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# BANARAS LIT FEST

## काशी साहित्य कला उत्सव

# Programme Highlights

**Dates: 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Venue: Taj Ganges, Varanasi**









## 7th March 2025 (Friday)

Gyan Ganga	Surpravah	Saraswat	Wisdom Pavillion	Harmony Hub
<p><b>12:00 PM – 2:00 PM</b> <b>Inaugural Ceremony</b> Swagat Gaan (Welcome Song) for the Chief Guest &amp; Dignitaries</p> <p><b>Chief Guest:</b> Shri Lakshman Acharya Jee – Hon’ble Governor of Assam <b>Special Guest:</b> Shri Harivansh Jee – Hon’ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha <b>Guests of Honor:</b> Shri Kailash Satyarthi Jee – Nobel Laureate Amb. Lakshmi Puri Jee – Eminent Writer &amp; Diplomat Mrs. Neeraja Madhav Jee – Eminent Writer Shri SB Tiwari Jee – Educationist Ashok Kumar Tiwari – Mayor Varanasi Shri NP Singh – IAS (Retd.) &amp; Chairman Bhartiya Siksha Board Shri Neeraj Agrawal – Respected Industrialist Shri Deepak Madhok – President, Banaras Lit Fest Shri Brijesh Singh Jee – Secretary, Banaras Lit Fest</p> <p><b>2:10 PM – 3:00 PM</b> <b>वीणा वाणी</b> Musical Performance by Grammy Award Winner Padma Bhushan Pt. Vishwa Mohan Bhatt and Pt. Salil Bhatt.</p> <p><b>3:00 PM – 3:30 PM</b> <b>इन्हें पंख दें</b> केलाश सत्यार्थी जी की पुस्तक ‘दियासलाई’ पर बृजेश सिंह के साथ संवाद</p> <p><b>3:30 PM – 4:00 PM</b> <b>Storytelling &amp; Beyond</b> Lakshmi Puri in conversation with Mahua Sen about her book “Swallowing the Sun</p> <p><b>4:00 PM – 4:30 PM</b> <b>शब्दों का सफर</b> Vyomesh Shukla discusses Harivansh’s four-decade literary journey</p> <p><b>4:30 PM – 5:00 PM</b> Amish Tripathi In Conversation with Saurabh Chakravarty</p> <p><b>5:00 PM – 5:30 PM</b> <b>Echoes from the Hills</b> Sunil Deodhar in conversation with Naveen Choudhary on Northeast India</p> <p><b>5:30 PM – 6:00 PM</b> <b>Decoding Tipu Sultan</b> Vikram Sampath discusses his book "Tipu Sultan" with Gautam Choubey</p> <p><b>6:00 PM – 7:00 PM</b> <b>Parde Ke Peechhey</b> Ila Arun, Anjuli Bedi &amp; Ishitta Arun in conversation with Reena Pereira</p> <p><b>7:00 PM – 7:30 PM</b> Conversation with Archana Goradiya Gupta In conversation with Pratima Gupta</p>	<p><b>2:00 PM – 2:45 PM</b> <b>Reserved</b></p> <p><b>4:00 PM – 5:00 PM</b> <b>Ahilya Bai</b> A Kutumb NGO Presentation Theatrical By Sangat Mahavidyalay</p> <p><b>5:30 PM – 6:30 PM</b> <b>Purabiya Taan</b> Musical Tribute in Memory of Padma Vibhushan Sharda Sinha by Chandan Tiwari</p> <p><b>6:30 PM – 7:15 PM</b> <b>Sarod Vadan</b> Performance by Pt. Vikas Mahraj</p> <p><b>7:15 PM – 9:30 PM</b> <b>Kavi Sammelan Sah Mushaira</b> Theme: Haman Hain Ishqa Mastana</p>	<p><b>12:45 PM – 1:30 PM</b> <b>Media in Transition</b> Speakers: Pratap Somwanshi, Satish Padmanabhan, Sayari Debnath, Keshav Karna Moderator: Pankaj Mishra</p> <p><b>2:30 PM – 3:15 PM</b> <b>Ink and Paper vs. Screens</b> Speakers: Moutushi Mukherjee, Rakesh Singh, Pooja Priyamvada, Amitabh Rai, Anurag Vats Moderator: Sourav Roy</p> <p><b>3:15 PM – 3:45 PM</b> <b>संस्कृति के स्वर और परंपरा के