

Raghav Chandra, President
&
Shri Sheo Shekhar Shukla, IAS
(ACS Culture Deptt. GoMP)

and
Members of the
Society for Culture and Environment
cordially invite you to attend

the 8th Edition of
**Bhopal Literature
& Art Festival**

9 Jan | 10 Jan | 11 Jan
Bharat Bhavan



BLF 2026

The Knowledge Kumbh

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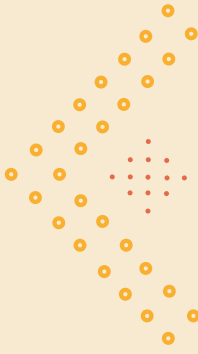
100+
Top thinkers

60+
Sessions

INAUGURAL CEREMONY
9th Jan, 10:30 am, Antarang
Ganesh Vandana by Niraj Upret &
Saraswati Vandana by students of DPS – Bhopal



❖ Timings are subject to change. Kindly refer to the website for the latest schedule. ❖



9 Jan

Antarang

12:00 PM – 12:50 PM

Decoding *Viksit Bharat*:

Tuhin Sinha & Aditya Pittie in conversation with Brig Sanjay Agarwal

1:00 PM – 1:50 PM

Echoes of Faith, Exploring Nature and Divinity:

Novel Lavasa & Ashok Lavasa in conversation with M M Upadhyay

2:00 PM – 2:50 PM

The Amazing Tribals of Rajasthan:

Aditi Ghosh Mehta in conversation with Dr Rima Hooja

3:00 PM – 3:50 PM

Launch of India Reborn, A Civilization's Rebound from Two Centuries of Decline:

Prasenjit K Basu & Abhilesh Gupta in conversation with Shivani Wazir Pasrich

4:00 PM – 4:50 PM

Geotechnography, When Technology Weds Geopolitics:

Anirban Sarma in conversation with Rajiv Sinha

5:00 PM – 5:50 PM

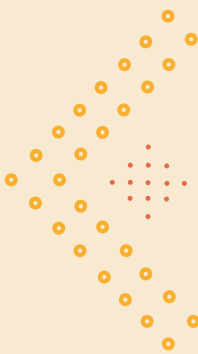
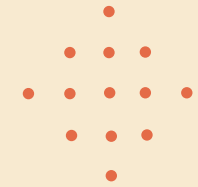
Tumhari Aukaat Kya Hai: Actor, Singer, Musician Piyush Mishra in conversation with Dr Reetu Pandey Sharma

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Show: ***Daastan-e-Guru Dutt, the life & songs of Guru Dutt:*** Fouzia Dastangoi & Troupe

7:40 PM – 9:00 PM

Show: ***Kavyaraag,*** When Poetry Meets Music: Chinmayi Tripathi & Joell Mukherjee



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SBI Rangdarshini

1:00 PM – 1:50 PM

Famous Booker Award

Winning Stories:

Devanshi Khetarpal in conversation with Farah Singh

2:00 PM – 2:50 PM

Life with Wildlife:

MK Ranjitsinh & Abhilash Khandekar in conversation with Vinay Varman

3:00 PM – 3:50 PM

The Eternal Beauty of Jaidev's *Geet Govind:*

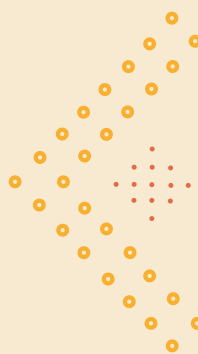
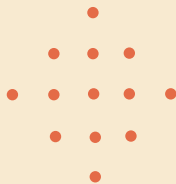
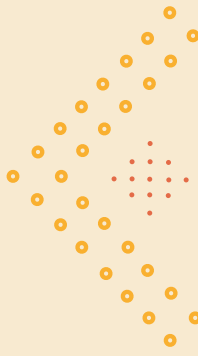
Vandana R Singh in conversation with Rakhee Gupta Bhandari

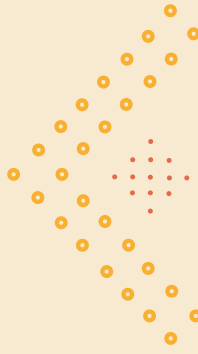
4:00 PM – 4:50 PM

**Emerging Trends in Thriller
Genre Writing:** Jalaj Shrivastava
in conversation with
Dr Pradeep Kapoor

5:00 PM – 5:50 PM

***Gandhi, Perspectives in the
21st century:*** Dr Ranu Uniyal Pant
& Anuradha Shankar in
conversation with Deepak Tiwari





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Gateway Vagarth

12:00 PM – 12:50 PM

आधुनिक कवि दुष्यंत कुमार
का साहित्यिक योगदान:

Iqbal Masood, Alok Dushyant Tyagi &
Dr Vishakha Rajurkar Raj in conversation
with Dr Prem Shankar Shukla



1:00 PM – 1:50 PM

Winning Startups, the Secret Elixir:

Saurabh Nigam in conversation
with Satish Jha

2:00 PM – 2:50 PM

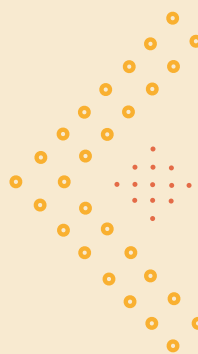
**Women-centric Stories
from Mega Cities:**

