

Banaras Lit Fest 2026 (Tentative Schedule)

Thursday, January 29, 2026

BLF 2026: Curtain Raiser

Public Inception

at Assi Ghat, Varanasi

From 5:30 PM to 08:00 PM

'Divya-Darshan & Ganga-Aarti'

in the auspicious presence of

Param Pujya Sadguru Shri Riteshwar Maharaj ji

'Sanskritik Sandhya' by:

Deovrat Mishra – Collective Band

'Mati Ke Rang' – Priyanka Bhattacharya, Shekhar Shrivastava & Team

Em Cee by : RJ Vishal

Parallel 1:

Live Performance by:

Amit Tandon

(Stand-up & Storytelling)

At Harmony Hall, Sunbeam Varuna

From 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM

Day 1: Friday, January 30, 2026

	Parallel Stage 1	Parallel Stage 2	Parallel Stage 3	Parallel Stage 4	Parallel Stage 5	Parallel Stage 6	Remarks
Schedule	Gyan Ganga	Saaraswat Manch	Sur Pravah	Kashi Kirti	Triveni	Shaktirupa	
Time Quadrant 1 (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM) Morning Sessions	09:00 AM to 10:00 AM <i>Open Mic</i> NSZ	09:00 AM to 10:00 AM <i>Open Mic</i> NSZ	08:00 AM to 10:00 AM Inception: ‘The Bookmarked Banaras’ (From 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM) ‘Asia Book of World Records’ – Official Attempt Curated by: Anupam Raghuvanshi	09:00 AM to 10:00 AM <i>Open Mic</i> NSZ	09:00 AM to 10:00 AM <i>Open Mic</i> NSZ	09:00 AM to 10:00 AM <i>Open Mic</i> NSZ	
	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Performance: ‘Chola Tigers: The Avengers of Somnath’ (by Sunbeam Lahartara) Intro by: TBA	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Panel Discussion: ‘ICONIC INDIA: Keeping Cultural & Spiritual Heritage Alive’ Panelists: Chandan Sinha, Anuradha Goyal, Prof. Amitabh Upadhyay,	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Open Mic Performance: ‘Hunar-Ke-Sartaj’ – 1A Em Cee: Abhishek Tiwari, Kartik Sharma, Niraj & Team	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Contest: ‘Speak-a-thon’ (By Sunbeam Academy)	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Curated Art Camps: 1. Inception (10:00 to 10:30): BLF International Photography Camp & Exhibition 2026	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Open Mic Performance: ‘Hunar-Ke-Sartaj’ - 1B Em Cee: Sarika Mallick, Umar Izhaar, Vishal & Team	

		Dr. Aditya Shukla Moderator: Dr. Aparna Singh			Curated by: Manish Khattri 2. Inception (10:30 to 11:00): BLF International Art Camp & Exhibition 2026 Curated by: Rajesh Singh		
	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM BLF 2026 Inaugural Ceremony Em Cee by: Apra Kuchchal, Ravi Yadav Saraswati Vandana by: DPS, Varanasi	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM - <i>NSZ</i>	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM - <i>NSZ</i>	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM - <i>NSZ</i>	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM - <i>NSZ</i>	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM - <i>NSZ</i>	
Time Quadrant 2 (12:00 PM to 03:00 PM) Noon Sessions	12:00 PM to 01:00 PM Inaugural Ceremony (Cont.)	12:00 PM to 01:00 PM Panel Discussion: ‘Who Are We and Why Are We Here? : Explorations in	12:00 PM to 01:00 PM Motivational Speech:	12:00 PM to 01:00 PM Workshop:	12:00 PM to 01:00 PM Discussion:	12:00 PM to 01:00 PM Conversation: ‘Exploring <i>Fire on the Ganges</i>’	

