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VARANASI

200+
SPEAKERS

1M+
AUDIENCE

100+
BOOKS

50+
AWARDS

4
EDITIONS

4
4 DAYS • 2027



काशी साहित्य कला उत्सव - 5TH EDITION

ABOUT BLF

AN INITIATIVE OF NAV
BHARAT NIRMAN SAMITI

WHAT IS BLF?

India's Most Soulful Lit Fest

OFFICIAL THEME — BLF 2027

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Banaras Lit Fest is a cultural pilgrimage that preserves the spirit of Kashi through words, music, and expression. It is not just a literary event — it is a celebration of consciousness, born from the soul of Banaras and extended to the heart of India. This festival leads us from mere looking to true understanding — from sight to insight.

LITERATURE & BOOKS

POETRY & MUSHAIRA

ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

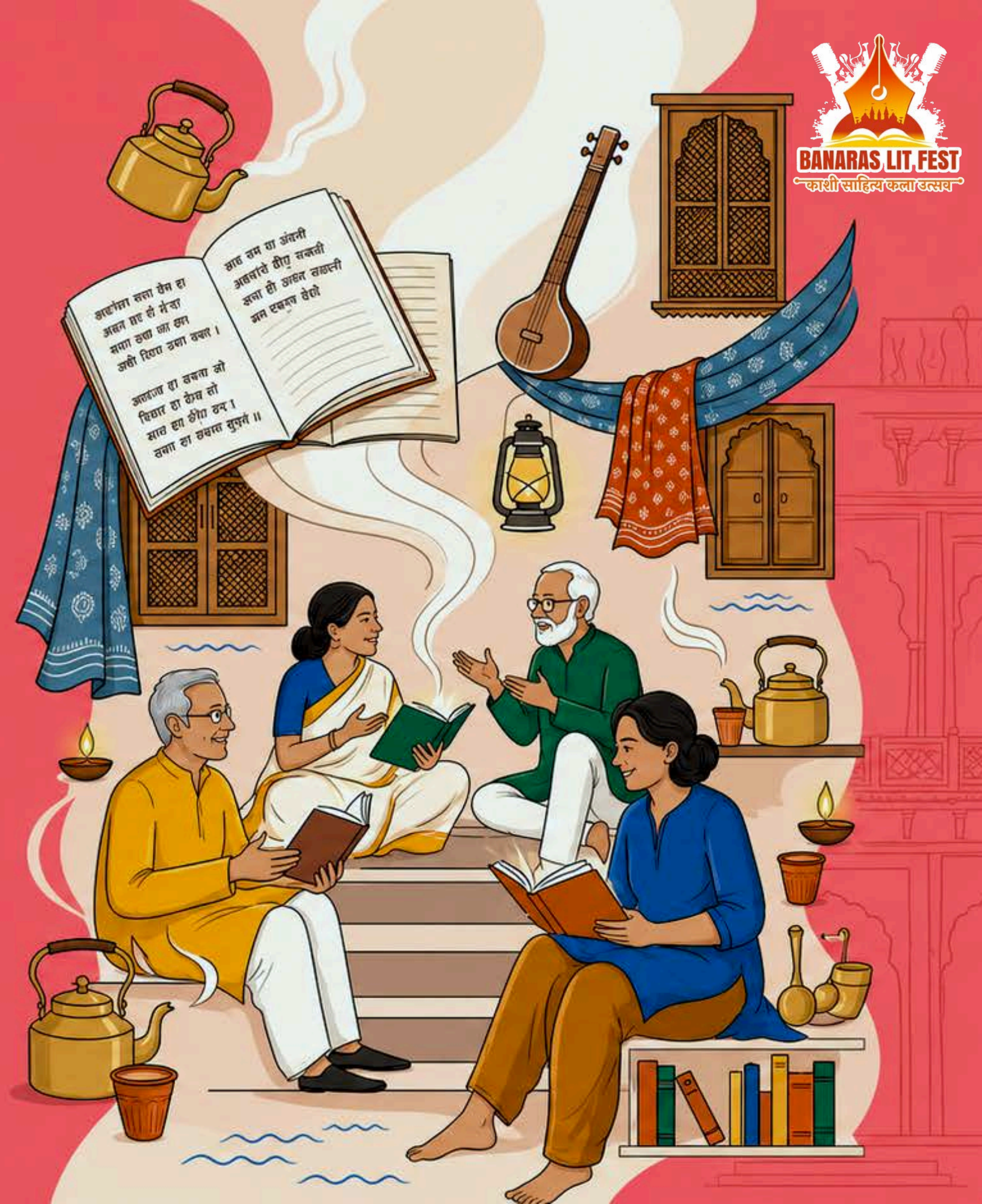
THEATRE & DRAMA

FOLK EVENTS

YOUTH & AI

CLASSICAL MUSIC

OPEN MIC





FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

BLF At A Glance

Celebrating Literature in Varanasi

200+

SPEAKERS & ARTISTS

Poets, Authors, Performers, Thinkers

1M+

TOTAL AUDIENCE

Online + Offline combined reach

100+

BOOK LAUNCHES

*National & International
publishing houses*

50+

AWARDS WINNERS

*International & National
award recipients*





FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

BLF At A Glance

Celebrating Literature in Varanasi

45+

**PANEL
DISCUSSIONS**

*Debates, dialogues &
conversation*

150+

ORGANISATION

*Associated partners
& participants*

10+

LANGUAGES

*Hindi, English, Urdu,
Maithili, Santhali more*

30+

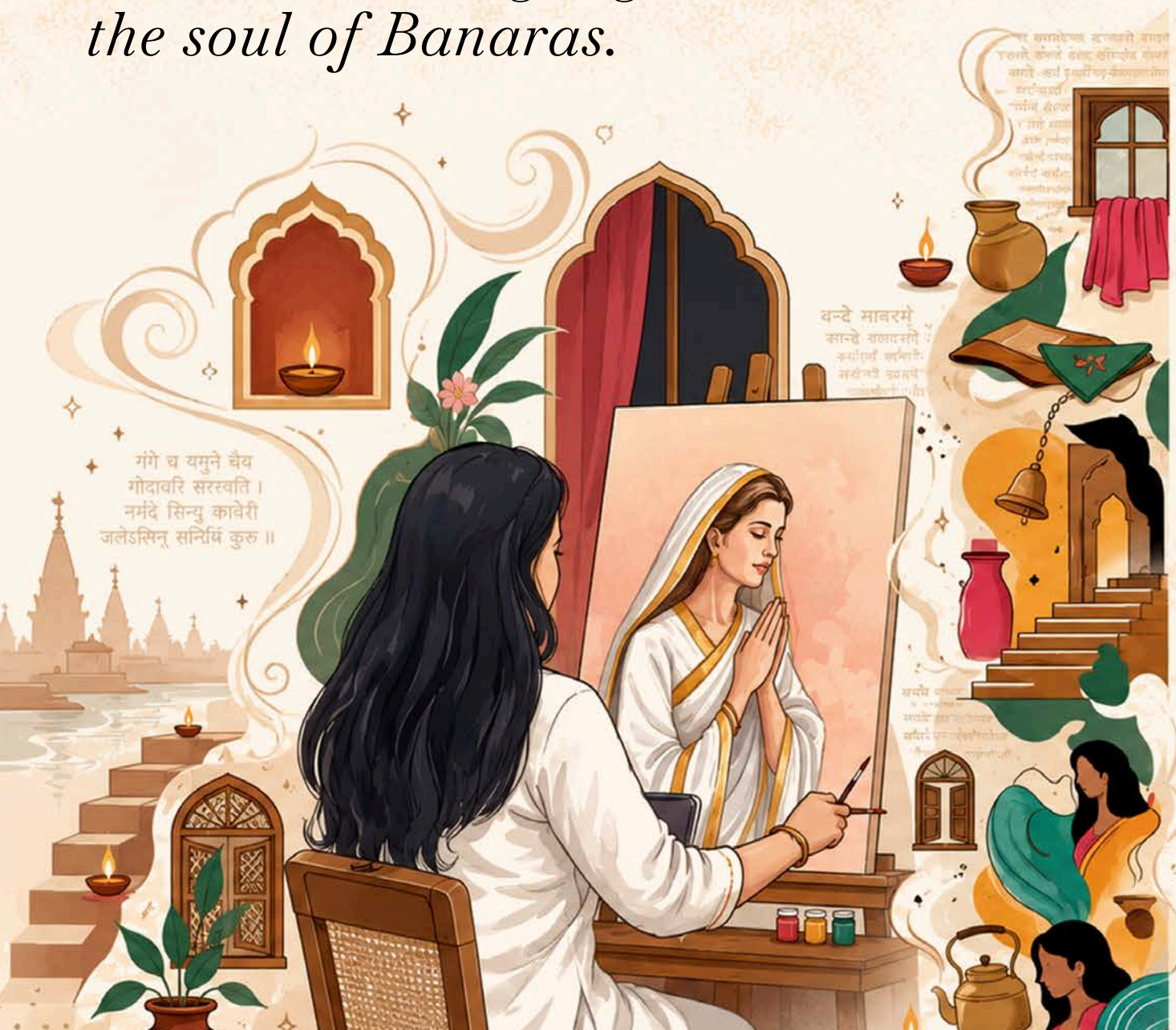
INSTITUTIONS

*Schools, colleges,
universities represented*



10 VERTICALS OF ART & CULTURE

Literature, music, theatre, art, conversations, and performance cultures blending together inside the soul of Banaras.



LITERATURE & BOOKS

Book launches, author talks, literary debates & publishing culture



CLASSICAL MUSIC

Bansas gharana, ragas, thumti & classical performances



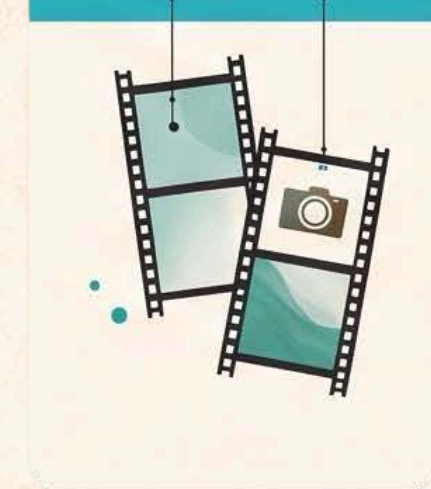
THEATRE & FOLK

Nukad natak, dramatic storytelling & folk performance traditions



PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Curated visual storytelling celebrating Banaras & culture



ART EXHIBITION