प्रतिबिंब</b> Dialogue between Sachidanand Joshi and Pramod Kumar Pandey</p> <p><b>3:45 PM – 4:30 PM</b> <b>Modern History of Purvanchal</b> Panellists: Prof. Jagat Narayan Singh, Prof. Pravesh Bharadwaj, Dr Jai Ram Singh, Dr Hamid Afaq Qureshi</p> <p><b>4:30 PM – 5:15 PM</b> <b>Lal Bahadur Shastri and India's Transformation</b> Dr. Sanjeev Chopra in conversation with AM Gautam</p> <p><b>5:15 PM – 5:45 PM</b> <b>LGBTQ अनकही कहानियाँ</b> Devika Devendra S Mangalmukhi in conversation with Brijesh Singh</p> <p><b>5:45 PM – 6:15 PM</b> <b>Poster launch &amp; Documentary Screening</b> JB Films Presents Abhivyakti   Expression A Documentary on the renowned painter Ajay Upasani</p>	<p><b>2:00 PM – 2:45 PM</b> <b>Conversation</b> Dr. Mukta with Col. Sandeep Sharma</p> <p><b>2:45 PM – 3:45 PM</b> <b>Multi-Poet Recitation</b> Poets: Badri Narayan, R. Chetankranti, Ammber Pandey, Parwati Tirkey, Shree Prakash Shukla, Krishna Mohan Jha, Shree Prakash Shukla, Dhananjay Singh, Ashwani Kumar, Rani Jha, Anurag Vats Moderator: Keshav Karna</p> <p><b>3:45 PM – 4:30 PM</b> <b>कविता संग्रह आत्मद्रोह पर संवाद</b> R. Chetankranti in conversation with Jagannath Dubey</p> <p><b>4:30 PM – 5:30 PM</b> <b>Bhagavan Das: Kashi’s First Bharat Ratna</b> A solo session by Dr. Pushkar Ranjan dedicated to Dr. Bhagavan Das</p> <p><b>5:30 PM – 6:00 PM</b> <b>From Devotion to Destiny</b> Sangeeta Bahadur in conversation with Dr. Tishya Shree about her book "Devdasi</p> <p><b>6:30 PM – 7:00 PM</b> <b>Book Launch</b> Book: हिंदी साहित्य का इतिहास by आचार्य रामचंद्र शुक्ल. Discussion: व्योमेश शुक्ल with प्रवीण कुमार</p>	<p><b>2:00 PM – 2:45 PM</b> <b>Reserved</b></p> <p><b>2:45 PM – 3:45 PM</b> <b>Reserved</b></p> <p><b>3:45 PM – 4:30 PM</b> Jano Apno Kashi Ko</p> <p><b>4:30 PM – 5:30 PM</b> <b>Reserved</b></p> <p><b>5:30 PM – 6:00 PM</b> <b>Reserved</b></p> <p><b>6:00 PM – 6:30 PM</b> <b>Aushwitz: Ek Prem Katha</b> Garima Srivastava in conversation with Naveen Choudhary</p> <p><b>6:30 PM – 7:00 PM</b> <b>Literature, Writing and Its Impact on Society</b> Chandrahass Choudhury in conversation with Atul K. Thakur</p>

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<div>      </div> <div>9th March 2025 (Sunday)</div>				
Gyan Ganga	Surpravah	Saraswat	Wisdom Pavillion	Harmony Hub
<p>9:30 AM – 10:00 AM  <b>कथा, इतिहास और स्त्री स्वर</b>  Alka Saraogi in conversation with Shruti Kumud</p> <p>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  <b>कथाएं, किरदार और कलम</b>  Uday Prakash in conversation with Praveen Kumar</p> <p>11:00 AM – 11:45 AM  <b>साहित्य, विचार और दृष्टिकोण</b>  Sourabh Dwivedi in conversation with Nirala Bidesiya. Chaired by Deepak Madhok Bidesiya. Chaired by Deepak Madhok</p> <p>11:45 AM – 12:15 PM  <b>The Boy, The Train &amp; The Tales They Tell</b>  Deepak Sapra discusses his book with Ritesh Kumar Singh.Madhok Bidesiya. Chaired by Deepak Madhok</p> <p>12:15 PM – 12:30 PM  <b>Financial Inclusion: Serving the customers at last mile</b>  Keynote Address by Mr Govind Singh, MD &amp; CEO, Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited