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# BANARAS LIT FEST

काशी साहित्य कला उत्सव

# Programme Highlights

Dates: 7th, 8th & 9th March 2025

Venue: Taj Ganges, Varanasi













# 7th March 2025 (Friday)

# Gyan Ganga

### 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM **Inaugural Ceremony**

Swagat Gaan (Welcome Song) for the Chief Guest & Dignitaries

Chief Guest: Shri Lakshman Acharya Jee -Hon'ble Governor of Assam

Special Guest: Shri Harivansh Jee -Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha Guests of Honor: Shri Kailash Satvarthi Jee -

**Nobel Laureate** Amb. Lakshmi Puri Jee - Eminent Writer

Mrs. Neeraja Madhav Jee - Eminent Writer Shri SB Tiwari Jee - Educationist Ashok Kumar Tiwari - Mayor Varanasi Shri NP Singh - IAS (Retd.) & Chairman

Bhartiya Siksha Board Shri Neeraj Agrawal - Respected Industrialist Shri Deepak Madhok – President, Banaras Lit Fest Shri Brijesh Singh Jee - Secretary, Banaras Lit Fest

### 2:10 PM - 3:00 PM

### वीणा वाणी

Musical Performance by Grammy Award Winner Padma Bhushan Pt. Vishwa Mohan Bhatt and Pt. Salil Bhatt.

### 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

# इन्हें पंख दें

कैलाश सत्यार्थी जी की पुस्तक 'दियासलाई' पर बुजेश सिंह के साथ संवाद

# 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

### **Storytelling & Beyond**

Lakshmi Puri in conversation with Mahua Sen about her book "Swallowing the Sun

### 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

# शब्दों का सफर

Harivansh's four-decade literary journey

**Gautam Choubey** 

# 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

# **Parde Ke Peechhey**

Ila Arun, Anjuli Bedi & Ishitta Arun in conversation with Reena Pereira

### 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Conversation with Archana Goradiya Gupta In conversation with Pratima Gupta

# Surpravah

### Reserved

### 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

### **Ahilya Bai**

A Kutumb NGO Presentation Theatrical By Sangat Mahavidyalay

### 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

## Purabiya Taan

Musical Tribute in Memory of Padma Vibhushan Sharda Sinha by Chandan Tiwari

### 6:30 PM - 7:15 PM

### Sarod Vadan

Performance by Pt. Vikas Mahraj

### 7:15 PM - 9:30 PM

### Kavi Sammelan Sah Mushaira

Theme: Haman Hain Ishqa Mastana

# Saraswat

### 12:45 PM - 1:30 PM **Media in Transition**

Speakers: Pratap Somwanshi, Satish Padmanabhan, Sayari Debnath, Keshav Karna Moderator: Pankaj Mishra

### 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

### Ink and Paper vs. Screens

Speakers: Moutushi Mukherjee, Rakesh Singh, Pooja Priyamvada, Amitabh Rai, Anurag Vats Moderator: Sourav Roya

### 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM

# संस्कृति के स्वर और परंपरा के प्रतिबिंब

Dialogue between Sachidanand Joshi and Pramod Kumar Pandey

### 3:45 PM - 4:30 PM

# **Modern History of Purvanchal**

Panellists: Prof. Jagat Narayan Singh, Prof. Pravesh Bharadwaj, Dr Jai Ram Singh, Dr Hamid Afaq Qureshi

### 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM

### Lal Bahadur Shastri and **India's Transformation**

Dr. Sanjeev Chopra in conversation with AM Gautam

### 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM

# LGBTQ अनकही कहानियाँ

Devika Devendra S Mangalmukhi in conversation with Brijesh Singh

### 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM

# **Poster launch & Documentary** Screening

**JB Films Presents** Abhivyakti | Expression A Documentary on the renowned painter Ajay Upasani

# 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Wisdom Pavillion

### Conversation

Dr. Mukta with Col. Sandeep Sharma

### 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM

### **Multi-Poet Recitation**

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

### 3:45 PM - 4:30 PM

## कविता संग्रह आत्मद्रोह पर संवाद

R. Chetankranti in conversation with Jagannath Dubey

# 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

### **Bhagavan Das:**

# Kashi's First Bharat Ratna

A solo session by Dr. Pushkar Ranjan dedicated to Dr. Bhagavan Das

# 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

# From Devotion to Destiny

Sangeeta Bahadur in conversation with Dr. Tishya Shree about her book "Devdasi

# 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

### **Book Launch**

Book: हिंदी साहित्य का इतिहास by आचार्य रामचंद्र शुक्ल. Discussion: व्योमेश शक्ल with प्रवीण कुमार

