

# Where is this happening?

## Freedom Park!

Set in one of Bengaluru's most significant public spaces, Makkala Hubba reimagines Freedom Park – once a site of confinement – as a space of liberation, discovery, and collective creativity. It invites children to see the city anew, and to dream of what it could become.

## Join the celebration of childhood

Makkala Hubba invites children, their caregivers and all artists, educators, designers, and institutions working with children to co-create this citywide celebration of play and belonging..

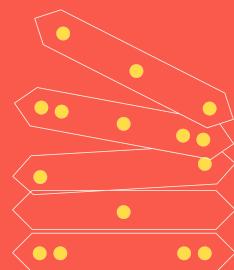
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# The city and the Child

Over the last few decades, Indian cities have grown rapidly in size and density. Mega projects – flyovers, metros, and sea links – have become symbols of this urban progress. Yet, in this developmental race, children have quietly been left behind. There are fewer public spaces today where they can explore, play, and learn beyond their homes and schools. The absence of such spaces affects children across social and economic boundaries, isolating them and disconnecting them from their own cities.

Bengaluru mirrors this story but also resists it. Its network of parks and open spaces continues to thrive, animated by the imagination of those who occupy and reclaim them. Makkala Hubba rises from this spirit of reclamation – a celebration of children as rightful citizens of the city and as creators of new possibilities.



# MAKKALA HUBBA

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Makkala Hubba is a **children's experience centre** that infuses play with learning to create a sensorial world for children in Freedom Park. It transforms the park's historic grounds into a landscape of curiosity, connection, and wonder.

– where learning happens through touch, sound, movement, and storytelling. It is a space where city, nature, and imagination meet.

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# Sneak Peek

## Where the Wild Things Are

Come sit under the shade of a forest canopy made from the city's own foliage, where children trace patterns in red earth and listen to whispers of local ecology, from the last few kaadu papas to the drifting keres of Kengeri.

## Follow the Butterflies

Enter the colourful and vibrant world of butterflies and learn about their migration across Bengaluru. This is an invitation to children to journey alongside these winged travelers across the Western and Eastern Ghats.

## What to expect?

- **Installations** that expand the experience of play beyond the swings and see-saws
- **Tactile exhibits** about the incredible flora and fauna in and around Bengaluru.
- **Life-size board games** that will become fun lessons in food, culture and geography.
- **Workshops** to not just learn and do, but also to feel and care.
- **Stories** that speak from the past and take us into the future.



## Elli, Ekke, Ennu?

A life-size puzzle game that transforms learning about Bengaluru into a hands-on spatial adventure, encouraging children to quite literally walk through their city.

## Cook & Keep – A Living Recipe Game

A life-sized walkable game board for children aged 6–12, turning ingredients and food memories into a collective, edible map of India. Part recipe, part storytelling, and a whole lot of play.

## Phytoplankton World

Do you know phytoplankton produce half of the world's oxygen? Explore the unseen heroes of marine life through giant sculptures, art-making and storytelling. What better way to understand marine ecology and bioluminescence.

