlin Rebecca. An interactive, collaborative art space that invites both children and adults. This community canvas provides a vibrant, shared space for visitors to visually express their personal visions for our planet.



Treevellers' Katte

What stories do trees hold? What memories do they leave within us? The Treevellers' Katte invites both children and adults to gather under the jackfruit tree to listen, share, and rediscover our deep connections with trees.



Live caricatures by Kappansky

Rasheed Kappan is bringing creativity, humour, live caricatures, unique illustrations, and exciting art merchandise. Watch art come alive as quick sketches and caricatures



Papermaking Workshop

Steven Paul / Srujana Recycled. Experience the art of creating handmade paper and crafts entirely from discarded paper, celebrating sustainability in action.



Theatre & Poetry Workshop

Santhosha M.N. Using approaches like Theatre in Education, participants will be engaged in interactive activities to reflect on reducing the burden on nature.



Cartooning

Dinesh Francis. This interactive workshop empowers participants to express social and environmental concerns through the powerful medium of cartooning.



Doodle on Newspaper

Shruti Anand Exploring doodling and painting on newspaper. Transform everyday newsprint into expressive art using simple techniques and imagination.



Karakuri Puppetmaking

Antara Mukerji. A hands-on workshop introducing basic Karakuri—the art of Japanese mechanised puppets. Create paper models blending creativity and engineering.

Exhibitions and films



Book Exhibition and Sale

By Nature Conservation Foundation (NCF), Parag -An Initiative of Tata Trusts, & Bond Over Bindings



Film Festival: Sustainability, Ecology and Climate Action By Amudhan R.P.



Poster Exhibition

Posters on Climate Change & Visthar Publications



Soil Exhibition by SOIL

Sustainable Organic Initiatives for Livelihood (SOIL), established by the late Soil Vasu. The exhibition invites visitors of all ages to physically touch, observe, and connect with the microscopic universe thriving beneath our feet.

The Organic & Artisanal Hub



x90+ eco stalls. Discover the freshest organic produce, explore handcrafted eco-crafts, and browse timeless khadi and handloom weaves. Savor the rich heritage of traditional and millet-based foods from the southern states.