



(13th Edition)

2nd, 3rd & 4th May, 2025 Bikaner House (Ballroom)

Festival Theme: Delhi Writes - Voices, Visions & Verses

Program (Tentative)

Day One: Friday, 2nd May

11:00 am – 12:00 noon: Panel Discussion on “Delhi as an Art, Cultural & Heritage Hub: Role of Social Media” Ms. Sukhneett Wadhwa (Fashion instagrammer), Ms. Sneha Chakraborty (mural artist & reformer), Ms. Anuradha Kumar Jain (Author), and Dr. Swapna Liddle (Author) moderated by Ms. Pavleen Gujral, Actress & Stage Host.

12:00 noon – 01:00 pm: **INAUGURAL SESSION & Delhi Literature Festival Awards 2025**

Chief Guests: Shri Gajendra S. Shekhawat, Hon’ble Union Minister for Culture & Tourism.
Smt. Rekha Gupta, Hon’ble Chief Minister, Govt of NCT of Delhi

Guest of Honor: Shri Vijendar Gupta, Hon’ble Speaker, Delhi Vidhan Sabha.
Shri Kapil Mishra, Hon’ble Cabinet Minister for Culture & Tourism.

Keynote Speaker: Shri Keshav Chandra, Hon’ble Chairman, NDMC Special Address: Mr. Tim Curtis, Director & Representative, UNESCO India. Welcome Address & Vote of Thanks: Director,

Delhi Literature Festival Trust. 01:00 pm – 02:00 pm Lunch Break 2:00 pm – 03:00 pm: Janiye

Sangh Ko (जानिये संघ को) (Prabhat Publications) by Author Mr.Arun Anand
in conversation with Dr.Amna Mirza (academician, author, social worker)

03:00 pm – 04:00 pm: Mahabharat 2025 : The Secrets of Shunya (Penguin RandomHouse) by

Author

Divyansh Mundra in conversation with Naghma PK

04:00 pm - 05:00 pm: Coffee Break 05:00 pm - 06:00 pm: “Navigating the Global Tides” A Panel

Discussion – Mr. Anil Trigunayat (Former

Diplomat) , Dr.Harsh V. Pant (Author & VP ORF) ,Mr. Amarendra Khatua (Former Diplomat) along

with Shri Sanjeev Sanyal, Member, PMEAC - moderated by Ms. Teena Jha (Journalist and Anchor Sansad TV)

06:00 pm - 07:00 pm: “Indian Renaissance: The Modi Decade”, (Westland) Panel Discussion with Author Dr. Aishwarya Pandit; Shri Ravi Shankar, Editor Gagananchal, ICCR; Shri Sudesh Verma, in conversation with Utpal Kumar (Opinion Editor, First Post & News 18).



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Day Two: Saturday, 3rd May

11:00 am - 12:00 noon: Rhapsody Road : Poetic Journeys Through Dreams by Author Ravi Shankar Etteth in conversation with Lipika Bhushan (podcaster, media influencer)

12:00 pm - 01:00 pm: Fireside Chat on “Flowing Through Time: Healing The Yamuna” with Shri Parvesh Sahib Singh, Hon’ble Cabinet Minister, Delhi in conversation with Ms. Padmaja Joshi, (Senior Executive Editor, TV9 Group)

01:00 pm – 02:00 pm: Lunch Break

02:00 pm - 03:00 pm: “Nalanda – How It Changed The World” National Bestseller by Diplomat & Author, Amb. Shri Abhay K, in conversation with Ms. Shweta Satpathy (influencer and podcaster)

03:00 pm - 04:00 pm: “Swallowing the Sun” (Aleph Book) by Author Smt. Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri (Former Diplomat) in conversation with Mr. Rahul Shivshankar (Consulting Editor, CNN News18)

04:00 pm - 05:00 pm: “Demography, Dialogue & Development” – Talk by Sushri Bansuri Swaraj, Hon’ble Member of Parliament, followed by – [“Writers of the New Century”](#), [Awards for Young Authors](#).

05:00 pm - 06:00 pm: Hindi Poetry : Itwaar Chhota Pad Gaya by Shri Pratap Somvanshi in conversation with Ms. Monika Ajay Kaul (educationist, Art critique & curator and a writer/Poet.)

06:00 pm - 07:00 pm: “Can we be strangers again” National Bestseller by Shrijeet Shandilya in conversation with Shreya Gupta (Co-curator, Delhi Literature festival)

07:00 pm – 08:00 pm: “Ratan Tata, A Life” (Harper Collins) by Dr. Thomas Mathew in conversation with Ms. Delshad Irani (Editor, StoryBoard 18).



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Day Three: Sunday, 4th May 11:00 am – 12:00 noon: Unscripted, Unapologetic, Unfiltered: A

Candid Conversation with Dr.

Anand Ranganathan (Author, Political commentator) and Mr. Rahul ShivShankar (Consulting Editor, CNN News18)

12:00 pm - 01:00 pm: Session on “Rise of India’s New Right: Democracy, Diversity & Intellectuality” Panel Discussion with Abhijit Majumdar, Balbir Punj & Nalin Mehta moderated by Ms. Shazia Illmi (Former journalist, Current Spokesperson of BJP)

01:00 pm – 02:00 pm : Lunch Break

02:00 pm - 03:00 pm: “Catharsis” by Author and civil servant Mukul Kumar in conversation with Ms. Teena Jha (Journalist and Anchor Sansad TV)

03:00 pm - 04:00 pm: “Kumbha: The Traditionally Modern Mela” (Bloomsbury) by Mr. Nityananda Misra in conversation with Ms. Lipika Bhushan (podcaster, media influencer)

04:00 pm - 05:00 pm : Coffee Break

05:00 pm - 06:00 pm: Session on “Burning Roses in My Garden” (Penguin) by Ms. Taslima Nasrin in conversation with Ms. Advaita Kala (Author, screenplay writer, columnist, TV debator)

06:00 pm - 07:00 pm: ‘Echoes of Eternity - A Journey Through Indian Thought from the Rigveda to the Present’ by Author Shri Pavan K. Varma in conversation with Mr. Gaurav Choudhury (Founder and CEO, Earshot)

07:00 pm – 08:00 pm: Live Performance by Ms. Meenu Bakshi, presented by Ms. Renu Hussain.

*****Festival Concludes*****

(Note: Program is subject to confirmations & changes at the last moment)