# Harmony Hub

### 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

# 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM

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### 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Reserved

### 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

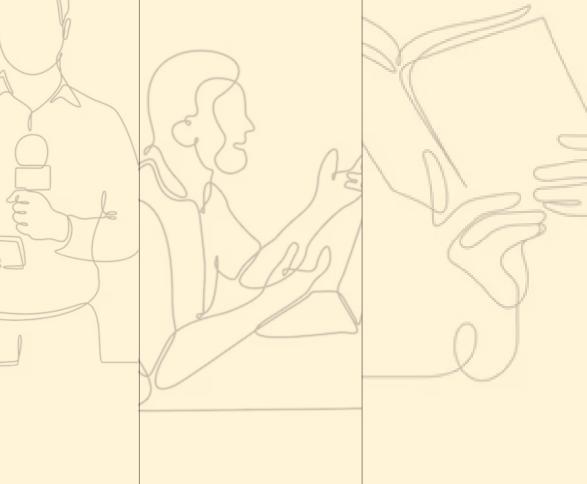
### Aushwitz: Ek Prem Katha Garima Srivastava in conversation with Naveen

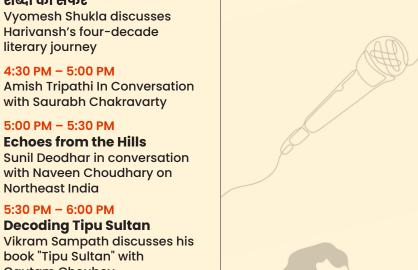
### 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Choudhary

# Literature, Writing and Its Impact on Society

Chandrahas Choudhury in conversation with Atul K. Thakur



























# 8th March 2025 (Saturday)

# **Gyan Ganga**

Speakers: Ashwani Kumar, Badri Narayan, Dhananjay Singh Moderator: Reena Pereira

# 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

# भूमंडलीकरण के ३५ साल

Panel discussion on globalization's impact on literature and society. Speakers: Madan Mohan 'Danish', Shafey Kidwai, Rakesh Kumar

Moderator: Jagannath Dubey

### 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

# **Bridging Worlds**

Panel on literary translation with Moutushi Mukherjee, Minakshi Thakur, Lalit Kumar, Sayari Debnath

Moderator: Pankaj Mishra

# 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM

Ananda: Cannabis in India Karan Madhok discussing his

# 12:45 PM - 1:15 PM

# **Voices in Literature**

book with Lalit Kumar

Shinie Antony, Rohit Manchanda, Manu Dash, Abdullah Khan in dialogue

# **Moderator: AM Gautam** 1:15 PM - 1:45 PM

# **Mythology Beyond Time**

Anand Neelakantan reimagines myths in conversation with Nirmal Joshi

### 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

# जल, जीवन और जल का जीवन

Yugal Joshi, Abhay Mishra, Bhavesh Nandan Jha, Pushyamitra discuss water and life Moderator: Keshav Karn

# 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

# **The World of Words**

Khalid Javed in conversation with Faiyaz Ahamad Wajeeh

# 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

# देखने की कला

Ajit Rai and Pramod Kumar Pandey discuss storytelling and cinema

# 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

# Yaadon Ka Idiot Box

Neelesh Mishra's solo storytelling performance

# 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM

Manthan Somvanshi's Performance

# 5:15 PM - 6:00 PM

# Play: Chiraia

By Sankalp Sanstha Balia (Ashish Trivedi team)

# 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM

# **Trio Banaras**

Pt. Deobrat Mishra with European Saxophone performance

# Surpravah

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM **Fashion Show** 

# 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Sufi and Ghazal Gayan

### 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Performance by Osman Mir

# with Arun Kamal 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

# लेखन, विचार और समय

Chandan Pandey in conversation with Akhilesh

# 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Vertul Singh in conversation with Milee Ashwarya about his book "Banaras: A Journey into the Heart of the City

# The Jannayak Karpoori Thakur

Santosh Singh in conversation with Pushya Mitra about his book co-authored with Aditya

### 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

# तुलसीदास के सगुन और कॅबीर के निर्ण

Sadanand Shahi, Awadhesh Pradhan, Shri Prakash Shukla, Baliraj Pandey Moderator: Prabhat Mishra.