	<p>Literature and Imagination'</p> <p>Panelists: Arun Kamal, Awadhesh Pradhan, Gagan Gill, Peggy Mohan, Badri Narayan Ravi Dutt Bajpai,</p> <p>Moderator: Ashwani Kumar</p>	<p>'Youth Building Bharat'</p> <p>By: Lt. Gen. Arun Ananthnarayan (PVSM)</p> <p>Intro by: TBA</p>	<p>'Quantum Physics, Applied Science & AI'</p> <p>By: Suborno 'Issac' Bari, NYU</p> <p>Intro By: Mukesh Singh & Pranesh Debnath</p> <p>Coordinator: Abhijeet Singh</p>	<p>'Lekhan Ki Raah: Anubhav, Drishti aur Abhivyakti'</p> <p>Yatindra Nath Chaturvedi, Mukul Kumar, Rakesh Kumar Singh, Kamlesh Kamal</p> <p>in conversation with Harshit Shyam</p>	<p>Radhika Iyenger</p> <p>in conversation with Saurabh Chakraborty</p>
<p>01:00 PM to 02:00 PM</p> <p>Performance:</p> <p>Pt. Rajendra Prasanna ji Indian Flautist</p>	<p>01:00 PM to 02:00 PM</p> <p>Conversation:</p> <p>'Lok-Sangeet ki Aanchalik Parampara'</p> <p>Padma Shri Malini Awasthi in conversation with Vyomesh Shukla</p>	<p>01:00 PM to 02:00 PM</p> <p>IP Reserved</p>	<p>01:00 PM to 02:00 PM</p> <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>'स्त्री-लेखन: देह की देहरी से परे'</p> <p><i>मंच पर संवाद में:</i></p> <p>ममता कालिया, उर्मिला शिरीष, सिनीवाली, रूमी लस्कार बोरा, जयंती रंगनाथन, रजनी गुप्त</p> <p>संचालन: आकृति विज्ञ 'अर्पण'</p>	<p>01:00 PM to 02:00 PM</p> <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>'Translating Worlds: India, the Global Imagination, and the Politics of Language'</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Banibrata Mahanta, Ranjit Hoskote, Simi Malhotra, Manish Khurana, Kanishka Gupta</p> <p>Moderator: Yauvanika Chopra</p>	<p>01:00 PM to 02:00 PM</p> <p>Conversation:</p> <p>'The Life and Legacy of Soumitra Chatterjee'</p> <p>Sanghamitra Chakraborty in conversation with Premanka Goswami</p>

	02:00 PM to 03:00 PM	02:00 PM to 03:00 PM	02:00 PM to 03:00 PM	02:00 PM to 03:00 PM	02:00 PM to 03:00 PM	02:00 PM to 03:00 PM	
	<p>Conversation:</p> <p>‘The Maverick Maharaja: Heritage, Leadership & Vision’</p> <p>HH Yaduveer Wadiyar</p> <p>in conversation with Dhawal Prakash</p>	<p>Book Conversation:</p> <p>‘From Everest to Enterprise’</p> <p>Binod Chaudhary in conversation on his latest book ‘Made in Nepal: Lessons in Business Building from the Land of Everest’ with Atul K Thakur and Anshuman Rai</p>	<p>Performance:</p> <p>‘Laya-Dwaya’</p> <p>Rohit & Rahul Mishra (Banaras Gharana)</p>	<p>IP Reserved</p>	<p>Conversation:</p> <p>‘कविता, विचार और अंतःजीवन’</p> <p>उदयन वाजपेयी से आशुतोष भारद्वाज का संवाद</p>	<p>IP Reserved</p> <p>Padma Shri Niranjani Goswami in conversation with TBA</p>	
Time Quadrant 3 (3:00 PM to 06:00 PM) Afternoon Sessions	03:00 PM to 4:00 PM	03:00 PM to 4:00 PM	03:00 PM to 4:00 PM	03:00 PM to 4:00 PM	03:00 PM to 4:00 PM	03:00 PM to 4:00 PM	
	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>‘The Sacred Body: Sports, Discipline, and Healthy Living’</p> <p>Panelists: Pullela Gopichand, Dr. Sophia Pathai, Kashyap Kompella</p>	<p>Multi-lingual Poetry Recitations:</p> <p>‘Kavita Ka Kolaj’</p> <p>Poets: Ashok Vajpeyi, Gagan Gill, Mamta Kallia, Arun Kamal, Udayan Vajpeyi, Rumi Laskar Bora, Ranjit Hoskote, Badri Narayan, Mahadev Toppo, Pankaj Chaturvedi,</p>	<p>Performance:</p> <p>‘An Oath in Classical Indian Music’</p> <p>By: K.G. Westman, Sitar Virtuoso, Sweden</p>	<p>Book Conversation:</p> <p>‘मजबूती का नाम महात्मा गांधी’</p> <p>लेखक: पुरुषोत्तम अग्रवाल</p> <p>पुस्तक पर संवाद करेंगे: आशीष त्रिपाठी</p>	<p>IP Reserved</p>	<p>Reserved</p> <p>Session for Bhojpuri Bhasha Aur Sahitya</p>	