Live painting, installations & international visual art practices



TALK SHOWS

Celebrity interviews, intellectual conversations & public discourse.



SPEAKATHON (U-14)

Public speaking competition for fearless young voices



HUNAR KE SARTAJ

Talent competition featuring singing, dance & spoken-word performances



BLF BOOK AWARDS

Recognising impactful literary contributions across categories



OPEN MIC / ABHIVAKTI

Stand-up comedy, spoken-word poetry & fearless expression



BLF 2027 · The City Behind the Festival

WHY BANARAS IS THE EPICENTER OF ART & CULTURE

3,500 YEARS OF STORY

*The oldest continuously inhabited city on earth.
Every ghat, every lane is a living manuscript
Banaras has never stopped telling stories.*

THE BANARAS GHARANA

*Home to one of India's most
celebrated classical music traditions.
The Banaras Gharana shaped the very
grammar of Hindustani music.*

THE LANGUAGE OF KASHI

*Tulsidas wrote the Ramcharitmanas
here. Kabir sang here.
Premchand was born nearby.
Banaras is the cradle of Hindi literature*

THE CITY OF SCHOLARS

*For generations, Banaras has inspired
scholars, thinkers, and seekers of
knowledge, carrying forward a rich legacy
of learning and intellectual exchange..*



WHY BANARAS IS THE EPICENTER OF ART & CULTURE

LIVING THEATRE

From Ram Leela to nukkad natak — the streets of Banaras have been a stage for centuries. Drama is not performed here; it is lived.

CONFLUENCE OF FAITHS

Temples, mosques, ghats and monasteries co-exist within walking distance. No city on earth hosts such a layered plurality of thought.

THE WORLD COMES HERE

Pilgrims, scholars, artists and travellers from 100+ countries visit every year. Banaras is not a destination — it is a gravitational pull

THE CULTURAL CAPITAL

A city where music, art, traditions, and festivals have flourished for centuries, making Banaras one of India's most vibrant cultural centers.





THE FIRST FLAME 1ST EDITION 2023

INAUGURAL EDITION —
KASHI SAHITYA KALA UTSAV

11-12 FEB 2023 | SWATANTRATA BHAVAN,
BHU, VARANASI



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RUSITY



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11 और 12 फरवरी

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1ST EDITION · 11-12 FEBRUARY 2023