Chaired by Deepak Madhok</p> <p>12:30 PM – 1:30 PM  <b>The Making of “Hero”</b>  Chairman of Hero Enterprises Mr Sunil Kant Munjal and Mr Govind Singh, MD &amp; CEO, Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited in conversation with Ritesh Kumar Singh</p> <p>01:30 PM – 2:00 PM  <b>Subhadeep Das (Indian Idol Fame)</b></p> <p>2:30 PM – 4:30 PM  <b>Award Distribution Ceremony</b></p> <p>4:30 PM – 5:15 PM  <b>Launch of the Book 'Amanat'</b>  By Kashinath Singh, followed by a conversation with Amol Palekar and Sandhya Gokhale, moderated by Neelesh Misra</p> <p>5:15 PM – 5:45 PM  <b>India Votes: The Dynamics of Elections and Democratic Power</b>  Panelists : Rasheed Kidwai, Ajit Rai, Santosh Singh Moderated by Atul K Thakur</p> <p>5:45 PM – 6:15 PM  <b>Nirja Madhav Jee’s Session</b></p> <p>6:15 PM – 7:15 PM  <b>चंदन कीवार: सुर, साहित्य और संवाद</b>  मालिनी अवस्थी और व्योमेश शुक्ल की बातचीत</p>	<p>10:30 AM – 11:00 AM  <b>Reserved</b></p> <p>11:00 AM – 2:00 PM  <b>Speak-A-Thon</b></p> <p>6:00 PM – 6:30 PM  <b>Biraha Gayan</b>  Performance by Abhimanyu Yadav</p> <p>6:30 PM – 7:00 PM  <b>Bidesiya – Girmityia Ek Gaurav Gatha</b>  Performance by Sanjay SinghYadav</p> <p>7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  <b>Performance by Indian Ocean Band</b></p>	<p>10:00 AM – 10:30 AM  <b>Empathy and Indian Literature</b>  Speakers: Badri Narayan, Shafey Kidwai, Paramita Satpathy, Rohit Manchanda. Moderator: Amit Ranjan</p> <p>10:30 AM – 11:00 AM  <b>India-Nepal Relations: Looking Back to Look Ahead</b>  Chief Guest: Dr Surendra Thapa, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Nepal in India  Guest of Honour: Basant Chaudhary, Eminent Author from Nepal  Lead Discussant: Ms Akanshya Shah, Senior Journalist  In Conversation: Atul K Thakur, Secretary, India-Nepal Centre, PHDCCI</p> <p>11:00 AM – 11:45 AM  <b>आख्यान और इतिहास</b>  Speakers: Shivmurti, Kamalanand Vibhooti, Pooja Priyamvada, Manisha Kulshrestha, Bhagwan Das Morwal, Vashistha Narayan Tripathi, Trilok Nath Pandey. Moderator: Jagannath Dubey</p> <p>11:45 AM – 12:15 PM  <b>Environmental Changes in the Gangetic Belt</b>  Speakers: Kavita Shah, Shishir Somvanshi, Abhay Mishra. Moderator: Monika Singh</p> <p>12:15 PM – 1:00 PM  <b>Rediscovering Lavanyadevi</b>  Speakers: Jatindra Kumar Nayak, Amit Ranjan, Banibrata Mahanta. Moderator: Dr. Richa</p> <p>1:00 PM – 1:30 PM  <b>Discipline, Strategy, Victory</b>  Major Gen. Neeraj Bali in conversation with Col Vinay Biyala on his book "The Winning Culture." Chair: Deepak Madhok</p> <p>1:30 PM – 2:00 PM  <b>मतलब हिन्दू</b>  Discussion on Ambar Pandey’s book with speakers Alka Saraogi, Arun Kamal, and Vinay Kumar. Moderator: Priyanka Dubey</p> <p>2:30 PM – 3:00 PM  <b>Frames of Time</b>  Conversations with Pankaj Rag and Sanjay Puran Singh. Moderator: Ajeet Rai</p> <p>3:00 PM – 3:30 PM  <b>Raw Umber</b>  Sara Rai in conversation with Banibrata Mahanta about her book</p> <p>3:30 PM – 4:00 PM  <b>जीवन, लेखन और काव्य यात्रा</b>  श्रीप्रकाश शुक्ल और कमलेश वर्मा संग