<p>Moderator: Yash V. Daiv</p> <p>Book: 'The Longevity Code'</p>	<p>Shri Prakash Shukla, Ashwani Kumar, Dhananjay Singh, Vyomesh Shukla, Yatish Kumar, Vivek Chaturvedi, Kamal Mohan 'Chunnu'</p> <p>Moderated by: Jaganath Dubey</p>				
<p>04:00 PM to 5:00 PM</p> <p>SVIP Reserved</p>	<p>04:00 PM to 5:00 PM</p> <p>'Kavita Ka Kolaj' (Contd.) Multilingual Poetry Session</p>	<p>04:00 PM to 5:00 PM</p> <p>IP Reserved</p>	<p>04:00 PM to 5:00 PM</p> <p>Conversation:</p> <p>'काशी एवं नालंदा : भारतीय ज्ञान-परंपरा के सारस्वत केंद्र'</p> <p>सत्र में: प्रो. सिद्धार्थ सिंह संवाद करेंगे: डॉ. नंद किशोर सिंह</p>	<p>04:00 PM to 5:00 PM</p> <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>'The Future of Printed Books'</p> <p>Panelists: Premanka Goswami, Rakesh Singh (Har.), Kanishka Gupta, Manish Khurana</p> <p>Moderated by: Atul Kr. Thakur</p>	<p>04:00 PM to 5:00 PM</p> <p>IP Reserved</p>
<p>05:00 PM to 6:00 PM</p> <p>Conversation:</p>	<p>05:00 PM to 6:00 PM</p> <p>Conversation:</p>	<p>05:00 PM to 6:00 PM</p> <p>Performance:</p>	<p>05:00 PM to 6:00 PM</p> <p>IP Reserved</p>	<p>05:00 PM to 6:00 PM</p> <p>IP Reserved</p>	<p>05:00 PM to 6:00 PM</p> <p>IP Reserved</p>

	Anupam Kher with Rubika Liyaqat/ Pankaj Bhargav and Brijesh Singh	वंदे मातरम्: 150 वर्ष 'राष्ट्र, स्मृति और समय' <i>अखिलेश झा से संवाद मो इरफ़ान</i>	'Chitrakoot' by Vyomesh Shukla & Team Roopvani Intro by: Dhananjay Singh				
Time Quadrant 4 (06:00 PM to 09:00 PM) Evening Sessions	06:00 PM to 7:00 PM Conversation: 'Stories of Place & People' Damodar Mauzo in conversation with Vikas Kumar Jha	06:00 PM to 7:00 PM Conversation: '...' Atulya Misra and Krishna Gupta in conversation with Anshuman Rai	06:00 PM to 7:00 PM Performance: 'Chitrakoot' by Vyomesh Shukla & Team Roopvani (Contd.)	06:00 PM to 7:00 PM IP Reserved	06:00 PM to 7:00 PM IP Reserved	06:00 PM to 7:00 PM IP Reserved	
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	08:00 PM to 9:00 PM IP Reserved	08:00 PM to 9:00 PM IP Reserved	08:00 PM to 9:00 PM Performance:	08:00 PM to 9:00 PM IP Reserved	08:00 PM to 9:00 PM IP Reserved	08:00 PM to 9:00 PM IP Reserved	

