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# **DAY 1 | TUESDAY, JANUARY 23**

l 1am	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	<b>The Gift of Multilingualism:</b> 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
2.20pm	VICTORIA MEMORIAL - EAST GATE KALAM LAWNS  Look Ahead In Anger: Siddhartha Deb and Devika Rege discuss their new novels on
	contemporary times. In conversation with Paval Mohanka
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30(2.5)	Poetry Medley: Renu Roy, Laksmisree Banerjee and Ajanta Paul in conversation with Ashoke Viswanathan. Readings and discussion  Nayika Sangbad: Senjuti Roy Mukherjee and Poulami Chatterjee Bose on Women in Bangla Group Theatre. In conversation with Aparajita Dasgupta  Between Two Worlds: Mihaela Gligor and Chinmoy Guha discuss Bengal's influence















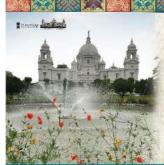
















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#### DAY 2 | WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

VICTORIA MEMORIAL - SON ET LUMIERE		
lpm	<b>Zeba: The Accidental Superhero:</b> 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	<b>The War Diary of Asha-san:</b> 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	
1.10pm	Shanta Gokhale - A Life In Writing: Shanta Gokhale on her writings in Marathi and English. In conversation with Jerry Pinto	
1.50pm	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	
5.30pm	Adman Madman: Prahlad Kakar speaks about his memoirs, iconic advertising and brand India. In conversation with Manoj Mohanka	
7.20pm	<b>Revisiting A Classic, Sculpting A Sequel:</b> Sebastian Faulks and John Boyne on writing sequels to their well-loved classics after more than a decade. In conversation with Pratiti Ganatra	
	VICTORIA MEMORIAL - EAST GATE KALAM LAWNS	
12 noon	The Muse Called Strife: Ronya Othmann in conversation with SV Raman	
2.15pm	<b>Decolonising The English Literary Curriculum:</b> Sukanta Chaudhuri and Ankhi Mukherjee discuss her co-edited collection of essays in conversation with Madhavi Menon	
3.10pm	<b>Being Fearless:</b> Examining entrepreneurship in today's Bengali community. Jayanta Roy, Sucharita Basu and Rudra Chatterjee in conversation with Anindya Paulchaudhuri	
3.50pm	<b>Beyond Three Generations:</b> MSA Kumar, Firoz Meeran and Navas Meeran on family businesses. In conversation with Sidharth Pansari	
	STATE OF FOCUS: KERALA	
5.30pm	<b>Literature's Own Country:</b> 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 Dasguupta and musical presentations	
5.15pm	Kerala Chronicles I: KR Meera discusses her new novel The Assassin with Sampad Patnaik	
pm .	Kerala Chronicles II: S Hareesh discusses his award-winning novel Meesha (The Moustache). In conversation with Debnita Chakravarti	
7.45pm	Radio Ishq reading by Somak Ghosh	
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1.30pm	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	
5.45pm	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	
	GD BIRLA SABHAGHAR	
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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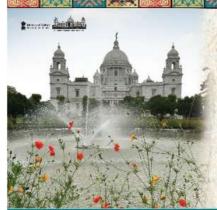
















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# **DAY 3 | THURSDAY, JANUARY 25**

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	<b>Abol Taboler Shatabdi:</b> Sukanta 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	
	VICTORIA MEMORIAL - EAST GATE KALAM LAWNS	
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	<b>Duniya Ki Bhasha, Bhasha Ki Duniya:</b> 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 Banerjie	
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	
	GD BIRLA SABHAGHAR	
6.30pm	Mephisto: A play by Suman Mukhopadhyay featuring Anirban Bhattacharya, Riddhi Sen and others  Victoria Memorial Hall: Entry through East Gate,	
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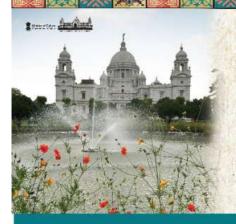
















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# DAY 4 | FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

BENGAL CLUB		
11am	Indian by Design: Laila Tyabji and Tarun Tahiliani discuss how India's textile traditions ca 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	<b>Arctic Summer and Forster's India:</b> Damon Galgut discusses his tryst with EM Forster's unfinished novel and <i>A Passage To India's</i> centenary. In conversation with Ankhi Mukherje	
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	
30	VICTORIA MEMORIAL - SON ET LUMIERE	
2pm	<b>The Republic of Hope II - Pacheeshey Paa:</b> 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	<b>Found in Translation:</b> Daisy Rockwell and Daniel Hahn on bringing new readers to different literary worlds. In conversation with Arunava Sinha	
5.10pm	<b>The Great Padma:</b> Amitav Ghosh and Kazi Khaleed Ashraf discuss the river's impact on the region's history and imagination. In conversation with Supriya Chaudhuri	
брт	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	
	VICTORIA MEMORIAL - EAST GATE KALAM LAWNS	
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 Banerjie	
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  Victoria Memorial Hall: Entry through East Gate, Opp. St.Paul's Cathedral NO PASSES REQUIRED Bengal Club: Free passes from festival bookstore at Victoria Memorial Hall	













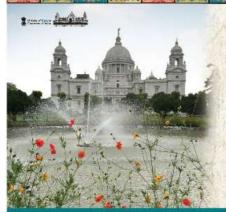


















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# DAY 5 | SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

VICTORIA MEMORIAL - SON ET LUMIERE		
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	<b>The Great Flap of 1942:</b> 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 Am An Ordinary Man: India's Struggle For Freedom (1914-1948)	
4.10pm	<b>The Everest Obsession:</b> 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	
	VICTORIA MEMORIAL - EAST GATE KALAM LAWNS	
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	<b>Like A Prayer:</b> 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	<b>Dream Machine:</b> Appupen discusses his new graphic novel on Artificial Intelligence. In conversation with Pinaki De	
5.10pm	<b>The Wisdom of the Puranas:</b> Satyarth Nayak and Shalini Modi discuss the stories of the Puranas and their books on these stories. In conversation with Sidharth Pansari	
брт	Fire On The Ganges: Radhika Iyengar discusses her book on the Doms of Benares with Manoj Mohanka	
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7pm	Kalam Finale: Classical vocals (khayal and thumri) by Shubha Mudgal with Aneesh Pradhan (tabla) and Sudhir Nayak (harmonium)	
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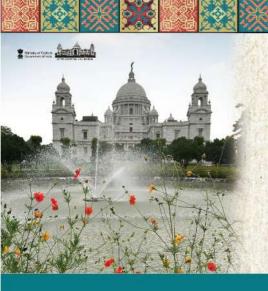


















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# **AFTERWORDS**

# **GD BIRLA SABHAGHAR**

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