

# Brinjal Food Festival



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Shilparamam Art Gallery  
Sunday, 8th March 2009

Brinjal, the king of vegetables  
Close to the hearts of Indians  
Highlight of weddings and feasts  
Folks songs and movies

Join us to celebrate  
The diversity of brinjal  
Its place in our culture  
And our role in protecting it



Good Food, Healthy Food, Safe Food... should be a primary concern of all of us. The Brinjal Food festival is an attempt to bring a better consciousness and respect for our rich diverse food. Genetically Modified (GM) food crops pose a grave threat to the diversity and even to our health as consumers. We urge you all to join the movement to say No to GM foods and pesticides, and say yes to Healthy Safe Food.

## Enjoy Brinjal while it lasts!

Brinjal is a native of India and spread to the rest of the world from here. It is a favorite vegetable in many states, especially AP, Bengal, Orissa. Now, brinjal is endangered by the threat of Genetically Modified *Bt Brinjal*.

Bt brinjal is created by inserting a gene from a bacteria, so that the plant produces its own pesticide. What this poisoned plant will do to human health and biosafety is a big question mark! Research studies indicate big risks to human health. If Bt brinjal comes to market, consumers will not be able to distinguish it from normal brinjal.

Similar crops have been rejected in other countries including many in Europe, but powerful corporations are pushing for quick commercial release in India.

By raising our voice as aware consumers, we can force the government to reject GM food crops.

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## Program for Brinjal Food Festival

11 am – 7.30 pm on 8th March '09

- Enjoy Brinjal Specials at Food Stalls
- Brinjal Cooking Competition hosted by TV9 (on Mar 7)
- Brinjal Varieties Exhibition
- Screening of Mahesh Bhatt film “Poison on the Platter”
- Stalls and Programs on the Dangers of GM Food and how we can stop it
- Quiz and Street-play

### Brinjal Cooking Competition

On March 7<sup>th</sup> at **Regency College of Hotel Management , Banjara Hills**. To participate, send Recipe, Name, Address, Phone Number and Email Id to CSA (address below), or **Call on 040 - 27014302** or mail to [csa@csa-india.org](mailto:csa@csa-india.org)

**March 8<sup>th</sup> being the International Women's Day, Entry to Shilparamam is free for all women**

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