**'Poetry in Motion,
Music in
Emotion'**

By: Nidhi Narwal
& Arjan Singh



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	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>'साहित्य, कला और समाज: बदलते संबंधों की पड़ताल'</p> <p>Panelists: ममता कालिया, पुरुषोत्तम अग्रवाल, उदयन वाजपेयी, कथाकार अशोक, अखिलेश, विकास कुमार झा, पंकज चतुर्वेदी</p> <p>संचालन: रविंद्र कात्यायन</p>	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>'काशी में साहित्य और चिंतन: परंपरा और संभावनाएँ'</p> <p>सत्र में:</p> <p>अवधेश प्रधान, बलिराज पांडे, सदानंद शाही, चंद्रकला त्रिपाठी, श्रीप्रकाश शुक्ल</p> <p>संचालन: प्रभात मिश्र</p>	<p>Performance:</p> <p>'Nukkad Natak' by Kutumb NGO</p> <p>Intro by: TBA</p>	<p>Book Discussion:</p> <p>'तुमड़ी के शब्द'</p> <p>सुपरिचित लेखक बद्री नारायण जी से उनकी पुस्तक "तुमड़ी के शब्द" पर प्रवीण कुमार से वार्तालाप</p>	<p>Book Discussion:</p> <p>'सुभाष-एमिली: अधूरे प्रेम की पूरी कहानी'</p> <p>पुस्तक के लेखक राज गोपाल वर्मा से हर्षवर्धन की बातचीत</p>	IP Reserved	
<p>Time Quadrant 2 (12:00 PM to 03:00 PM) Noon Sessions</p>	<p>12:00 PM to 01:00 PM</p> <p>Conversation:</p> <p>'Ek Patang Anant mein': Sanskriti Samvaad</p> <p>Ashok Bajpeyi In conversation with Vyomesh Shukla</p>	<p>12:00 PM to 01:00 PM</p> <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>'Writing the Contemporary: Indian Voices in Dialogue'</p> <p>Simi Malhotra, Dhananjay Singh, Sanghmitra Chakraborty, Ashwani Kumar, Premanka Goswami</p>	<p>12:00 PM to 01:00 PM</p> <p>Performance:</p> <p>'Sanskriti ki Lay-Taal'</p> <p>(by G. D. Memorial Yonkers' English School)</p>	<p>12:00 PM to 01:00 PM</p> <p>Workshop:</p> <p>'Realtors Finance & Investment Funds'</p> <p>By: Puneet Bhatia</p> <p>Intro by: Dr. Tarun Agarwal</p>	<p>12:00 PM to 01:00 PM</p> <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>'Indian Art: Tradition, Experimentation and the Contemporary Gaze'</p> <p>Panelist: Dr. M. S. Murthy, Akhilesh, Manish Pushkale, Avinash Karn</p>	<p>12:00 PM to 01:00 PM</p> <p>Book Discussion:</p> <p>'Father Tongue, Motherland: The Birth of Languages in South Asia'</p> <p>Peggy Mohan in conversation with Yauvanika Chopra</p>	

		Moderator: Manish Khurana			Moderator: TBD	
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SVIP Reserved	<p>Conversation: In the Margins of Empires</p> <p>Akhilesh Upadhyay in conversation on his book 'In the Margins of Empires: A History of the Chicken Neck' with Atul K. Thakur and Milee Ashwarya</p>	<p>Performance: 'Kashi Dhvani' (by Sunbeam Bhagwanpur)</p>	<p>Panel Discussion: ‘साहित्य में स्मृति, मिथक और यथार्थ’</p> <p>युगल जोशी, मोहसिन खान, रजनी गुप्त, पंकज चतुर्वेदी, असलम हसन, यतीश कुमार, प्रवीण कुमार</p> <p>संचालन: विवेक चतुर्वेदी</p>	<p>Book Discussion: ‘...’</p> <p>Vishwabhushan Mishra in conversation with Dr. Daulat Ram Sharma</p>	<p>‘Divyangjan and the Accessible India Initiative’</p> <p>Panelists: Prof. Gangatharan, Dr. Ashish Kumar Jha, Sister Sangeeta, Dr. Sacchidanand Singh ‘Mohun’</p> <p>Moderator: Banibrata Mahanta</p>	
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Conversation:	Panel Discussion	IP Reserved	IP Reserved	Panel Discussion:	Book Discussion:	
‘The Life of Languages: Memory, Orality and Power’	Conversation: ‘Politics, Culture, and Changing Idea of India’			‘झारखंड: संस्कृति, समाज और विमर्श’	Children Literature: ‘Giggy Zara’	
G. N. Devy in conversation with Sanjay Kumar	Pawan K. Verma			Panelist: Sandeep Morarka, Mahadev Toppo, Ravi Dutt Bajpeyi,	Pragya Mishra	