संवाद</p> <p>3:30 PM – 4:00 PM  <b>जीवन, लेखन और काव्य यात्रा</b>  श्रीप्रकाश शुक्ल और कमलेश वर्मा संग संवाद</p> <p>4:00 PM – 4:30 PM  <b>कृष्ण मोहन झा के काव्य संग्रह 'तारों की धूल' का विमोचन और परिचय</b>  अरुण कमल, गरिमा श्रीवास्तव, कृष्ण मोहन झा, अनुज लुगुन</p> <p>4:30 PM – 5:00 PM  <b>The OTT Boom: New Faces, New Narratives</b>  Ayesha Kaduskar, Jameel Khan, Palash Vaswani In conversation with Shailesh Asthana</p> <p>5:00 PM – 5:30 PM  <b>शब्द, समय और संवेदना</b>  यतींद्र मिश्र के सद्यः प्रकाशित काव्य संग्रह 'बिना कलिंग विजय के' पर अंबर पांडेय संग संवाद</p> <p>5:30 PM – 6:00 PM  <b>मैथिली साहित्य: परंपरा, प्रवृत्तियाँ और भविष्य</b>  डॉ रानी झा, कृष्ण मोहन झा, कमलानंद विभूति Moderator: प्रभात मिश्रा</p>	<p>10:00 AM – 10:30 AM  <b>Reel &amp; Real</b>  Shomu Mitra in conversation with Puneet Mehrotra</p> <p>10:30 AM – 11:00 AM  Vishwa Bhushan Mishra in conversation with Anay Singh Rajpoot</p> <p>11:00 AM – 11:45 AM  <b>साहित्य और संवेदना</b>  Discussion on Vinay Kumar's श्रेयशी with Anjum Sharma</p> <p>11:45 AM – 12:15 PM  Vandana Raag in conversation with Akanksha Mishra</p> <p>12:15 PM – 1:00 PM  <b>Vande Mataram: 150 Years of Resonance</b>  Akhilesh Jha in conversation with Akriti Vigya Arpan</p> <p>1:00 PM – 1:30 PM  <b>Tripping Down the Ganga</b>  Siddharth Kapila in conversation with Saurabh Chakrabarty</p> <p>2:00 PM – 2:30 PM  <b>नेपाली साहित्य: जरा र जिउदो अभिव्यक्ति</b>  Shweta Deepti in conversation with आकृति विग्या 'अर्पण'</p> <p>3:00 PM – 3:30 PM  <b>Words that Touch the Soul</b>  Tanuja Thakur is in conversation with Akhilesh Jha about her anthology, Moments, Madness, Tears, and a Smile</p> <p>3:30 PM – 4:00 PM  <b>Book Launch</b>  KD Singh’s “Duniyan Se Aasna”</p> <p>4:00 PM – 4:30 PM  <b>Demystifying Kashi</b>  Rana PB Singh in conversation with Col. Sandeep Sharma</p> <p>4:30 PM – 5:00 PM  <b>Mahadevi</b>  Priyanka Kaintura in conversation with Harsh Awasthi about her book</p> <p>5:00 PM – 5:30 PM  <b>Book Launch</b>  Rakesh Kumar Singh’s “Kuchh Tinken, Kuchh Batein”</p> <p>5:30 PM – 6:00 PM  <b>Nirvasan</b>  Bhasha Sumbli in conversation with Col. Sandeep Sharma</p> <p>6: 00 PM – 6: 30 PM  <b>Deepali RajKrishna’s Book Launch</b></p>	<p>10:00 AM – 10:30 AM  <b>Reserved</b></p> <p>10:30 AM – 11:00 AM  <b>Reserved</b></p> <p>11:00 AM – 11:45 AM  <b>Reserved</b></p> <p>11:45 AM – 12:15 PM  <b>Reserved</b></p> <p>12:15 PM – 1:00 PM  <b>Reserved</b></p> <p>1:00 PM – 1:30 PM  <b>Reserved</b></p> <p>1:30 PM – 2:00 PM  <b>Reserved</b></p> <p>2:30 PM – 3:00 PM  <b>The Season of Delight</b>  Sopan Joshi in conversation with Abhay Mishra about Mangiferra Indica</p> <p>3:00 PM – 3:30 PM  <b>Reserved</b></p> <p>3:30 PM – 4:00 PM  <b>Reserved</b></p> <p>4:00 PM – 4:30 PM  <b>Reserved</b></p> <p>4:30 PM – 5:00 PM  <b>Reserved</b></p> <p>5:00 PM – 5:30 PM  <b>Reserved</b></p> <p>5:30 PM – 6:00 PM  <b>Sarjana Samman</b>  Presented by: Akriti Vigya Arpan</p>
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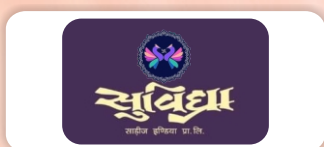
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