# 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

### The Poetics of Memory

Jeet Thayil in conversation with Satish Padmanabhan on

### 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

# कथाकविता

Pandey discuss "आग और पानी"

### 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

# **Sacred Bonds**

conversation with Bharti Sehta about her book "Rasas in Divine Relationships"

# 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Bidesia, Indrani Rampersad, Gautam Choubey, Ashutosh **Kumar Pandey** Moderator: Harshit Shyam

# 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

# **Bridging Borders**

Authors K. V. Rajan and Atul K. Thakur in conversation with Priyanka Dubey on

Dr. Sagar JNU in conversation with Vyalok Pathak

Discussion on Yatish Kumar's book with speakers Alka Saraogi, Vandana Raag, Prakash Uday & Yatish Kumar

Participants: Parvati Tirki, Rajni Gupta, Pragya Mishra, Garima Srivastava

Moderator: Manisha Kulshrestha

# 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

# **Broken Promises**

Mrityunjay Sharma in conversation with Naveen Choudhary about his book "Broken Promises: Caste, Crime and Politics in Bihar"

# 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

# **Multi-Lingual Poetry Recitation**

Speakers: Shishir Somvanshi, Vinay Kumar, Anjum Sharma, Rajendra Shalabh, Amit Ranjan, Vishwa Bhushan Mishra, Kinshuk Gupta, Ammber Pandey, Anuj Lugun, Yatish Kumar Moderator: Abhishek Pandey

# 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM

# From the Streets to Stories

Gautam Choubey in conversation with Tripurari Sharan about his book "Chakka Jaam"

### 12:15 PM - 12:30 PM

# सम्पूर्ण समाधान: सामाजिक और आर्थिक अभ्युदय पर संवाद

लेखक राजेंद्र गोयनका की पुस्तक 'सम्पूर्ण समाधान – सामाजिंक और आर्थिक अभ्युदय' पर धवल प्रकाश संग विशेष चर्चा, अध्यक्षता: अशोक गुप्ता जी

# 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

# A Firangi in Hindustan: The Extraordinary Life of **John Lang**

Amit Ranjan, Author of the book John Lang: Wanderer of Hindoostan, Slanderer in Hindoostanee, Lawyer for The Ranee, will be in conversation **Gautam Choubey** 

### 1: 30 PM - 2:00 PM

Arun Kesari's Book Launch

### 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

**Special Session on Ishrat** Jahan's book 'Nath Samprday Ke Saamajik Sarokar'

# 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

# Camille Bulcke: A Jesuit's **Journey Through the** Ramkatha

Dr. Priyanka Jha and Prashant Thakur in conversation with authors Ravi Dutt Bajpai and Swati Parashar.

# 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

# **Khud Se Behtar**

Naveen Choudhary in conversation with Akriti Vigya Arpan about his book

# 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

# Careerathon

Careers with the Spirit of a Marathon Gurucharan Singh Gandhi in conversation with Harsh Awasthi

# 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

# **Book Launch**

Rakesh Kumar Singh's book launch

# 4:30 - 5:00 PM

# **Reversing Chronic Illnesses** and Aging Darryl D'souza will be in

conversation will be in Col. Sandeep Sharma

# 5:00 to 5:30 PM

Paramita Satapathy will be in Conversation with Dan Bhadur Singh about her book -"Smare Nityam"

# 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM:

Sarjana Samman Presented by Akriti Vigya Arpan

# 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

# **Truth and Conspiracy**

Sumeru Roy Choudhury in conversation with Shalini Modi about his book "From Shadows to Light: The Truth of Netaji's Mortal End."