		in conversation with Milee Ashwarya			Renuka Tiwary Moderator: Anil Maheshwari	in conversation with Khushi Shrivastava	
Time Quadrant 3 (3:00 PM to 06:00 PM) Afternoon Sessions	03:00 PM to 4:00 PM Panel Discussion: ‘Journalism in the Age of Noise: Truth, Power, and the Public’ Panelists: Anil Maheshwari, Pratap Somvanshi, Akhilesh Upadhyay, Jasim Mohammad, Ashutosh Bhardwaj, Namita Devidayal, Chinki Sinha, Alok Paradkar, Vineet Kumar Moderated by:	03:00 PM to 4:30 PM Deliberations: ‘जिस पीढ़ी ने भाषा बदली: जन्मशती वर्ष में स्मृति और मूल्य’ मुख्य वक्ता एवं विषय: चंद्रकला त्रिपाठी - ‘कृष्णा सोबती: स्त्री-स्वर और आत्मनिर्भर भाषा’ आशीष त्रिपाठी - ‘नामवर सिंह: आलोचना का सामाजिक दायित्व और सार्वजनिक भूमिका’ प्रवीण कुमार - ‘श्रीलाल शुक्ल: व्यंग्य और सत्ता-संरचनाओं की पड़ताल’	03:00 PM to 4:00 PM Poetry Recitation: ‘Riti, Priti, aur Geeti’ Poets:s Shinjini Kumar, Chandan Sinha, Pratap Somvanshi, Chandra Shekhar Varma, Dr. Daulat Ram Sharma, Dr. Aditya Shukla, Dr. Saccidanand Singh ‘Mohun’ Mukul Kumar, Devendra Kumar ‘Devesh’, Yatindra Nath Chaturvedi, Amar Kushwaha	03:00 PM to 4:00 PM Panel Discussion: ‘भाषा और विवेक का संवाद’ सत्र में: वशिष्ठ नारायण त्रिपाठी, उर्मिला शिरीष, सिनीवाली, कमल मोहन ‘चुन्नू’ संवाद करेंगे: खुशबू कुमारी	03:00 PM to 4:00 PM Book Discussion: ‘Rang-Rang Ke Dhaage’ Ashutosh Shukla in conversation with Himanshu Bajpeyi and Dr. Neerja Madhav	03:00 PM to 4:00 PM Book Discussion: ‘Sugar Daddy’ Jayanti Ranganathan will be in conversation with Akriti Vigya Arpan	

		<p>प्रमोद कुमार पांडेय - 'विद्यानिवास मिश्र और रामदरश मिश्र: लोक, भाषा और भारतीयता'</p> <p>विंध्याचल यादव - 'अमरकांत: कथा में यथार्थ और नैतिक विवेक'</p> <p>रवीन्द्र कात्यायन - 'राही मासूम रज़ा: गंगा-जमुनी तहज़ीब, स्मृति और प्रतिरोध'</p> <p>संचालन: जगन्नाथ दुबे</p>	Moderator: Alka Pramod			
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Conversation:	Panel Discussion:	Performance:	IP Reserved	IP Reserved	Book Discussion:	
'Why the Constitution Matters: Selected Speeches'	'Shiksha, Shodh aur Sanchaar: Naveen Sudharon ka Bhartiya Drishtikon'	1. (4:00 to 4:30 PM) Dr. Supriya Shah, Sitar Virtuoso, BHU			Children Literature	
Justice D.Y. Chandrachud in conversation with	Panellists: Prof. (Dr.) K. K. Aggarwal,	2. (4:30 to 5:30 PM)			'A to Z of Indian History'	
					Archana Garodia Gupta in	

