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LITERARY
MEET
 January 23-27, 2024



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DAY 1 | TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

VICTORIA MEMORIAL - SON ET LUMIERE

11am	Inauguration: Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal, Shri CV Ananda Bose, inaugurates the 12th edition of the Tata Steel Kolkata Literary Meet Guest of Honour: Nobel Laureate Abdulrazak Gurnah
11.40am	A Life in Writing: Abdulrazak Gurnah on his celebrated works. In conversation with Nilanjana S Roy
12.40pm	The Gift of Multilingualism: Sudha Murty on how Kannada, English and other literary traditions have shaped her writings. In conversation with Malavika Banerjee
2.15pm	Binoyer Brahmadarshan: Anupam Roy discusses his short story collection with Srijato
3.10pm	A(nindya) Theke Chandrabindoo: Anindya Chatterjee, Sajjad Hussain and Rajarshi Dhara in conversation with Agnijit Sen
4pm	Galgutnama: Damon Galgut discusses his novels and a changing South Africa. In conversation with Malavika Banerjee
4.50pm	The Seventh Son: Sebastian Faulks discusses his new novel with Anuradha Roy
5.40pm	The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas: John Boyne discusses his timeless classic. In conversation with Jashodhara Chakraborti
6.30pm	Everything The Light Touches: Janice Pariat in conversation with Diya Kohli

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2.20pm	Look Ahead In Anger: Siddhartha Deb and Devika Rege discuss their new novels on contemporary times. In conversation with Payal Mohanka
3.15pm	Poetry Medley: Renu Roy, Laksmisree Banerjee and Ajanta Paul in conversation with Ashoke Viswanathan. Readings and discussion
4.45pm	Nayika Sangbad: Senjuti Roy Mukherjee and Poulami Chatterjee Bose on Women in Bangla Group Theatre. In conversation with Aparajita Dasgupta
6.15pm	Between Two Worlds: Mihaela Gligor and Chinmoy Guha discuss Bengal's influence on the writings of Mircea Eliade. In conversation with Sagnik Bhattacharya

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7pm	Ismat Apa Ke Naam: Featuring Naseeruddin Shah, Ratna Pathak Shah and Heeba Shah
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DAY 2 | WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

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1pm	Zeba: The Accidental Superhero: Huma Qureshi on her debut book and the need for feisty heroines in Young Adult writing. In conversation with Janet Gasper Chowdhury
2.10pm	Irrfan: Tigmanshu Dhulia, Tillotama Shome and Shubhra Gupta discuss the magic of Irrfan and his everlasting legacy. In conversation with Shahana Chatterjee
3pm	The War Diary of Asha-san: Asha Sahay Choudhry remembers her time as part of the INA
3.20pm	Asia After Europe: Sugata Bose presents his recent book on Asia's journey through the 20th century. Followed by conversation chaired by Sarvani Gooptu
4.10pm	Shanta Gokhale - A Life In Writing: Shanta Gokhale on her writings in Marathi and English. In conversation with Jerry Pinto
4.50pm	The Resource Curse: Amitav Ghosh on how the colonial exploitation of Eastern India shaped its history, economy and literature. In conversation with Sukanta Chaudhuri
5.40pm	Firebird: JCB Prize winner Perumal Murugan discusses his prize-winning novel with Arunava Sinha and SV Raman
6.30pm	Adman Madman: Prahlad Kakar speaks about his memoirs, iconic advertising and brand India. In conversation with Manoj Mohanka
7.20pm	Revisiting A Classic, Sculpting A Sequel: Sebastian Faulks and John Boyne on writing sequels to their well-loved classics after more than a decade. In conversation with Pratiti Ganatra

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12 noon	The Muse Called Strife: Ronya Othmann in conversation with SV Raman
2.15pm	Decolonising The English Literary Curriculum: Sukanta Chaudhuri and Ankhi Mukherjee discuss her co-edited collection of essays in conversation with Madhavi Menon
3.10pm	Being Fearless: Examining entrepreneurship in today's Bengali community. Jayanta Roy, Sucharita Basu and Rudra Chatterjee in conversation with Anindya Paulchaudhuri
3.50pm	Beyond Three Generations: MSA Kumar, Firoz Meeran and Navas Meeran on family businesses. In conversation with Sidharth Pansari
STATE OF FOCUS: KERALA	
5.30pm	Literature's Own Country: Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal, Shri CV Ananda Bose, talks about the literary heritage of Kerala. Opens inaugural State of Focus programme. Reading by Roopsha Dasgupta and musical presentations
6.15pm	Kerala Chronicles I: KR Meera discusses her new novel <i>The Assassin</i> with Sampad Patnaik
7pm	Kerala Chronicles II: S Hareesh discusses his award-winning novel <i>Meesha (The Moustache)</i> . In conversation with Debnita Chakravarti
7.45pm	Radio Ishq reading by Somak Ghosh

