

IT'S GOT TO BE LIT!

TATA STEEL KOLKATA LITERARY MEET

January 21-26, 2023

in association with Victoria Memorial Hall

For session details and timings,
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Day 1 | Saturday, January 21

Son Et Lumière, VMH

11.30am

Inauguration: Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak opens the 11th edition of the Tata Steel Kolkata Literary Meet

12pm

Spivak Moving: Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak in conversation with Lakshmi Subramanian. Launch of 'Ei Je Pather Ei Dekha' by Aparajita Dasgupta

1pm

Bhibuti Bhushaner Sansar: Chandril Bhattacharya on the eclectic universe of the literary colossus (Bengali Session)

2.20pm

The Samurai Dream Of Azad Hind: Prasun Roy discusses his Rash Behari Bose biography

3pm

47er Shei August: Sankar, Shirshendu Mukhopadhyay and Semanti Ghosh revisit the first moments of freedom. In conversation with Aparajita Dasgupta (Bengali Session)

3.50pm

Less is Lost: Andrew Sean Greer discusses the sequel to his Pulitzer Prize-winning novel. In conversation with Sandip Roy

4.40pm

Off Stump-er Bayre: Gautam Bhattacharya and Anindya Chattopadhyay in conversation with Agnijit Sen (Bengali Session)

5.40pm

Garcia Marquez in Colombia, Garcia Marquez in the World: Oscar Guardiola-Rivera in conversation with Kavita Panjabi

6.45pm

Mosha: A dramatic reading of Shirshendu Mukhopadhyay's short story by Anirban Bhattacharya

Western Quadrangle

5.40pm

Setting Poetic Icons To Music: Opera star Soprano Paoletta Marrocu and Piano virtuoso Luisa Prayer perform compositions based on the poems of Rabindranath Tagore and Gabriele D'Annunzio, and famous Italian Opera arias and piano pieces

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Day 2 | Sunday, January 22

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11.15am	Energise Your Mind: Gaur Gopal Das speaks about his new book and the virtues of a mindful life
12.10pm	Unseen City: Ankhi Mukherjee discusses her book on mental health of the urban poor with Jai R. Ram. In conversation with Supriya Chaudhuri
1pm	Shera Shakti: Srijato on the poetry of Shakti Chattopadhyay. In conversation with Prithwi Bose. Launch of Amar Rangoon Diary by Shyamal Bandyopadhyay (Bengali Session)
2.20pm	Hesheler History: Chitrita Banerji and Jayanta Sengupta discuss the history of Bengal's culinary platter. In conversation with Poorna Banerjee (Bengali Session)
3.10pm	Cultivating Democracy: Mukulika Banerjee discusses her study on agrarian life with Ahona Palchoudhuri. Launch of Cultivating Democracy by Jawhar Sircar
4pm	That Feisty Chauhan Girl: Anuja Chauhan on 15 years of storytelling. In conversation with Jashodhara Chakraborti
4.50pm	Yeh Shaam Mastani - The Magic of Kishore Kumar: Anirudha Bhattacharjee and Parthiv Dhar discuss their biography with Pritish Nandy. In conversation with Balaji Vittal
5.40pm	The Life and Music of Ravi Shankar: Oliver Craske discusses his biography of Ravi Shankar with Bickram Ghosh
6.30pm	Weaponising AI: Pravin Sawhney and Avik Chanda on artificial intelligence and future confrontations with China. In conversation with Krishnan Srinivasan
7.20pm	Bechey Thakar Gaan-Lockdowney Lekha: Chandril Bhattacharya, Srijato and Anupam Roy in conversation with RJ Riya (Bengali Session)

East Gate Kalam Lawns, VMH

11am	Nanak and the Sikhs in Eastern India: Himadri Banerjee and Jagmohan Singh Gill discuss the history of the community in east and northeast India. In conversation with Vibha Mitra from Own The Past initiative
12pm	Tagore in Italy, Italy in Tagore: Luisa Prayer, Sukanta Chaudhuri, Pramantha Tagore and Gianluca Rubagotti discuss Tagore in Italy. In conversation with Sujaan Mukherjee. In association with 'Consulate General of Italy in Kolkata'
2pm	RSBS Large Short Films Matinee
2.30pm	Chronicling A Forest: Annu Jalais on writings in and on the Sunderbans. In conversation with Balaji Vittal
3.20pm	Uddam Rajanir Kabya: Subodh Sarkar discusses his new book with Binayak Bandyopadhyay, Moumita and Sibashish Mukhopadhyay
4.20pm	Boier Sansar: Aparajita Dasgupta and Jayanta Sengupta on their literary journeys. In conversation with SV Raman (Bengali session)

Western Quadrangle

6.45pm	Shikhandi - Shikhandi- Performed by Sudipta Majumdar, written by Sudipta Bhowmik and designed, directed by Suman Mukhopadhyay. Presented by ECTA, New Jersey and Chetana
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Day 3 | Monday, January 23

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11.15am

Imaginary Rain: Vikas Khanna in conversation with Anindita Ghose. Launch of Vikas Khanna's Imaginary Rain by Mallika Sarabhai