EMINENT PERSONALITIES OF BLF 2023

Swatantrata Bhavan, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

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Pt. Sajan Mishra

PADAM BHUSHAN
BANARAS GHARANA VOCALIST



Ashok Chakradhar

EMINENT HINDI POET & LITERARY VOICE
POETRY



Raghupir Yadav

ACCLAIMED FILM & THEATRE ACTOR



Prof. Purushottam Agrawal

Eminent Critic · Former UPSC Member



Badri Narayan

NOTED POET · VICE-CHANCELLOR, TISS
MUMBAI



Maithili Thakur

SUR BANJARA · CLASSICAL FOLK SINGER





चना-चबेना गंग जल, जो पुरवे करतार,
काशी कबहुं न छाड़िये, विश्वनाथ दरबार।





THE CONVERSATION GROWS 2ND EDITION 2024

VISHWA BHASHA KE
ROOP MEIN HINDI

10-12 FEB 2024 | RUDRAKSH CONVENTION
CENTRE SIGRA



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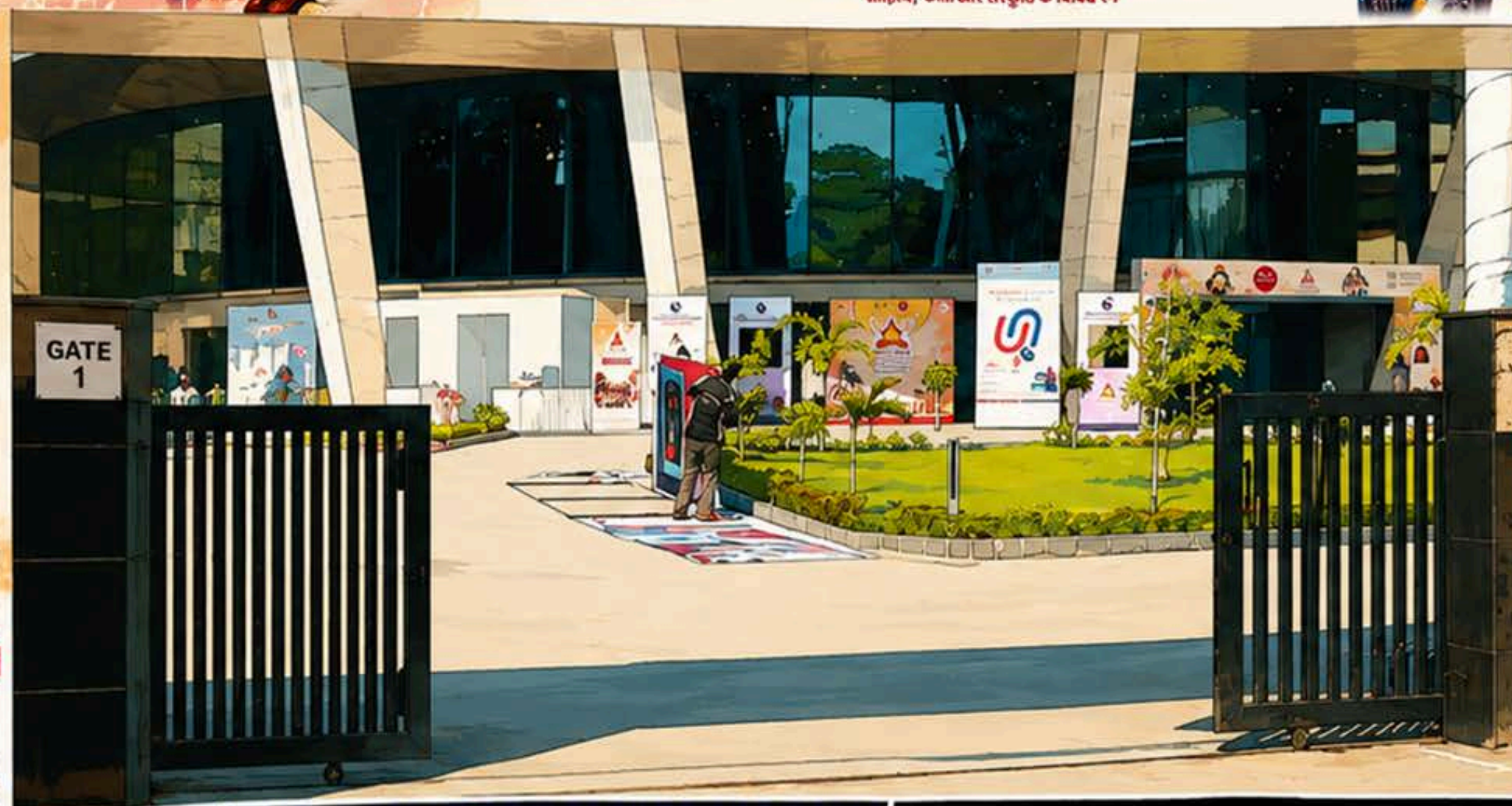
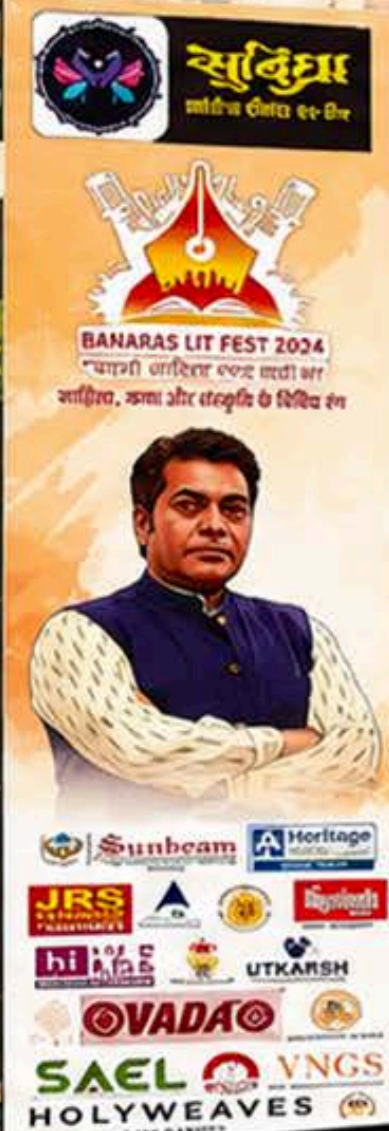


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साहित्य, कला और संस्कृति के विविध रूप



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VISHWA BHASHA KE ROOP MEIN HINDI

**Yogendra
Singh Yadav**

Param Vir Chakra Awardee



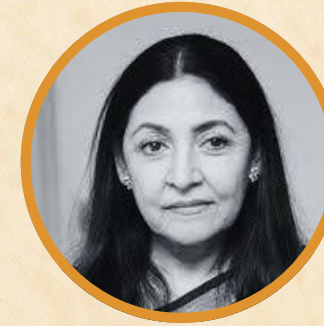
**Padma Shri
Surender Sharma**

Celebrated Humorist & Hindi Poet



Deepti Naval

Noted Actress Writer & Visual Artist



Ashutosh Rana

Film & Theatre Actor · Author



Mahua Manjhi

Author · MP, Rajya Sabha



Om Thanvi

Senior Journalist Writer & Editor



Many More

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H. S. Shivaprakash
Sahitya Akademi Winner



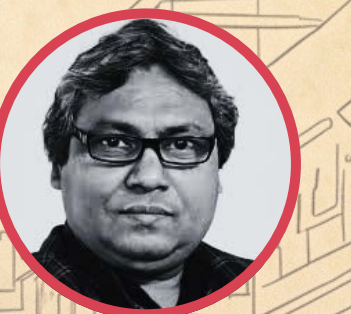
Ghazala Wahab
English Writer & Journalist



Farhat Ehsaas
Shayar



Shakeel Azmi
Shayar



Madan Mohan Danish
Poet



Mumtaz Naseem
Shayar



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**Prof. Anand
Kumar**

Renowed Socialogist



Sameer Anjaan

Renowned BollywoodLyricist



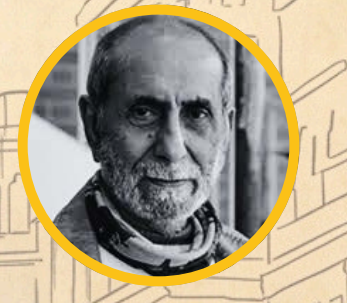
**Prof. Trilokinath
Pandey**

Writer



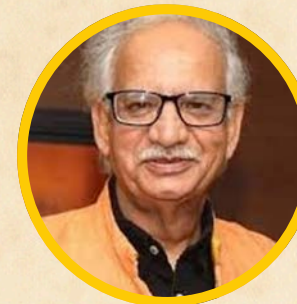
Abid Surti

Cartoonist · Writer · Painter



Arun Kamal

Renowned Hindi Poet



**Sharmistha
Mukherjee**

Author & Politician



Many More



The World Arrives 3rd Edition 2025

BANARAS:
FROM SIGHT TO INSIGHT

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Kailash Satyarthi

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate ·
Social Activist



**Harivansh
Narayan Singh**

Hon'ble Dy. Chairman, Rajya Sabha



Amish Tripathi

Bestselling Author · Shiva Trilogy



Malini Awasthi

Padma Shri · Queen of Folk Music



Lakshman Acharya

Hon'ble Governor of Assam
· Chief Guest



Neelesh Misra

Storyteller · Lyricist · Writer



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Tripurari Sharan (IAS)