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4.30pm	Sweets And Bitters: Satish Arora on his culinary encounters from the Queen to the POTUS. In conversation with Poorna Banerjee
5.45pm	Bhoot Bangla - Ghost Stories of Bengal: Jashodhara Chakraborti and Prasun Roy discuss the joys and challenges of translating ghost stories of Hemendra Kumar Roy and Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay. In conversation with Sanjna Ray
6.45pm	The Promise: Premiere of Tigmanshu Dhulia's <i>The Promise</i> presented by Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short Films. Tigmanshu Dhulia in conversation with Priyanka Roy

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7.15pm	What I Have Not Seen Before: An Indo-Polish dance collaboration by Sudarshan Chakravorty (Sapphire) and Jacek Luminski (Luminski Dance Project)
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DAY 3 | THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

VICTORIA MEMORIAL - SON ET LUMIERE

12.50pm	Republic of Hope I - I Kick and I Fly: Ruchira Gupta discusses her debut novel and how stories can inspire and empower. In conversation with Priyadarshinee Guha
2.15pm	Is Lord Ganesha Married?: Anand Neelakantan discusses how the epics and readings of ancient texts change across regions and eras. In conversation with Satyarth Nayak
3.10pm	Edward Lear and the Kanchenjunga: Anindyo Roy discusses his tryst with Lear's Himalayan obsession. In conversation with Deepika Jaidka
4pm	Abol Taboler Shatabdi: Sukañta Chaudhuri and Sarnath Banerjee discuss the madness and genius of Sukumar Ray's classic. In conversation with Pinaki De
4.50pm	Black River: Nilanjana S Roy discusses her novel with Vikram Iyengar
5.30pm	Journey to India Modern: Tarun Tahiliani in conversation with Sandip Roy
6.20pm	The Greatest Malayalam Stories Ever Told: AJ Thomas, KR Meera and Anand Neelakantan in conversation with Malavika Banerjee
7.10pm	Another Sort of Freedom: Gurcharan Das discusses his memoirs with Milee Ashwarya

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11.30am	My Mediterranean Table: Natasha Celmi discusses her tryst with Italian cuisine. In conversation with Poorna Banerjee
2.20pm	Michael Madhusudhaner Dwishatabarsho: Samik Bandyopadhyay and Biswajit Ray discuss the brilliance of the polymath and his engagement with the West and East. In conversation with Somshankar Ray
3.20pm	Duniya Ki Bhasha, Bhasha Ki Duniya: Jason Grunebaum, Daisy Rockwell and Alka Saraogi on telling Hindi stories to the world. In conversation with Ved Raman Pandey
4.15pm	The Hymns of Tukaram: Shanta Gokhale and Jerry Pinto discuss the timeless wisdom of the Bhakti poet. Readings and conversation with Arunava Sinha
5.10pm	The Day I Became A Runner: Sohini Chattopadhyay and Supriya Chaudhuri discuss women in sport. In conversation with Devdan Mitra
6pm	The Laws of Desire: Madhavi Menon discusses her deep dive into the court rulings and the Constitution's stand on matters of gender and sexuality. In conversation with Monideepa Banerjee
6.50pm	The Pink Line: Mark Gevisser, Niladri R Chatterjee and Sandip Roy discuss chronicling and discovering queer stories across the globe. In conversation with Sampad Patnaik

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6.30pm **Mephisto:** A play by Suman Mukhopadhyay featuring Anirban Bhattacharya, Riddhi Sen and others

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DAY 4 | FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

BENGAL CLUB

11am	Indian by Design: Laila Tyabji and Tarun Tahiliani discuss how India's textile traditions can speak through haute couture. In conversation with Malavika Banerjee
11.50am	Hungry Bengal: Janam Mukherjee on the Bengal Famine and the way it shaped history
12.45pm	Arctic Summer and Forster's India: Damon Galgut discusses his tryst with EM Forster's unfinished novel and <i>A Passage To India's</i> centenary. In conversation with Ankhi Mukherjee
5.30pm	Writer's Postcards, Writer's Dispatches: Dipika Mukherjee and Diya Kohli on travel writing. In conversation with Seema Mohanchandran
7.10pm	All The World's A Stage: Jacek Luminski, Suman Mukhopadhyay and Bickram Ghosh discuss how cultural exchanges between countries can become deeper and more meaningful. In conversation with Vikram Iyengar

