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Osho music fest to be held

Celebrated poet Gulzar and director Vishal Bharadwaj will perform in a music cum mediation festival at the Osho resort in Koregaon Park on August 14. The Osho International Mediation Resort is organising 'The Osho Music and Meditation Monsoon Festival' from August 11 to 15. It will be inaugurated by dancer Zia Nath and her troupe. August 14 will see performances by Gulzar, Vishal Bharadwaj and singer Rekha Bharadwaj. The activities will begin at 6 am and end at 11.30 pm. There will also be an international food festival. ENS





Monsoon, melody, meditation and

The annual Osho Music and Meditation Monsoon Festival kicked off on Tuesday. Here's what you can expect to experience at the fest...

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pens in poetry, in music, in dance, for a small moment that you slip out up personality and touch your indi-ality. But only because it happens for all moment, you are not afraid, you all come heat," said Oebo in his audic

nal. Music and dance have been an import-ant part of meditation practised at the Osho International Meditation Resort, Pune. With an aim to gather people and celebrate the season of rains, the centre organises a mon-scom festival every year. This time, the event started on August II with Suf Splendour, a dance based on Odissi and Suff Whilring by Zia Nath and her troupe. Here's the entire



SAMAPPAN INDIAN CLASSICAL BAND

The six member band, which stepped into the Indian Classical Music scene in 2011, comprises Ninad Muslacar ditules, Manas Kumar (violin), Vishal Dhumal Geyboarth, ID Rao (saxophone), Gautam Sharma (percussions) and Ojas Adhlya (tabla).

"We have beneded Indian and Western (keyboard and assophone) elements into our music. Each band member has an important role to play and contributes equally to each composition. It is a team effort after all. We always maintain eye contact with each other during our performance as we like to indulge in impromput improvisations on the stage. For our jiam at the monscon festival, we will incorporate finatures of the session into our music; says Oga, adding. "We will touch upon the Vachaspair rang and perform around four to five compositions." The band will perform tooks, August 12, 25 to 0.330 pm.

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acrifer and it was a very good show,"
he says, Describing his solo presentation to have a mediative effect, he says,
will be no other musical lustrument except the santoor. It will help the audie ence connect with their minds in a better wag."







V-RAVI, ROCK AND JAZZ BAND

instrumental compositions returning the weeta, guitar and a carriante voint.

He believes that musicians have a special connection with monsoon. "Since the days of the legendary wocalist Tainsen, monsoon has been an important aspect of a musician's life. We connect with it very strongly as there is this particular ritythm that helps bring out the best in us," says Ravia as he adds that he completely connects with the Osho resort's philosophy based on Follow the path you like. The crew will take the stage on Aligust 13 Thur 23 to 3.39 pm.

GULZAR, VISHAL AND REKHA BHARDWAJ, INDIAN FOLK
Under the programme titled Chaudahvi Raat
Ke Chaund Tuke (Under the moon of the fourteenth night), celebrated poet-bries Gulzar will recite his poetry while composer-filmmaker Vishal Bhardway will present Gulzar's compositions.
Vishal's wife and celebrated singer Rokha will render them on August 14, 3-30 pm onwards.

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Lyrical conversations

Celebrated poet-lyricist Gulzar turned 81 on Tuesday. During his visit to the city last week for an event, he indulged in a tête-à-tête with the audience before reciting a few original writings from his diary



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istening to Gulzar recite his writing is like watching a painter work on a canvas. With each word is a fresh stroke of colour. Little by little, he conjures up breathtakingly beautiful images in the listener's mind.

He, along with Vishaj and Rekha Bharadwaj, delighted the audience at Osho International Meditation Resort on August 14 as a part of the *Monsoon Festival*. Before Gulzar took the podium to recite his poetry, Vishal urged him to indulge in a talk. Obligingly, Gulzar took a seat on a makeshift stage.

"Many people from the film industry came to the Osho commune. I was introduced to his teachings through them. I remember, I was seated in the audience at one of Osho's discourses and he mentioned a line written by me, "Tere bina zindagi se koi shikwa toh nahi." I was delighted and surprised. I asked Vinod (actor Vinod Khanna) how Osho was aware of my writings, to which he replied that Osho reads a lot. He is well versed with contemporary philosophy, poetry and literature. Before winning the Oscar, I had already won my award by having my work and thoughts discussed in Osho's discourse," said Gulzar, adding that the spiritual leader's philosophy has inspired his writings. "My writings are an endeavour to find myself, to find life, to find answers that we all are looking for," he shared.

The audience asked him questions about

Mirza Ghalib, the television series written and produced by Gulzar, which was aired on DD National in 1988. Answering a query on why he chose Ghalib as the subject for his debut TV project, he said, "If not Ghalib, then who else? If you are familiar with his work, you can answer the question for yourself. Naseeruddin Shah, Jagitt Singh and of course, Ghalib himself, deserve the credit for the show."

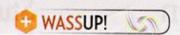
When asked about his fascination with the moon, and why he mentions it in his lyrics so often, Gulzar replied with a straight face, "I have a copyright of the moon." His answers were short, crisp and witty.

As Gulzar took the stage, he gifted an epiphany to the audience. Narrating an anecdote, he said, "This happened quite a few years back. I had stepped out of the car and it started drizzling. A drop or two must've touched the ground and someone quickly managed to get an umbrella and held it above my head. This gesture made me think aloud. Before it starts raining, we tend to make arrangements to protect ourselves. This philosophy extends to the way we live our lives, planning for old age, death, marriage and everything that lies in the future. Spending our youth planning for it, we forget to seize the moment or live in the present because we prepare to protect ourselves from the inevitable."

This was followed by a number of random ly selected prose poetry which the legendary lyricist selected from loose sheets kept in his diary. On request by the audience, he recited the iconic poem *Lahu luhan hua hai falak*.



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OSHO MONSOON FESTIVAL

Osho International Meditation Resort, Koregaon Park, Aug 11-15

A grand Monsoon Festival has been organised by the management team at the lush green premises of the Osho International Meditation Resort. Osho's vision of Zorba, the Buddha, will be manifested through a number of meditation programmes at the event. It will be held from August 11-15, from 6am to 11.30pm. Zia Nath, a quanta health care solutions practitioner, will inaugurate the event along with The Sufi Splendor, a group dance based on Odissi and Sufi Whirling. On August 14, renowned lyricist Gulzar will recite his poetry and Rekha Bharadwaj will sing.

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