



If you missed our own *desi* version of it last year, this is your chance to more than make up for the loss (Yes, we call it a loss...make that HUGE loss!) with Kingfisher Premium The Great Indian Oktober Fest (TGIOF) 2009. What's better, it has upgraded from 'just a drinking festival' to a large scale carnival.

Apart from an overflow of beer is the added delight of catching 22 bands from across India perform during the course of the three-day fest. Big names include Indian Ocean (performing on Sunday), KK (Saturday) and a terrific combination of live acts spanning Jazz, Heavy Metal, Reggae, Funk, Kannada and some international acts.

For the uninitiated ones there will be Beer Information Centres (This is how we are being true to the spirit of the fest!) Go tent-hopping (again, done up in German style) and let the professional bartenders serve you.

The sprawling venue also transforms into a food court with as many as 20 food stalls and a covered seating area for 400 people. Plenty to load your plate with too (Yes, it is advisable to skip breakfast just this once) for choice of cuisine includes Chinese, Thai, Italian, German, Continental and Arab.

F1 enthusiasts couldn't ask for more — the winning car from Force India will be put on display in addition to a display of models by the Fiat 1100 Club of Bangalore. There's also an Oktoberfest-themed art festival and a flea market featuring wares from nine different states in ethnic settings. Try your hand at playing darts, paint ball and beer pong among others.

Location: Palace Grounds, **Time:** From Noon
On till: October 25