# 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

# The Big Book of Odia Literature

Manu Dash in conversation with Abdullah Khan of Netaji's Mortal End"

7:00 PM - 7:30 PM KASHI – A Call of a Soul

Arpita Shankar Please Note: Some last-minute changes may happen in the programs

# Harmony Hub

# 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

# Reserved

# साहित्य

conversation with Priyanka Dubey and Politics in Bihar"

Author Abhay Mishra in

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**Rehan Fazal** in conversation with V. N. Chaturvedi -

# 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

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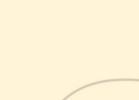
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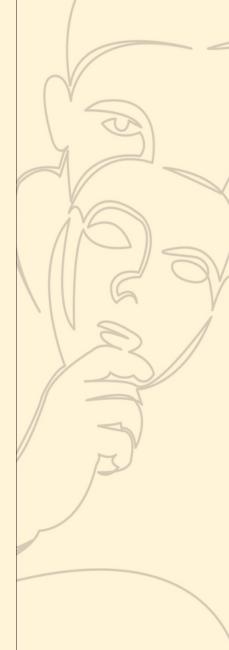
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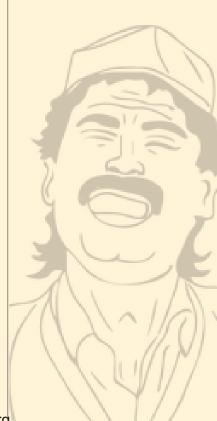
Reserved 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM







# Performance by Lilian Berry



# Saraswat

# 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

# कविता, समाज और समय Anil Tripathi in conversation

# **Between the Covers**

# 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

Speakers: Chandrakala Tripathi,

# "I'll Have It Here"

Vyomesh Shukla and Chandan

# Author Shalini Modi in

भोजपुरी साहित्य Panelists: Prakash Uday, Nirala

# "Kathmandu Chronicle"

# 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Lyrics, Language and Identity

# 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM बोरसी भर आंच

# Moderator: Santosh Singh. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

स्त्री लेखन: देह की देहरी से आगे

# Wisdom Pavillion

# 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

# Reserved

# 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM निर्मल वर्मा और हिंदी कथा

# Krishna Mohan Jha in

# 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM

# Vihangam: Ek Nadi, Anek Kathaayein

conversation with Pushya Mitra

# 12:45 PM - 1:30 PM

# 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

# 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Introduced by Harsh Awasthi

# 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Nagarik Natya Mandali Performance

# Reserved

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Reserved 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

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# Shreya Singh in conversation with Dhawal Prakash &













# 9th March 2025 (Sunday)

# Gyan Ganga

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM कथा, इतिहास और स्त्री स्वर Alka Saraogi in conversation with Shruti Kumud

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM कथाएं, किरदार और कलम Uday Prakash in conversation with Praveen

conversation with Nirala Bidesiya. Chaired by Deepak Madhok Bidesiya. Chaired by Deepak Madhok

# 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM

# The Boy, The Train & The **Tales They Tell**

Deepak Sapra discusses his book with Ritesh Kumar Singh.Madhok Bidesiya. Chaired by Deepak Madhok

### 12:15 PM - 12:30 PM

### Financial Inclusion: Serving the customers at last mile

Keynote Address by Mr Govind Singh, MD & CEO, Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited Chaired by Deepak Madhok

# 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

# The Making of "Hero"

Chairman of Hero Enterprises Mr Sunil Kant Munjal and Mr Govind Singh, MD & CEO, Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited in conversation with Ritesh **Kumar Singh** 

### 01:30 PM - 2:00 PM

# Subhadeep Das (Indian Idol Fame)

2:30 PM - 4:30 PM **Award Distribution** 

Ceremony

# 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM

### Launch of the Book 'Amanat'

By Kashinath Singh, followed by a conversation with Amol Palekar and Sandhya Gokhale, moderated by Neelesh Misra

# 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM

### **India Votes: The Dynamics of Elections** and Democratic Power

Panelists: Rasheed Kidwai, Ajit Rai, Santosh Singh Moderated by Atul K Thakur

# 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM

# Nirja Madhav Jee's

Session 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM

# चंदन कीवार: सर, साहित्य और

मालिनी अवस्थी और व्योमेश शुक्ल की बातचीत

# Surpravah

### 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Reserved

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

# Speak-A-Thon

### 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Biraha Gayan

Performance by Abhimanyu

# Bidesiya - Girmityia Ek

**Gaurav Gatha** Performance by Sanjay

# 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

SinghYadav

Performance by Indian Ocean Band

# Saraswat 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

### **Empathy and Indian** Literature

Speakers: Badri Narayan, Shafey Kidwai, Paramita Satpathy, Rohit Manchanda. Moderator: Amit Ranjan

