



Kochi-Muziris Biennale

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In the wake of the [pandemic](#), the **5th edition of the Kochi-Muziris Biennale** has been **postponed to 1st November 2021**, which was earlier set to be inaugurated on 12th December 2020.

Key Points

- The Kochi-Muziris Biennale is an **art exhibition and festival** that is the **largest of its kind in South Asia** and is organised by the **Kochi Biennale Foundation** at Kochi, Kerala.
 - The Foundation is a **non-profit charitable trust** engaged in **promoting art and culture and educational activities** in India.
 - It works throughout the year to **strengthen contemporary art infrastructure** and to **broaden public access to art** across India through a diverse range of programmes.
- In mythology, **Muziris was a port city**, among the earliest of its kind in the world and when **Kerala established itself as a major center for spice**, the ancient port of Muziris **emerged as its hub**.
 - Currently, the **Muziris Heritage Project** is one of the biggest conservation projects in India, where the state and the central governments have come together to conserve a rich culture that is as old as 3000 years or more.
- The biennale **exhibits artworks across a variety of mediums** including film, installation, painting, sculpture, new media and performance art and also offers seminars, screenings, music, workshops and educational activities for school children and students.

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