<p>Prabhakar Kumar Mishra</p>	<p>Prof. (Dr.) Dhananjay Singh, Prof. (Dr.) Badri Narayan, Sh. Vijay Manohar Tiwari, Prof. (Dr.) Siddharth Singh</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Aparna Singh</p>	<p>Kathak Dance by Kanchan Negi</p>			<p>conversation with TBA</p>
<p>05:00 PM to 6:00 PM</p> <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>‘New India’s Social Currency: Inclusion, Trust, and Impact’</p> <p>Panelist: Dr. Tarun Agarwal, Kalpana Ajayan, Shinjini Kumar, Puneet Bhatia, Dr. Aparna Singh</p> <p>Moderator: Dibyendu Choudhury</p>	<p>05:00 PM to 6:00 PM</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>‘आरोग्य : शरीर, शब्द और संवेदना’</p> <p><i>‘Holistic Health: Body, Word, and Compassion’</i></p> <p>Panelist: Dr. Abhishek Vikram Singh, Dr. Indu Singh, Dr. Neelam Ohri</p> <p>Moderator: TBA</p>	<p>05:00 PM to 6:00 PM</p> <p>Performance:</p> <p>‘Cultural Fashion Show’</p> <p>By: Pinaya Group</p>	<p>05:00 PM to 6:00 PM</p> <p>Conversation:</p> <p>‘Shiv, Shivatva, Sivoham.’</p> <p>Ashutosh Agnihotri in conversation with Ramayan Dhar Dwivedi</p>	<p>05:00 PM to 6:00 PM</p> <p>Book Conversation:</p> <p>‘Bachelor’s Kitchen: Apni Bhook, Apni Koshish’</p> <p>Vineet Kumar in conversation with Ashutosh Kumar Thakur</p>	<p>05:00 PM to 6:00 PM</p> <p>Conversation:</p> <p>‘कम बजट, बड़ा संदेश: समकालीन भारतीय सिनेमा’</p> <p>सत्र में: अक्षय सिंह रविंद्र कात्यायन से संवाद करेंगे Ravi Yadav</p>

Time Quadrant 4 (06:00 PM to 09:00 PM) Evening Sessions	06:00 PM to 7:00 PM Performance: ‘Kissa-e-Banaras’ Dashtaan-e-Goi By: Himanshu Bajpayei & Team Intro by: TBA	06:00 PM to 7:00 PM Conversation: ‘सुखन संवाद’ Padma Shri Sheen Kaaf Nizam in conversation with Madan Mohan Mishra ‘Danish’	06:00 PM to 7:00 PM Performance: ‘Cultural Fashion Show’ By: Pinaya Group (Contd.)	06:00 PM to 7:00 PM Conversation: ‘नयी वाली हिन्दी: वर्तमान और संभावनाएं’ Nilotpal Mrinal in conversation with Amit Kumar Singh	06:00 PM to 7:00 PM IP Reserved	06:00 PM to 7:00 PM Conversation: "Imagining a Naxal Mukht Bharat: Literature as a Catalyst for Social Transformation" "नक्सल मुक्त भारत की परिकल्पना: सामाजिक परिवर्तन के उत्प्रेरक के रूप में साहित्य" Renuka Tiwary in conversation with Alka Pramod
	07:00 PM to 8:00 PM - NR	07:00 PM to 8:00 PM - NR	07:00 PM to 8:00 PM Kavi Sammelan & Grand Mushaira ‘Hamman Hain Ishq Mastana’ Poets: Padma Shri Sheen Kaaf Nizam, Iqbal Ashhar,	07:00 PM to 8:00 PM - NR	07:00 PM to 8:00 PM - NR	07:00 PM to 8:00 PM - NR

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Chaturvedi,
Nilotpal Mrinal,
Ankita Singh

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**'Hamman Hain
Ishq Mastana'**
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BANARAS LIT FEST

काशी साहित्य कला उत्सव

Day 3: Sunday, February 01, 2026

	Parallel Stage 1	Parallel Stage 2	Parallel Stage 3	Parallel Stage 4	Parallel Stage 5	Parallel Stage 6	
Schedule	Gyan Ganga	Saaraswat Manch	Sur Pravah	Kashi Kirti	Triveni	Shaktirupa	Remarks
Time	09:00 AM to 10:00 AM	09:00 AM to 10:00 AM	09:00 AM to 10:00 AM	09:00 AM to 10:00 AM	09:00 AM to 10:00 AM	09:00 AM to 10:00 AM	
Quadrant 1 (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM) Morning Sessions	Not Open	Not Open	Performance: ‘The Fitness Feats: Workout’ By: Tridev Pandey Intro By: Anshuman Rai	Not Open	Not Open	Open-Mic Performance: ‘Hunar-Ke-Sartaj’ – 3A Em Cee: Sarika Mallick, Umar Izhaar, Vishal & Team	
	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM SVIP Reserved	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Book Discussion: ‘The Poisoner of Bengal’ Dan Morrison in conversation with Dibyendu Choudhury	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Open Mic Performance: ‘Hunar-Ke-Sartaj’ – 3B Em Cee: Abhishek Tiwari, Kartik Sharma, Niraj & Team	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Panel Discussion: ‘The Making of a Nation’s Youth: Values, Vision, and Voices’ Panelist: Archana Garodia Gupta, ABC & XYZ	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM IP Reserved	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Open Mic Performance: ‘Hunar-Ke-Sartaj’ – 3C Em Cee: Sarika Mallick, Umar Izhaar, Vishal & Team	