### 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

### **India-Nepal Relations:** Looking Back to Look Ahead

Chief Guest: Dr Surendra Thapa, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Nepal in

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

### 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM आख्यान और इतिहास

Speakers: Shivmurti, Kamalanand Vibhooti, Pooja Priyamvada, Manisha Kulshrestha, Bhagwan Das Morwal, Vashistha Narayan Tripathi, Trilok Nath Pandey. Moderator: Jagannath Dubey

# 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM

### **Environmental Changes** in the Gangetic Belt

Speakers: Kavita Shah, Shishir Somvanshi, Abhay Mishra. Moderator: Monika Singh

# 12:15 PM - 1:00 PM

### Rediscovering Lavanyadevi

Speakers: Jatindra Kumar Nayak, Amit Ranjan, Banibrata Mahanta. Moderator: Dr. Richa

# 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

# Discipline, Strategy,

Major Gen. Neeraj Bali in conversation with Col Vinay Biyala on his book "The Winning Culture." Chair: Deepak Madhok

# 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

# मतलब हिन्दू

Discussion on Ambar Pandey's book with speakers Alka Saraogi, Arun Kamal, and Vinay Kumar. Moderator: Priyanka Dubey

# 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

# Frames of Time

Conversations with Pankaj Rag and Sanjay Puran Singh. Moderator: Ajeet Rai

# 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

**Raw Umber** Sara Rai in conversation with Banibrata Mahanta about

# her book 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

जीवन, लेखन और काव्य यात्रा श्रीप्रकाश शुक्ल और कमलेश वर्मा

# संग संवाद

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM जीवन, लेखन और काव्य यात्रा श्रीप्रकाश शुक्ल और कमलेश वर्मा

# संग संवाद

# 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM कृष्ण मोहन झा के काव्य संग्रह 'तारों की धूल' का विमोचन और

# **Wisdom Pavillion**

### 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM Reel & Real

Shomu Mitra in conversation with Puneet Mehrotra

# 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Vishwa Bhushan Mishra in conversation with Anay Singh Rajpoot

# 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

# साहित्य और संवेदना

Discussion on Vinay Kumar's श्रेयशी with Anjum Sharma

### 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Vandana Raag in conversation with Akanksha

### 12:15 PM - 1:00 PM

Mishra

## Vande Mataram: 150 **Years of Resonance**

Akhilesh Jha in conversation with Akriti Vigya Arpan

### 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

### Tripping Down the Ganga Siddharth Kapila in conversation with Saurabh Chakrabarty

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM नेपाली साहित्य: जरा र जिउदो अभिव्यक्ति

Shweta Deepti in conversation with आकृति विग्या 'अर्पण'

### 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM **Words that Touch the Soul**

Tanuja Thakur is in conversation with Akhilesh Jha about her anthology, Moments, Madness, Tears, and a Smile

# 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

# **Book Launch**

KD Singh's "Duniyan Se Aasna"

# 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

# **Demystifying Kashi**

Rana PB Singh in conversation with Col. Sandeep Sharma

# 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

# Mahadevi

Priyanka Kaintura in conversation with Harsh Awasthi about her book

# 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

# **Book Launch**

Rakesh Kumar Singh's "Kuchh Tinken, Kuchh Batein"

# 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

# Nirvasan

Bhasha Sumbli in conversation with Col. Sandeep Sharma

# 6: 00 PM - 6: 30 PM

### Deepali RajKrishna's Book Launch

# Harmony Hub

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10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

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# 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

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# 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

# 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

# 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

The Season of Delight Sopan Joshi in conversation

# 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

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3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

# 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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### 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM Reserved

Sarjana Samman

# 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

# 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM

# 12:15 PM - 1:00 PM

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with Abhay Mishra about Mangiferra Indica

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# 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

# 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Presented by: Akriti Vigya





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