A 10-day Indo-German Urban Mela showcasing the potential of cooperation between India and Germany in areas including energy and sustainable development, was conducted from August 24 till September 2 at the YMCA College of Physical Education, Nandanam, Chennai. This event was a part of the celebration under the title: "Germany and India 2011-2012: Infinite Opportunities", commemorating 60 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries. It addressed the problem of urbanisation, wherein Germany offers great solutions to this universal problem and the German philosophy is to have a sustainable partnership between equals and forge a relationship with people, especially the young generation.

One of the concurrent events in this Mela was "Shine a Light – Light Installation and Workshop". The event was organised by Chennai State Centre member Dr. Amardeep Dugar with the School of Architecture & Planning, Anna University and the Hindustan University with ISLE as the knowledge partner. Members of the State Centre were individually addressed to attend the workshop and other events, enclosing an e-poster for the event. The lighting fraternity stood to benefit in many ways by the exposure to the leaders of German industry and the other programmes connected to the event.

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