				Moderator: Aditya Choudhary			
	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	
	Book Discussion: ‘Riding the Tiger’ Dr. Neerja Madhav in conversation with Prof. Indivar and Prof. Surendra Pratap Singh	Conversation: ‘Spirituality, Modernity & Literature’ Ashwin Sanghi in conversation with Arpita Shankar	Performance: World Record Kathak Performance by: Ananya Shrivastava	Book Discussion: <i>‘रविदास: भक्ति का लोकवृत्त और रविदास की कविताएँ’</i> श्रीप्रकाश शुक्ल, लेखक संवाद करेंगे: कमलेश वर्मा	Book Discussion: हौसले की कविता, कविता का हौसला ‘पोटली में चाँद’ लेखक: असलम हसन वक्ता: शीन काफ़ निज़ाम, अखिलेश, मदन मोहन मिश्र ‘दानिश’, पंकज चतुर्वेदी संचालन: डॉ. अपर्णा सिंह	Workshop: ‘Internet Age, Women and Cyber-security’ By: Prof. (Dr.) Divya Tanwar Intro by: Khushi Shrivastava	
Time Quadrant 2 (12:00 PM to 03:00 PM)	12:00 PM to 01:00 PM	12:00 PM to 01:00 PM	12:00 PM to 01:00 PM	12:00 PM to 01:00 PM	12:00 PM to 01:00 PM	12:00 PM to 01:00 PM	
	Panel Discussion:	Space Presentation:	Performance:	Book Discussion:	Book Discussion:	Book Discussion:	

Noon Sessions	<p>‘Youth shaping Nation in an AI-powered World’</p> <p>Panelists: Shiva Prasad Juluri, PWC Mehul Patel, Groq Kashyap Kompella, RAP2AI Suborno ‘Issac’ Bari, NYU Akshay Kulkarni</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. (Dr.) Dhawal Maheta</p>	<p>‘New Indian Horizons: Space Tech & Beyond’</p> <p>Dr. Debiprosad Duari</p> <p>Intro by: Abhijeet Singh & Pranesh Debnath</p>	<p>‘Nukkad Natak’</p> <p>(by Sunbeam, Varuna)</p>	<p>‘अल्ला मियाँ कारखाना: यथार्थ और संवेदना का पाठ’</p> <p>मोहसिन खान से संवाद यतीश कुमार</p>	<p>‘Hot Water’</p> <p>Bhavika Govil in conversation with Saurabh Chakraborty</p>	<p>‘Busy Women’</p> <p>Shinjini Kumar in conversation with Milee Ashwarya</p>
	<p>01:00 PM to 02:00 PM</p> <p>SVIP Reserved</p>	<p>01:00 PM to 02:00 PM</p> <p>SVIP Reserved</p>	<p>01:00 PM to 02:00 PM</p> <p>Performance:</p> <p>‘Humari Sanskriti ke Rang’</p> <p>(by G. D. Memorial Yonkers’ English School)</p> <p>Coordinators: Abhinav Singh, Vinod Kumar Gupta, Narendra Tiwari</p>	<p>01:00 PM to 02:00 PM</p> <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>‘मैथिली साहित्य: परंपरा और वर्तमान’</p> <p>सत्र में: कथाकार अशोक, विकास कुमार झा, प्रभात मिश्रा,</p>	<p>01:00 PM to 02:00 PM</p> <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>Dr. SaptGirish Rambhatla, Dr. Navin Khattry, Dr. Satyajit Pradhan, Nishant Malviya, Sangeeta Kapoor</p> <p>Moderator:</p>	<p>01:00 PM to 02:00 PM</p> <p>IP Reserved</p>