Former DG Doordarshan • CIC Bihar



Sunil Kant Munjal

Noted Industrialist • Hero Group



**Ambassador
Lakshmi Puri**

Fmr. UN Asst. Secretary-General



Saurabh Dwivedi

Journalist



Ila Arun

Actress • Celebrated Singer



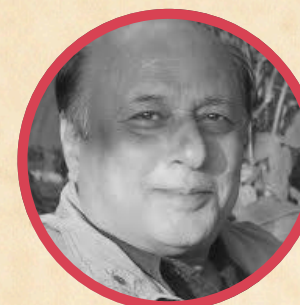
Karan Madhok

English Writer



Uday Prakash

Noted Hindi Poet & Writer



Rehan Fazal

Writer • Journalist



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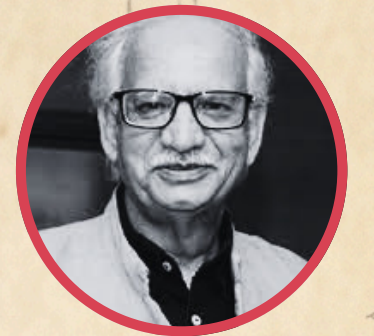
Rajesh Reddy

Shayar • Mushaira



Arun Kamal

Poet



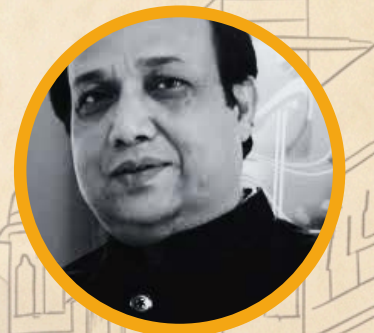
Badri Narayan

Historian • Poet



Aslam Hasan

Ghazal



Ankita Singh

Spoken Word



Renu Hussain

Poet



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A NEW HIGH WATER MARK

YOUTH SHAPING NATION IN
AN AI-POWERED WORLD

29 JAN 2026 - 01 FEB 2026

HOTEL TAJ VARANASI



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YOUTH SHAPING NATION IN AN AI-POWERED WORLD

Anupam Kher

Padma Vibhushan • Actor & Inspirational Speaker



Piyush Mishra

& Band Ballimaraan • Actor Musician-Poet



Malini Awasthi

Padma Shri • Queen of Folk Musical



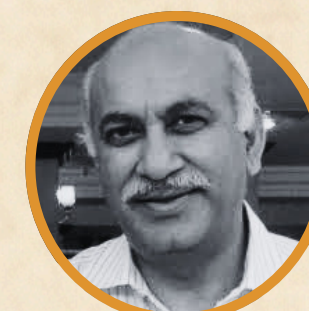
Bhaichung Bhutia

India's Football Legend



M.J. Akbar

Author — Mughal Astrology



Namita Gokhale

Author • JLF Co-Director • Literary Icon



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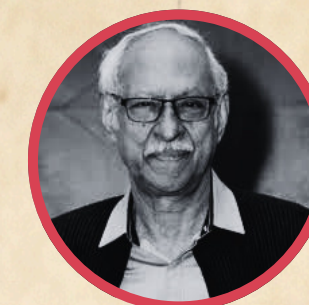
Tisca Chopra

Actress • She & Sheen



Damodar Mauzo

Sahitya Akademi Award Winner



Ashwin Sanghi

Bestselling Author • India's Dan Brown



Nilotpal Mrinal

Hindi Poet



**Padma Shri
Sheen Kaaf Nizam**

Urdu Poet • Ghazal



Mamta Kalia

Hindi Authority



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**Prof. Trilokinath
Pandey**

Associate Professor



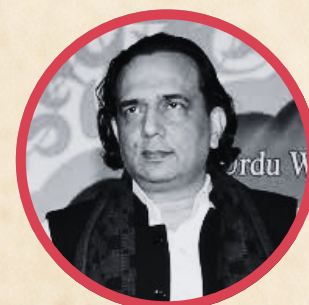
**Peggy Ramesar
Mohan**

Author



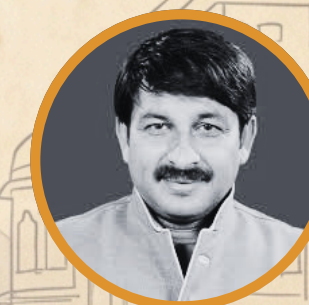
Iqbal Ashhar

Mushaira



Manoj Tiwari

Politician & Singer



Manish Khatri

Photography Dainik Bhaskar



Anand Kumar

Indian mathematics educator



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YOUTH SHAPING NATION IN AN AI-POWERED WORLD



Lalit Upadhaya

FORMER INDIAN FIELD HOCKEY PLAYER



Bhaichung Bhutia

ACCLAIMED FILM & THEATRE ACTOR



Pullela Gopichand

INDIAN FORMER BADMINTON PLAYER



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Pankaj Bhargav

NEWS 18 ANCHOR



Rubika Liyaquat

NEWS 18 ANCHOR



Prateek Trivedi

NEWS 18 ANCHOR







BLF · A Record-Setting Achievement

ASIA BOOK OF RECORDS

Banaras Literary Festival — Officially Recognised

BOOKMARKS RECORD

BLF set an Asia Book of Records entry for the largest simultaneous bookmarks activity — celebrating reading, books and the written word at the heart of Kashi.

ASIA BOOK OF RECORDS

OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

BLF BANARAS



ASIA BOOK OF RECORDS





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Lifetime Achievement • Eminence

GOMATI DEVI EMINENCE AWARD

A tribute to lifetime achievement — presented to distinguished personalities who have enriched Indian arts, letters and public life across generations.



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GOMATI DEVI EMINENCE AWARD





Emerging Voices • New India

NAV BHARAT SARJAK SAMMAN

*Honouring the emerging creative voices of new India —
writers, thinkers and artists who are
shaping the cultural conversation of tomorrow*



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NAV BHARAT SARJAK SAMMAN





Literary Excellence · English & Hindi

BLF BOOK AWARDS

*India's most anticipated literary honours —
celebrating the finest writing in English, Hindi and
regional languages.*

*Awards across 10+ categories recognising authors,
poets, debut writers and publishers.*





BLF BOOK AWARDS



BLF 2027 · Visual Arts & Installations

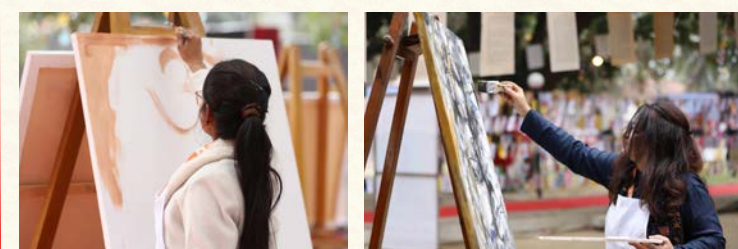
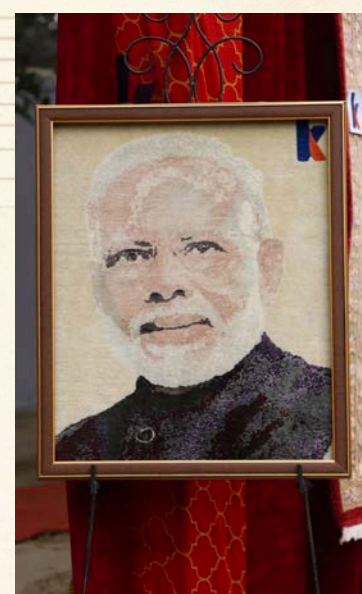
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ART CAMP

*Live painting, curated canvases and
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INTERNATIONAL ART CAMP