12.10pm

Mir Jafar O Onanyo Natak: Bratya Basu in conversation with Subodh Sarkar (Bengali Session)

1pm

The Stars in My Sky: Divya Dutta and Mallika Sarabhai discuss memories and inspirations in their film journey. In conversation with Mir Afsar Ali

2.20pm

India in a Kitchen: Chित्रita Banerji, Mita Kapur and Vikas Khanna and on how food as an unsung unifier of India. In conversation with Sneha Singhi

3.15pm

Iran's Zan, Zendagi, Azadi Revolution: Ghazala Wahab, Sharda Ugra Anuradha Kapoor in conversation with Sumona Chakravarty

4.10pm

In Free Fall: Mallika Sarabhai discusses her book and its learnings with Malavika Banerjee

5pm

Independence: Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni and in conversation with Ankhi Mukherjee

5.50pm

JCB Prize Special: Khalid Jawed speaks about his award-winning 'The Paradise of Food' with translator Baran Farooqi. In conversation with Mita Kapur

6.40pm

The Anglo-Indians: Barry O'Brien discusses his new book with Ruskin Bond. In conversation with SV Raman (Ruskin Bond will join the session virtually)

East Gate Kalam Lawns, VMH

10am to
12pm

Junior Kolkata Literary Meet

12.10pm

The Fabric of Freedom: Laila Tyabji, Bappaditya Biswas, Amrish Kumar and Darshan Shah on the textile and design heritage of India, and its future innovations. In conversation with Malavika Banerjee

2.30pm

RSBS Large Short Films Matinee

3.10pm

Dhwani Aur Goonj se Resonance Tak: Daisy Rockwell, Poonam Saxena and Baran Farooqi discuss translating from Hindi and Urdu to English. In conversation with Yatish Kumar

4.20pm

Readings and Recitations: Pritish Nandy, Divya Dutta, Mritunjay K. Singh, Yatish Kumar, Sudha Arora

5.10pm

Hindi Sahitya ka Shahar Kalkatta: Rachana Yadav, Sudha Arora, Alka Saraogi and Ved Raman Pandey discuss Hindi classics born and set in Kolkata. In conversation with Mritunjay K. Singh (Hindi session)

6pm

Bindu Thekey Bindutey: Chinmoy Guha discusses his recent book with Pinaki De (Bengali session)

GD Birla Sabhagar

6pm

Hamlet presented by Swapnasandhani, directed by Kaushik Sen

Birla Academy of Art & Culture

4.30pm

Talking Life: Javed Akhtar on gathering life, making memories with Nasreen Munni Kabir. In conversation with Sangeeta Datta

6pm

Gods Of Willow: A Coming of Age Innings: Amrish Kumar and Sharda Ugra in conversation with Jeet Banerjee

7pm

Journalism Is Dead, Long Live Journalism: Pritish Nandy, Sharda Ugra, Pratik Sinha, Monideepa Banerjee and Ghazala Wahab on how the digital life has impacted media and journalists. In conversation with Payal Mohanka

8pm

Royal Stag Barrel Select Film Show

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Day 4 | Tuesday, January 24

Daga Nikunj

10am **A Morning with Poets:** Javed Akhtar, Shabana Azmi, Shumantra Ghoshal and Rakhshanda Jalil in conversation with Mudar Patherya

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12.15pm **Shakti@50 - Celebrating Love and Harmony:** John McLaughlin, Zakir Hussain, Shankar Mahadevan, Selvaganesh and Ganesh Rajagopalan discuss 50 years of the iconic band. In conversation with Arunabha Deb

1.10pm **Infinite Light:** Paresh Maity and Abin Chaudhuri in conversation with Darshan Shah

2.10pm **Sweetening India:** Cyrus Madan, Jael Silliman and Barry O'Brien discuss the hidden histories of Parsis, Jews and Anglo-Indians in India. In conversation with Atri Bhattacharya

3.10pm **A Millennium in Search of a New Political Order:** Oscar Guardiola Rivera and Pratik Sinha on whether democracy still has all the answers. In conversation with Swati Bhattacharjee

4pm **Mancher Itihas, Mancher Bhubishyot:** Suman Mukhopadhyay, Kaushik Sen and Bratya Basu on a new era in Bangla theatre. In conversation with Agnijit Sen (Bengali Session)

5pm **The Magicians of Mazda:** Ashwin Sanghi in conversation with Priyadarshinee Guha. Launch of Tamal Kumar Majumder's *The Undercover Monk*

5.50pm **The Many Lives of Maali Almeida:** Shehan Karunatilaka in conversation with Malavika Banerjee

6.40pm **Krishna Bose's Netaji:** Sumantra Bose, Sugata Bose and Subhasini Ali discuss the new translation of the author's memoirs. In conversation with Priyadarshinee Guha

East Gate Kalam Lawns, VMH

10am to 1pm **Junior Kolkata Literary Meet**

1.10pm **Carry On Jeeves:** Ben Schott and Atri Bhattacharya discuss the enduring magic of Jeeves and other PG Wodehouse characters. In conversation with Soumya Bhattacharya

