



PRESS RELEASE

Goethe-Institut making learning fun with Digital Kinderuniversität

- *Goethe-Institut, the cultural institute of the Federal Republic of Germany, takes a responsible step towards education with the introduction of Digital Kinderuniversität in Hindi*
- *The program is laid on the foundation of new-age technology that caters to the curiosity of children and helps young minds grow under the leadership of mentors*

New Delhi, 09 FEBRUARY 2021: After the successful launch of Kinderuniversität in English and German, the Goethe-Institut, has launched the Digital Kinderuniversität in Hindi. This innovative project shall help students aged eight to twelve satiate their curiosity about science-related questions through exciting educational content and accompany them in learning the German language during the process.

The Digital Kinderuniversität, a free online learning platform, shall contribute significantly towards making education more accessible to the public and ensuring development in children from an early age. Currently, Kinderuniversität is offered in Hindi, English, and German. While no prior knowledge of German is required to enroll at Kinderuniversität, students can familiarise themselves with the language, combined with an independent and playful pursuit of science.

At Kinderuniversität, children attend lectures and complete exercises based on STEM + Arts i.e. STE(A)M subjects. They learn from 'Humans', 'Nature' and 'Technology' and are exposed to elements of gamification throughout the course. Students can collect badges that help them advance through levels ranging from Bachelor, Master, Doctorate to Professor. To further incentivise students, certificates can be downloaded anytime and from anywhere.

Commenting on the launch, **Mr. Thomas Gödel, Director Language Programmes South Asia & Deputy Executive Director**, says, *"The Digital Kinderuniversität is an outstanding global language project of the Goethe-Institut that leverages children's curiosity to impart knowledge and make them learn German in a playful way. By translating it into the major regional languages of India, we aim to increase the project's outreach and ensure that it benefits a large number of children."*

Dr. Berthold Franke, Director Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan New Delhi and Regional Director South Asia, further elaborates on the initiative, says, *"The Covid-19 pandemic has shown us that digital spaces can be anything – from classrooms to playgrounds. Our project Kinderuniversität is an initiative in the direction of making learning fun, accessible, convenient and holistic, especially in this day and age where going to school means logging in using a device. With a focus on science and arts subjects, we take 'learning from everything around us' rather seriously and believe that our platform will provide answers to the very many questions that make young children wonder."*

Focusing on child-friendly learning, exposure to a foreign language, and media literacy while honing valuable skills, the initiative strives for holistic development of children.

Visit the Kinderuni Website: <https://kinderuni.goethe.de/>

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