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2pm	The Republic of Hope II - Pacheeshey Paa: Riddhi Sen, Surangana Bandyopadhyay and Ishaan Ghosh on the hopes and fears of the quarter lifers. In conversation with Agnijit Sen
2.50pm	Many Africas, Many Stories: Abdulrazak Gurnah, Damon Galgut and Mark Gevisser on how contemporary African literature eludes stereotyping. In conversation with Sandip Roy
3.30pm	Breaking The Mould: Raghuram Rajan and Rohit Lamba discuss their new book. In conversation with Rudra Chatterjee
4.20pm	Found in Translation: Daisy Rockwell and Daniel Hahn on bringing new readers to different literary worlds. In conversation with Arunava Sinha
5.10pm	The Great Padma: Amitav Ghosh and Kazi Khaleed Ashraf discuss the river's impact on the region's history and imagination. In conversation with Supriya Chaudhuri
6pm	Caribbean Ink: Denise deCaires Narain on writings from the isles beyond the Nobel laureates. In conversation with Debnita Chakravarti
7pm	Eka Anupam: Featuring Anupam Roy

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2pm	Republic of Hope III - Against All Odds: Kamal Shah and Minu Budhia on living with medical challenges and accepting the differently abled. In conversation with Shruti Mohta
2.50pm	The Colonial Constitution: Arghya Sengupta discusses his new examination of constitutional history. In conversation with Monideepa Banerjee
4.30pm	The First Firangs: Jonathan Gil Harris and Jayanta Sengupta discuss stories of the first European journeymen into India. In conversation with Priyadarshinee Guha

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11am	Moulding The Future: Raghuram Rajan talks to GenNext about future hopes and challenges. In conversation with Milee Ashwarya
11.50am	The Unmarriagable Man: Ashok Ferrey in conversation with Sampad Patnaik
12.40pm	Goynar Baksho/The Aunt Who Wouldn't Die: Shirshendu Mukhopadhyay and Arunava Sinha discuss the novel that refuses to grow old. In conversation with Sanchari Mookherjee
1.30pm	Work 3.0: Sucharita Basu discusses Avik Chanda's final book. In conversation with Deval Tibrewalla
2.30pm	The Great Flap of 1942: Gopalkrishna Gandhi introduces Mukund Padmanabhan's debut book. The author will be in conversation with Krishnan Srinivasan
3.20pm	I Am An Ordinary Man: Gopalkrishna Gandhi speaks about The Mahatma in the years leading to Independence. Release of new edition of Mahatma Gandhi's <i>I Am An Ordinary Man: India's Struggle For Freedom (1914-1948)</i>
4.10pm	The Everest Obsession: Deborah Baker and Stephen Alter on the magic pull of the Everest and the centenary of George Mallory's expedition. In conversation with Sujaan Mukherjee
5pm	Prothom Mudron, Bhalobasha/A House of Rain and Snow: Srijato and Maharghya Chakraborty discuss the novel and its translation. In conversation with Somak Ghosh
5.50pm	Moti Nandy'r Dhulokhela: Chandril Bhattacharya on the non-sports gems of the author's body of work

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12 noon	Meera Mukherjee Centenary: Tapati Guha Thakurta and Adip Dutta on the legacy of the great sculptor. In conversation with Sujaan Mukherjee
12.50pm	Like A Prayer: Nilanjana Sengupta and Soma Bose on home, prayer and women. In conversation with Shahana Chatterjee
2pm	The Republic of Hope IV - Yarns of Resilience: Laila Tyabji and Bappaditya Biswas on how artisans are forging a path ahead amid diverse challenges. In conversation with Nandita Palchoudhuri
3.30pm	The Moral Contagion: Sarnath Banerjee in conversation with Pinaki De
4.20pm	Dream Machine: Appupen discusses his new graphic novel on Artificial Intelligence. In conversation with Pinaki De
5.10pm	The Wisdom of the Puranas: Satyarth Nayak and Shalini Modi discuss the stories of the Puranas and their books on these stories. In conversation with Sidharth Pansari
6pm	Fire On The Ganges: Radhika Iyengar discusses her book on the Doms of Benares with Manoj Mohanka

STEPS OF THE VICTORIA MEMORIAL

7pm **Kalam Finale:** Classical vocals (khayal and thumri) by Shubha Mudgal with Aneesh Pradhan (tabla) and Sudhir Nayak (harmonium)

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