2.10pm **RSBS Large Short Films Matinee**

3pm **Blank Verse:** Damodar Mauzo, Subodh Sarkar, and Jerry Pinto discuss whether poetry is being translated enough. In conversation with Labonita Ghosh

4.10pm **The Dawn of Everything:** David Wengrow in conversation with Mukulika Banerjee

5pm **Fifteen Judgments:** Saurabh Kirpal on the cases that changed the financial landscape of free India. In conversation with Arunabha Deb

6.15pm **Boi-Shoik:** Anindya Chattopadhyay and Sanchari Mookerjee on their latest book. In conversation with Paroma Roy Chowdhury (Bengali Session)

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7.30pm **Shakti: The 50th Anniversary Indian tour**

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Day 5 | Wednesday, January 25

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12.30pm	Pandemic, Parables and Prophecies: Amitav Ghosh discusses writing through the pandemic and <i>Jungle Nama</i> , <i>The Nutmeg's Curse</i> and <i>The Living Mountain</i> . In conversation with Annu Jalais
1.20pm	Born in 1947: Laila Tyabji, Subhasini Ali and Chitrita Banerji discuss the peaks and troughs of the midnight generation. In conversation with Paroma Roy Chowdhury
2.20pm	Straight From The Heart: Anindita Ghose and Soumya Bhattacharya discuss their debut novels. In conversation with Debanjan Chakrabarti
3.10pm	The Mendicant Prince: Aruna Chakravarti in conversation with Julie Banerjee Mehta
4pm	Mauzo's World: Damodar Mauzo in conversation with Jerry Pinto
4.50pm	Tomb of Sand: Geetanjali Shree and Daisy Rockwell discuss their Booker International Prize-winning novel. In conversation with Debnita Chakrabarti
5.40pm	The Other Story of How India Won Its Freedom: Sanjeev Sanyal and Rudra Chatterjee in conversation with Janet Gasper Chowdhury
6.30tpm	Indian Traditional Martial Arts: Ileana Citaristi in conversation with Vikram Iyengar

East Gate Kalam Lawns, VMH

10am to 1pm	Junior Kolkata Literary Meet
1.10pm	School Of Thrillers: Anuja Chauhan, Ashwin Sanghi and Krishnan Srinivasan in conversation with Balaji Vittal
2.10pm	Sketching Ray: Sarnath Banerjee and Pinaki De on the art and writing of Satyajit Ray
3pm	Writer Rebel Soldier Lover: Akshaya Mukul and Yatish Kumar on the challenges of putting <i>Agyeya</i> on paper. In conversation with Poonam Saxena
3.50pm	Sab Charitra Bastabik: Alapan Bandyopadhyay and Biswajit Ray in conversation with Aparajita Dasgupta
4.40pm	Discovering India Through The Arts: Richard Blurton discusses his new book with Jayanta Sengupta
6.45pm	The Sufi Gospel Project: Sonam Kalra and Troupe

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Day 6 | Thursday, January 26

Birla Academy of Art & Culture

11am **No Laughing Matter:** Has dark humour edged the droll and delightful out of literature? Ben Schott, Sandip Roy and Shehan Karunatilaka in conversation with Malavika Banerjee

11.50am **Tagore's University:** Swati Ganguly discusses her book on Visva Bharati. In conversation with Achyut Chetan

12.40pm **Future Perfect Museums:** Vidya Dehejia, Richard Blurton and Jayanta Sengupta discuss museums of the future. In conversation with Rudra Chatterjee

Son Et Lumière, VMH

1.30pm **The Education of Yuri:** Jerry Pinto in conversation with Pratiti Ganatra

2.20pm **Rupamer Kalam:** Rupam Islam on his literary inspirations. In conversation with Arka Das (Bengali Session)

3.10pm **The Write Life – Rani Jindan, Satyajit Ray and Agyeya:** Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, Barun Chanda and Akshaya Mukul on chronicling iconic lives. In conversation with Chinmoy Guha

4.10pm **A New Dawn For South Asian Literature:** Geetanjali Shree, Daisy Rockwell and Shehan Karunatilaka ways in which South Asian literature can reach a wider readership. In conversation with Sandip Roy

5pm **Do We Need a New History of Humanity?** Amitav Ghosh and David Wengrow in conversation with Julie Banerjee Mehta

5.50pm **Queersapien:** Sharif Rangnekar discusses his book alongside Andrew Sean Greer, Saurabh Kirpal and Sumita. In conversation with Sandip Roy

East Gate Kalam Lawns, VMH

3.15pm **Lost Fragrance of Infinity:** Moin Mir discusses his novel with Payal Mohanka

4.20pm **India in a 100 Objects:** Vidya Dehejia discusses the treasures of India. In conversation with Tapati Guha Thakurta

5.10pm **Notun Dashaker Goenda:** Sabyasachi Sarkar and Anirban Basu discuss their sleuths with Agnijit Sen (Bengali Session)

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7pm **Kalam Finale:** India in Words, India in Song: Sounak Chattopadhyay sings songs of patriotism from across India. Followed by Readings.

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