

ICTS launches virtual exhibition 'CosmicZoom'

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BENGALURU: The International Centre for Theoretical Sciences (ICTS), a centre of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), has launched 'CosmicZoom', their first completely online exhibition.

This virtual exhibition, an ICTS statement reads, will take visitors for a trip through the Cosmos — both through the smallest and largest scales in the Universe.

“The exhibition is designed to engage with a wide range of visitors — starting from school children to university students. Cosmic Zoom is planned as a curtain raiser for a proposed ‘Bengaluru Science Habba’, a science festival for Bengaluru that is being conceived by a consortium of academic research institutions in Bengaluru,” the statement read.

Professor Rajesh Gopakumar, director of ICTS said CosmicZoom is an innovative response by an ICTS team of scientists, designers and science communicators for an online interactive engagement with the public.

“We’ve tried to give visitors a sense of the vastness of the Universe, starting from the smallest things, going all the way up to the largest. Visitors will also find surprising connections between the micro and macros worlds, like quantum physics and the Universe, and dung beetles and the galaxy,” says Prof Ajith Parameswaran, an astrophysicist at ICTS and the curator of this exhibition.

The exhibition also features events — lectures, interactive sessions with labs and observatories, book reading sessions, workshops for children, film screenings, and conversations with researchers — while also hosting several vibrant scientists. The events will cover a wide range of topics ranging from cell biology to particle physics and astronomy.

Also, guided tours to the virtual exhibition are also available to schools, colleges, citizen groups.