

KHUSHWANT Singh *litfest* 2025

VOICES OF TOMORROW: *Navigating The Future Through Words*

DAY 03: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

COMPERES: MANDEEP SINGH, SERENA JACOB

SESSION	TIME	SPEAKERS	TOPIC	INTERLOCUTOR
0930 - 1030				
TEA				
1	0930 - 1030	<i>A MELODIOUS PREFACE: KALAM SUFIYON KE NAAM by REKHARAJ</i>		
2	1030 - 1110	MANI SHANKAR AIYAR	REASSESSING RAJIV GANDHI'S LEGACY FOR INDIA'S FUTURE	JAWAHAR SIRCAR
3	1120 - 1200	BARSALI BHATTACHARYYA	ENTER PROMPT: NAVIGATING AI IN THE WORLD'S LARGEST DEMOCRACY	ANUPREETA DAS
4	1200 - 1240	JYOTSNA MOHAN, CHANDER MOHAN	FREEDOM, DEFIANCE, AND THE FIRST DRAFT OF HISTORY	
5	1240 - 1320	RAAJA BHASIN	ECHOES OF HERITAGE, MYTHS AND CULTURE IN HIMACHAL	GILLIAN WRIGHT
1320 - 1420				
LUNCH: THE BAR IS OPEN				
6	1420 - 1500	NANDINI MURALI, POOJA BEDI	UNQUIET LEGACIES, BRAVE FUTURES	LEENA GUPTA
7	1500 - 1540	SANDIP BHAMMER, PREM JHA	LIGHTING UP THE FUTURE: INDIA'S CLEAN ENERGY JOURNEY	MADHUR SINGH
8	1540 - 1600	RAHUL SINGH, MANDEEP SINGH	THANK YOU FOR THE FESTIVAL	
1600 - 1700				
TEA				



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DAY 01: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

COMPERES: NIRUPAMA DUTT, MADHUR SINGH, SERENA JACOB, ASHIMA BATH

SESSION	TIME	SPEAKERS	TOPIC	INTERLOCUTOR
0900 - 1100 REGISTRATION AND TEA				
1	0945 - 1045	<i>A MELODIOUS PREFACE : MERA PATA by RADHIKA SOOD NAYAK</i>		
2	1100 - 1110	BACHI KARKARIA, RAHUL SINGH	WELCOME AND SETTING THE TONE	
3	1110 - 1120	RENEE SINGH	A LYRICAL HOMAGE TO KS	
4	1120 - 1220	SANTOSH DESAI	KEYNOTE: MEMES FOR MUMMYJI: MAKING SENSE OF POST-MOBILE-PHONE INDIA	SMITA THAROOR
5	1220 - 1305	SANGEETA WALDRON	CHANGE-MAKERS IN CONVERSATION: FROM WORDS TO CLIMATE ACTION	BANDANA TEWARI
6	1305 - 1310	KHUSHWANT SINGH FOUNDATION, SCHOOLS	THE JOY OF LEARNING	
1310 - 1410 LUNCH				
7	1410 - 1455	PAUL WATERS, ANUP SONI	A HAVELI WHODUNNIT	RICHA S MUKHERJEE
8	1455 - 1535	ADHIRATH SETHI	THE ART OF GIVING: WHEN HEARTS AND MINDS MOVE MOUNTAINS	MADHUR SINGH
9	1535 - 1625	AMRINDER BAJAJ, SONALI GUPTA, POOJA BEDI	OPENING MINDS, LIFTING SPIRITS	NARAYANI GANESH
1625 - 1655 TEA				
10	1655 - 1740	LATHA	SEX. LOVE. SOCIETY.	ANANTHI IYAPPAN
11	1740 - 1820	BACHI KARKARIA, JASKIRAT SINGH	THE SPIRITUAL SOURCE OF CLIMATE ACTION	NARAYANI GANESH
12	1820 - 1900	RAKSHANDA JALIL	JISE URDU AAYE...	NIRUPAMA DUTT
1900 AN AFTERWORD: THE BAR IS OPEN				
13	1915 - 2045	<i>EK LAMHAA ZINDAGI: A Love Story 1938-1979 by JUHI BABBAR SONI</i>		
14	2000	DINNER		

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DAY 02: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

COMPERES: NIRUPAMA DUTT, NANNI SINGH, APARNA ANANTH

SESSION	TIME	SPEAKERS	TOPIC	INTERLOCUTOR
0930 - 1030 TEA				
1	0930 - 1030	<i>A MELODIOUS PREFACE: SUBAH KE RAAG by ARMAN DEHLVI</i>		
2	1030 - 1120	SHOBHAA DE	LOVE, SEX, AND SCREENPLAYS	KITU GIDWANI
3	1120 - 1210	PRIYAMBADA JAYAKUMAR, PREM SHANKAR JHA	M.S. SWAMINATHAN: HARVESTING HOPE THROUGH SCIENCE AND SERVICE	ANUBHA BHONSLE
4	1210 - 1300	A.S. DULAT	SPY CHRONICLES... CONTINUED	JYOTI MALHOTRA
1300 - 1400 LUNCH				
5	1400 - 1500	HARINDER BAWEJA	INKING A MEMOIR THROUGH FIRE AND CONFLICT	P. CHIDAMBARAM
6	1500 - 1550	DEVINA MEHRA	THE ALCHEMY OF WEALTH	SRUTHIJITH KK
1550 - 1620 TEA				
7	1620 - 1710	ANUPREETA DAS	WILL THE REAL BILL GATES PLEASE STAND UP?	PAUL WATERS
8	1710 - 1730	SANTOSH SINGH	DERAS AND THE NEXT GENERATION: NAVIGATING PUNJAB'S CRISES	MANRAJ GREWAL SHARMA
9	1730 - 1815	MANOJ NARAVANE	BATTLEFIELD TO BOOKSHELF: A GENERAL PENS A CANTONMENT THRILLER	NIRMALA KANNAN
10	1815 - 1900	AMOL PALEKAR, SANDHYA GOKHALE	BEYOND CINEMA, SONGS AND LIFE: AMOL PALEKAR	RISHI MAJUMDER
1900 AN AFTERWORD: THE BAR IS OPEN				
11	2000	<i>DINNER, MUSIC AND DANCING DRUV KENT AND HIS BAND LIVE Blending Poetic Indian Roots with Western Folk-Rock for Modern Global Melodies</i>		