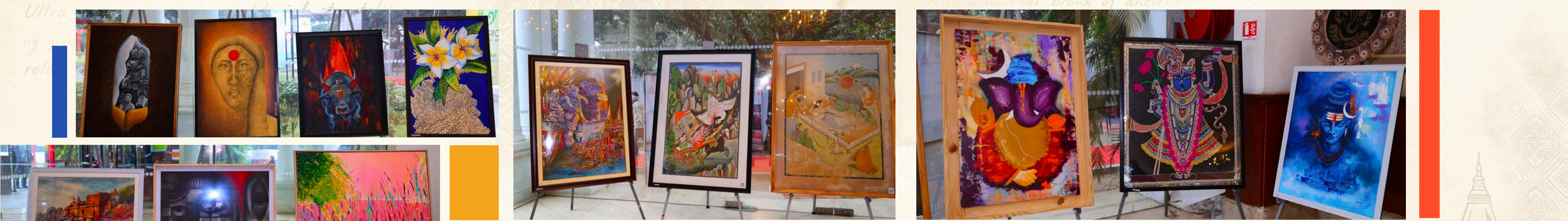
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INTERNATIONAL ART EXHIBITIONS

ART EXHIBITIONS

*Artists from 12+ countries converge in
Kashi — creating, collaborating and exhibiting
live across the four-day festival.*





INTERNATIONAL ART EXHIBITIONS





BLF 2027 · Visual Arts & Installations

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION & WALK

Curated photo showcase of Banaras, culture and contemporary India — with a guided photography walk through the venue.



PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION & WALK





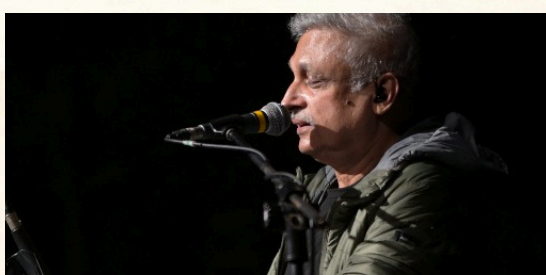
BLF 2027

ON-GROUND EXPERIENCE

जब मंच पर उतरा जुनून PIYUSH MISHRA & BAND BALLIMARAAN

*The night BLF turned into a spectacle —
poetry, music and pure electricity*







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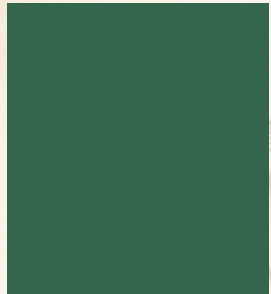
BAND STAGE

*Live band performances at Food Street —
music, energy and celebration as the
evening backdrop.*

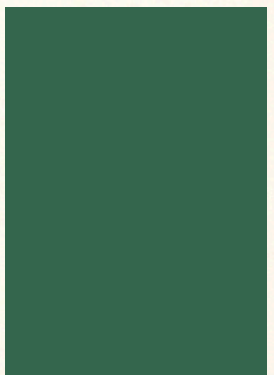
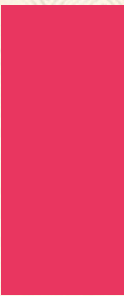


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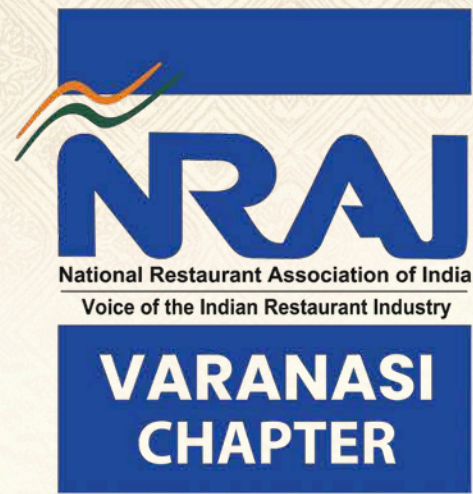
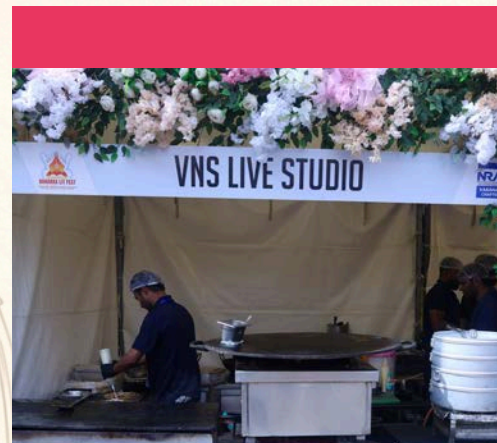
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FOOD STREET

*Banaras street food,
regional cuisines and
live food stalls — a
culinary journey
alongside the literary
one.*





FOOD STREET



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ON-GROUND EXPERIENCE

PUBLISHER STALLS

India's leading publishers showcase their catalogues — promoting books, writers and the joy of reading.



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PRODUCT STALLS

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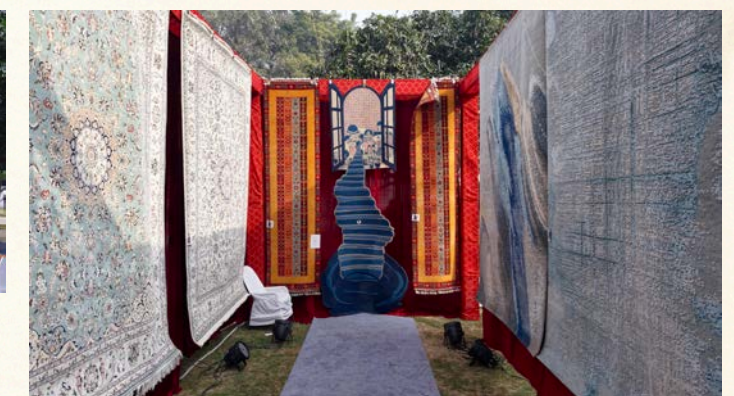
DECOR & SPONSOR SPACE

Signature decor elements double as sponsor touchpoints — backdrops, hoardings and branded installations across the venue.



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ON-GROUND EXPERIENCE

NEWS18 CELEBRITY ANCHORS

National broadcast presence — News18's celebrity anchors host live segments and interviews from the festival ground.



NEWS18 CELEBRITY ANCHORS





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AUTOMOBILES DISPLAY

*Showcase of partner automobile brands
in a premium festival setting reaching an
elite, discerning audience.*