				कमल मोहन 'चुन्न' संचालन: खुशबू कुमारी	Puneet Bhatia		
	02:00 PM to 03:00 PM BLF Book Awards 2026 Em Cee: Saurabh Chakrabrty	02:00 PM to 03:00 PM - NSZ	02:00 PM to 03:00 PM - NSZ	02:00 PM to 03:00 PM - NSZ	02:00 PM to 03:00 PM - NSZ	02:00 PM to 03:00 PM - NSZ	
Time Quadrant 3 (3:00 PM to 06:00 PM) Afternoon Sessions	03:00 PM to 4:00 PM Gomati Devi Eminence Awards (GDEA) & Nav Bharat Sarjak Samman (NBSS) 2026 Em Cee by: Dr. Aparna Singh	03:00 PM to 4:00 PM - NSZ	03:00 PM to 4:00 PM - NSZ	03:00 PM to 4:00 PM - NSZ	03:00 PM to 4:00 PM - NSZ	03:00 PM to 4:00 PM - NSZ	
	04:00 PM to 5:00 PM GDEA Panel Discussion: Tisca Chopra, Prof. (Dr.) K.K. Aggarwal, Kalpana Ajayan, Olympian Lalit Upadhyay,	04:00 PM to 5:00 PM BLF BA Panel Discussion: TBA	04:00 PM to 5:00 PM NSZ	04:00 PM to 5:00 PM Book Discussion: <i>'Tangerine: How to Read the Upanishads Without Giving Up Coffee'</i>	04:00 PM to 5:00 PM NBSS Panel Discussion: TBA	04:00 PM to 5:00 PM Poetry Recitation: Kavi-Sammelan-sah-Mushaira 'Kavya-Kalash' Poets: Shahid Anjum,	

	in conversation with Dibyendu Choudhury			Namita Devidayal in conversation with Chinki Sinha		Moien Shadab, Prof. Rehman Musawwir, Shlesh Gautam, Pawan Kumar, Dan Bahadur Singh, Damdaar Banarasi, Sarita Jain, Abhishek Tiwari, Dr. Prashant Singh, Ambrish Thakur, Trinetra Dubey Moderated by: TBA	
	05:00 PM to 6:00 PM Performance: Stand-up Comedy ‘India, Youth & AI’ By: Sundeep Sharma Stand-up Comedian Intro by: Abhijeet Singh	05:00 PM to 6:00 PM SVIP Reserved	05:00 PM to 6:00 PM NSZ	05:00 PM to 6:00 PM IP Reserved	05:00 PM to 6:00 PM IP Reserved	05:00 PM to 6:00 PM ‘Kavya-Kalash’ (Contd.)	
Time Quadrant 4 (06:00 PM to 09:00 PM) Evening Sessions	06:00 PM to 7:00 PM Conversation: ‘Institutional Wisdom in an Age of Disruption’	06:00 PM to 7:00 PM Book Discussion: ‘Power, Politics and the Hindi Heartland’	06:00 PM to 7:00 PM NSZ	06:00 PM to 7:00 PM IP Reserved	06:00 PM to 7:00 PM IP Reserved	06:00 PM to 7:00 PM Performance: ‘Divinity to Diva: From Sacred	

	Renu Sud Karnad in conversation with Dr. Aparna Singh	Abhigyan Prakash on his book ' <i>From Lucknow to Lutyens,</i> ' in conversation with Prabhakar Kumar Mishra				Chants to Spotlight Songs' Singers: Nishant Malviya & Manjeera Ganguly Intro by: Punit Mehrotra
07:00 PM to 8:00 PM	07:00 PM to 8:00 PM	07:00 PM to 8:00 PM	07:00 PM to 8:00 PM	07:00 PM to 8:00 PM	07:00 PM to 8:00 PM	
- NSZ	- NSZ	Musical Band Performance: 'Balli Maaran' By: Piyush Mishra and Band	- NSZ	- NSZ	- NSZ	
08:00 PM to 9:00 PM	08:00 PM to 9:00 PM	08:00 PM to 9:00 PM	08:00 PM to 9:00 PM	08:00 PM to 9:00 PM	08:00 PM to 9:00 PM	
- NSZ	- NSZ	'Balli Maaran' (Contd.) + Concluding Ceremony & Vote of Thanks	- NSZ	- NSZ	- NSZ	

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