AUTOMOBILES DISPLAY





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ON-GROUND EXPERIENCE

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*Live and recorded podcast sessions
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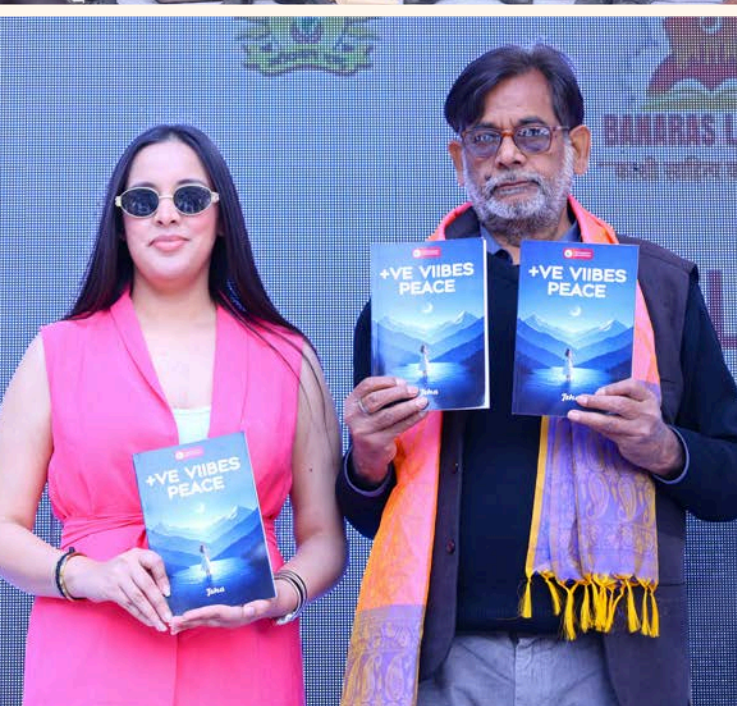
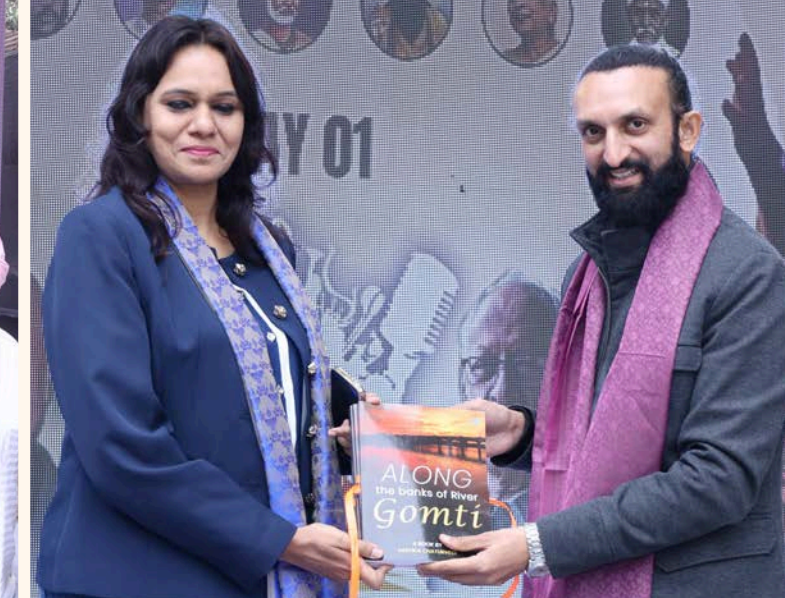
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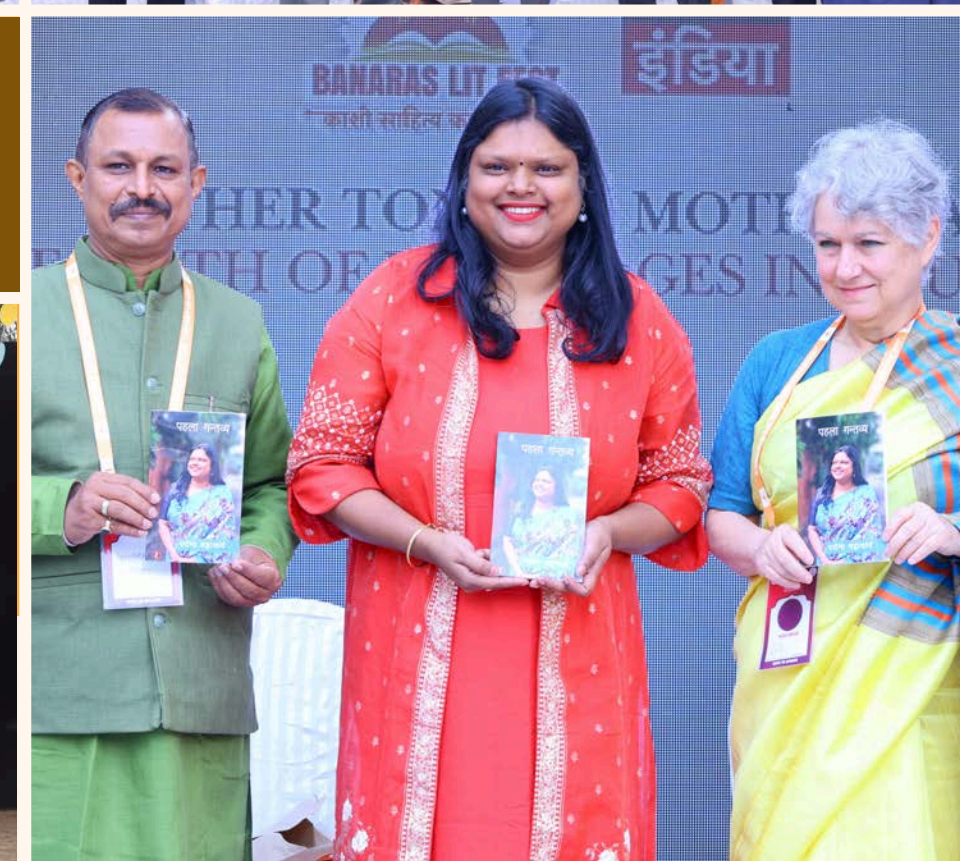
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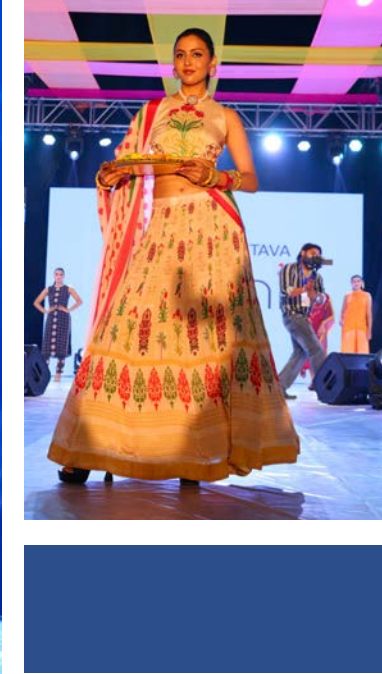
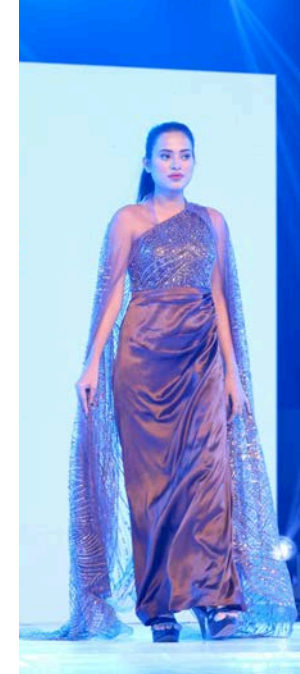
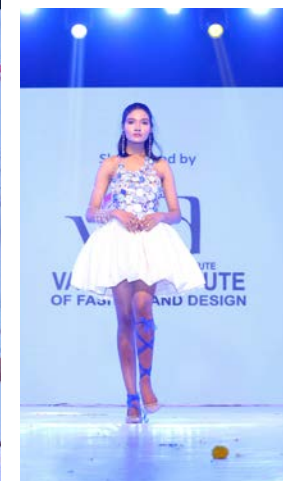
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*A celebration of
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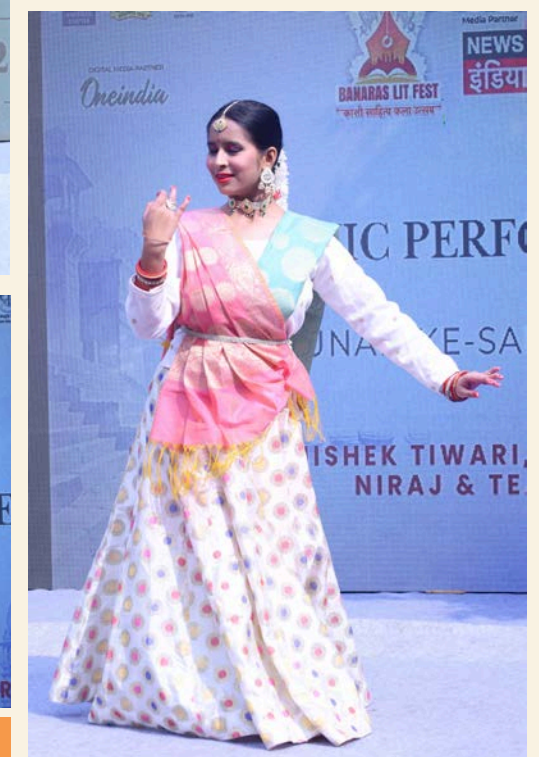
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*Talent competition
open to all –
singing, dance,
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for budding
performers to shine.*





HUNAR KE SARTAJ





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*From proscenium
theatre to street
plays —
drama in every form,
connecting audiences
across age and
background.*





THEATRE & NUKKAD NATAK

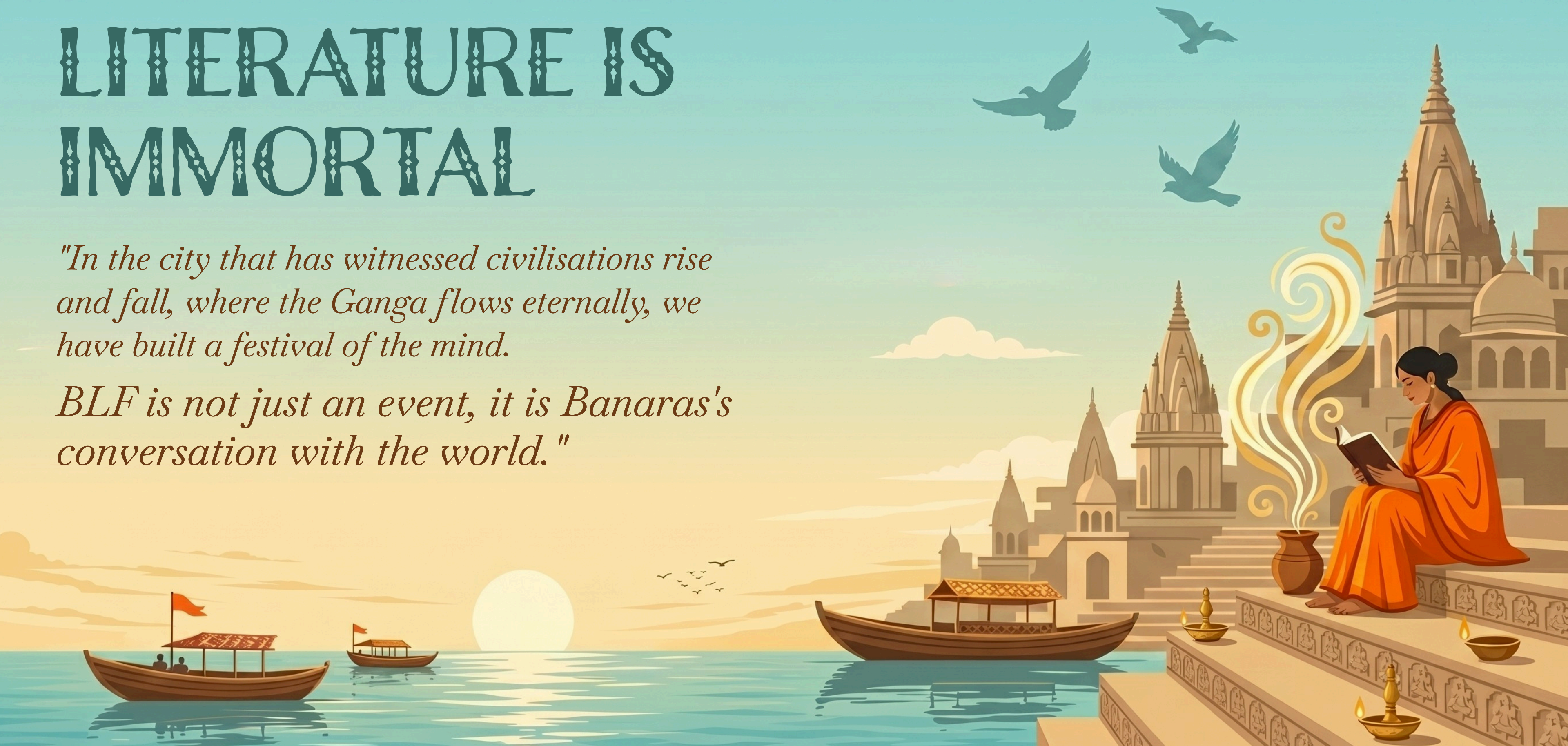


A MESSAGE FROM BLF

LITERATURE IS IMMORTAL

"In the city that has witnessed civilisations rise and fall, where the Ganga flows eternally, we have built a festival of the mind.

BLF is not just an event, it is Banaras's conversation with the world."



हँसी के रंग में रंगी काशी, संदीप शर्मा के ठहाकों से गुंजा दरबार हॉल



राणसी (परफेक्ट मिशन)। काशी साहित्य कला उत्सव के चौथे दिन के तीसरे दिन ताज गंगा, नदेसर स्थित दरबार हॉल उस समय ठहाकों से गुंज उठा, जब मशहूर स्टैंड-अप कॉमेडियन संदीप शर्मा ने अपने सधे-सधे चुटीले अंदाज़ में दर्शकों को हँसी से खुला आमंत्रण दिया। यह प्रस्तुति साहित्य और कला के इस उत्सव में काशी के माध्यम से समाज से संवाद का एक जीवंत उदाहरण बनी। संदीप शर्मा ने रोज़मर्रा की ज़िंदगी के छोटे-छोटे अनुभवों, सामाजिक असंगतियों और युवाओं की सोच को अपने व्यंग्य का आधार बनाया। उन्होंने काशी की गलियों, ट्रैफिक की जाम-जाम व्यवस्था और पारिवारिक रिश्तों की

मीठी-कड़वी सच्चाइयों को इस तरह मंच पर उतारा कि दर्शक खुद को अपनी ही कहानी में शामिल महसूस करने लगे। उनकी सहज भाषा और समयानुकूल टिप्पणियों ने हँसी को केवल मनोरंजन नहीं, बल्कि आत्मचिंतन का माध्यम भी बना दिया। कार्यक्रम में बड़ी संख्या में युवा, साहित्य प्रेमी और कला-रसिक उपस्थित रहे। हर पंचलाइन पर तालियों की गंज और ठहाकों की लहर यह साबित करती है कि हास्य आज के समय में एक सशक्त अभिव्यक्ति माध्यमों में से एक है। आयोजकों ने कहा कि ऐसे कार्यक्रम उत्सव को संतुलन देते हैं, जहाँ गंभीर विमर्श के साथ हल्के-फुल्के क्षण भी समान रूप से महत्वपूर्ण होते हैं।



चरली। बहेड़ी धाना क्षेत्र से जुड़ा एक संगीन आपराधिक मामला इन दिनों पुलिस की निगरानी में है। 7 जनवरी 2026 को तहरीर। सुर्मा कुर्मी समेत अन्य के खिलाफ गंभीर धाराओं में मुकदमा दर्ज किया गया। तहरीर में आरोप लगा

रंग-रंग के धागे कहानी वरिष्ठ पत्रकार ने व्यक्त मां की डांट भी आर्शीवाद :

वतन की धारा संवाददाता काशी। बहारस आँकर को तोड़ता है, बनारस की सबसे बड़ी पूँजी बनारसी है। हर बनारसी को अपनी मौलिकता बनाये रखनी



चाहिए। मेरी 39 साल की पत्रकारिता एक तरफ, और उसमें से दो साल की बनारस की पत्रकारिता एक तरफ। यह बातें

INSIGHTS, PERFORMANCES AND PASSION LIGHT UP BLF



The fourth edition of the Banaras Literature Festival gave the partakers some thought-provoking moments, performances to appreciate, and laurels to be applauded. The festival had the participation of noted litterateurs, artists and sportspersons, making the event more panoramic, culturally. Actors Anupam Kher and Tisca Chopra shared some interesting episodes from their journey as artists, giving some delightful insights to the audience who thronged to listen to them.

Talking on the larger frame of cinema, a session on small-budget films but with a greater impact brought forth several interesting aspects. Actor MM Faruqi, better known as Lilliput, stated, "In the current scenario, it is the content that is more important than the budget of a film. What is innovative in the film or the message it is giving matters more. However, it depends on the filmmaker how much budget they require to put across their message. We are not living in the age of directors like K Asif, who had unlimited budgets to his films. Humana parayada ne to kab-

hi zyada payment kya nahi," he said tongue-in-cheek.

Prominent sportsperson Pullela Gopichand, during a discussion on The Sacred Body: Sports, Discipline and Healthy Living, stressed on both body and soul for longevity. "Health of body and mind is equally important. There are lots of youngsters in the audience I want to tell them that our parents or in some cases even our grandparents are fitter than us. What has happened in the last thirty years as a nation has grown alphabetically or mathematically but we as a nation has gone down physically. If crawling, walking, running, throwing and jumping was taken as physical literacy we have gone down as a nation. This is very reflective in our health."

Ace footballer Baichung Bhutia, while addressing an interactive session, stated, "If you come from North-East two things are really popular, football and music. So coming from that region, football was the most played sport. I was fortunate to be among the first batch that was sponsored by the government for SAL. My family was also very supportive of my interest in football. He also gave several tips for wannabe sportspersons.

Some musical performances also kept the delegates and audience engaged. Writer and actor Piyush Mishra, along with his band, kept everyone regaled. "I have a very old and beautiful connection with Banaras, as our film Gangs of Wasseypur was shot here. He rendered several hummable songs like Woh Suhane Din Hoga dedicating to the times when communication was really strong, though there were no mobile phones. The audience went into a frenzy as he sang Ek Bagal Mein Chand Hoga. The crowds cheered as he rendered the song Aarambh from the film Gulab on their request.

The painting and photography gallery of the Banaras Literature Festival also remained buzzing with activity as works of artists from several countries were showcased.

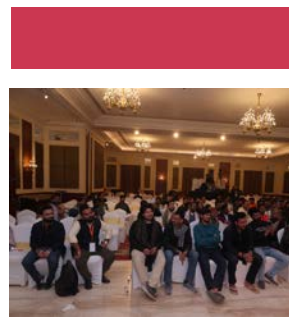
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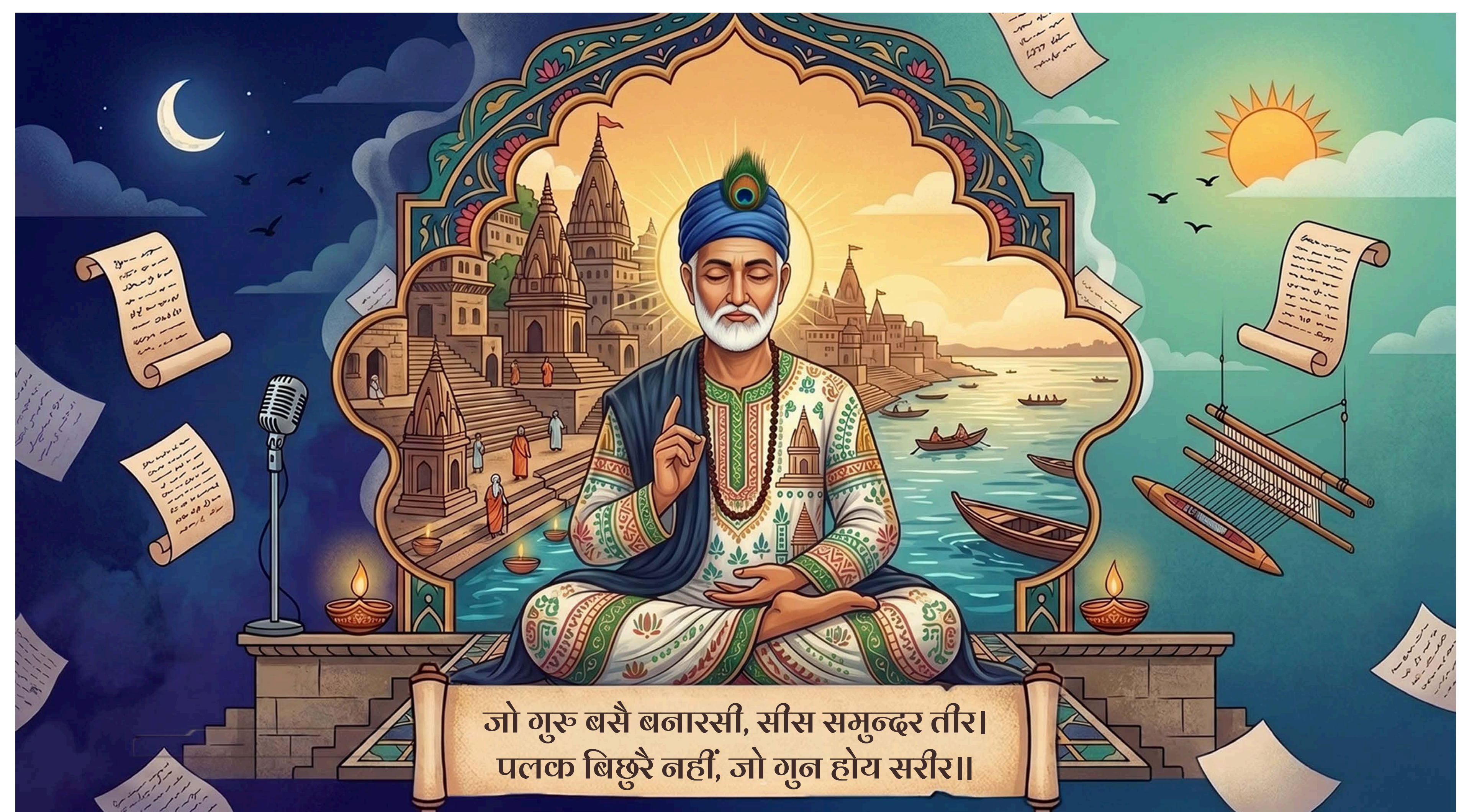


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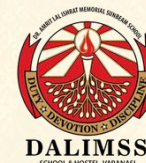
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