Dr Kavita Bhatnagar & Anindita Ghose
in conversation with Dr Rolii Agrawal

3:00 PM – 3:50 PM

Intuitive Edge for Business and Love:

Anuradha Shukla & Rashmi Bhargava
in conversation with Jyoti Pande



4:00 PM – 4:50 PM

Makers of Modern Dalit History:

Guru Prakash Paswan &
Prof P K Biswas in conversation with
Dr Ramesh B Shivagunde

5:00 PM – 5:50 PM

साहित्य में व्यंग व यथार्थ:

Mahesh Garg Bedhadak & Mukul Kumar
in conversation with Pawan Shrivastava





10 Jan

Antarang

10:15 AM – 10:45 AM

Loksutr: Visualizing the intangible cultural heritage of indigenous communities:
Achyut Siddu & Apoorva Mishra, presentation moderated by Bhaskar Indrakanti

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM

The Next New, The Fifth Industrial Revolution: Pranjal Sharma in conversation with Anirban Sarma

12:00 PM – 12:50 PM

India's Troubled Eastern Neighborhood: ex-Amb Gautam Mukhopadhyaya in conversation with Brig Sanjay Agarwal

1:00 PM – 1:50 PM

Operation Sindoor and Pakistan, The Untold Story: ex-Amb Syed Akbaruddin & ex-Amb Manjeev Singh Puri in conversation with Dr Shalini Chawla

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM

BLF OPEN QUIZ on Culture, Environment & the World; *Bumper Prizes*

4:00 PM – 4:50 PM

The Ayodhya Alliance and the 7000 year old Secret: Ashwin Sanghi in conversation with Dr Neelkamal Kapoor

5:00 PM – 5:50 PM

Ratan Tata, A Life of Legacy and Leadership: Thomas Mathew & Siddharth Sharma, CEO Tata Trusts in conversation with Abhilash Khandekar

6:00 PM – 6:50 PM

Launch of Democracy with Dharma, The Successful Indian Experiment: Salvatore Babones in conversation with Rahul Shivshankar.
Guest of Honour Shri Aniruddha Bose, Ex-Supreme Court & Director NJA

7:15 PM – 8:45 PM

Acclaimed Drama: **LOVE LETTERS**, acting by Sohaila Kapur & Sunit Tandon. Introduction by Niharika Singh



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SBI Rangdarshini

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Aadidev, The First Love Story of the Universe: Prashant Dixit in conversation with Prince Gaba

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM

Algorithmic Governance:
Dr Prasanth Kumar Ponugoti in conversation with Anupam Shrivastava

12:00 PM – 12:50 PM

Tribes in Ancient India: Shriram Tiwari in conversation with Dr Sushil Trivedi

1:00 PM – 1:50 PM

Babur, The Quest for Hindustan:
Aabhas Maldahiyar in conversation with Yash Dixit

4:00 PM – 4:50 PM

Sri Aurobindo, the Revolutionary, the Yogi: Gautam Chikermane in conversation with Narendra Murty

5:00 PM – 5:50 PM

Writings about Intimacy and Loneliness:
Shinie Antony in conversation

6:00 PM – 6:50 PM

Women are more than just Baby vending Machines:
Col (Dr) Nikita Naredi in conversation with Parul Sharma



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4:00 PM – 4:50 PM

5:00 PM – 5:50 PM

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Gateway Vagarth

Role of Culture in Making Better Societies:

Cultural Representatives from Districts in conversation with Prabhat Tiwari

General Zorowar Singh, Unbeaten Lion of the Himalayas:

Col Ajay K Raina in conversation with Lt Col Anshuman Agrahri

The Incredible Story of Abhimanyu, Son of Arjun: Anuja Chandramouli in conversation with Anita Sarmah & Bhavya Singh

Those Unsaid Words, A Story of Love: Lt Col Anshuman Agrahri in conversation with Lory Pattanaik

Zen and the Art of Love in Politically Turbulent Times: Shabnam Minwalla in conversation with Devanshi Khetarpal

How POK was Created, a Revelation: Raghvendra Singh in conversation with ex-Amb Syed Akbaruddin

Global Tumult, How India is Navigating it: ex-Amb Sujan Chinoy & Shishir Priyadarshi in conversation with ex-Amb Manjeev Singh Puri



11 Jan

Antarang

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM

How to Feel Proud of Our Bodies:
Dr Shiv Kumar Sarin, Director ILBS in
conversation with Ashok Lavasa

12:00 PM – 12:50 PM

***The Golden Road, How Ancient
India Transformed the World:***
William Dalrymple in conversation
with Raghav Chandra

1:00 PM – 1:50 PM

***General Sundarji, Brasstacks,
Blue Star & Bofors:*** Probal Dasgupta in
conversation with Lt Gen Milan Naidu,
ex-Vice Chief Indian Army

2:00 PM – 2:50 PM

Decoding India-China Relations:
ex-Amb Ashok K. Kantha &
Lt Gen SL Narasimhan, moderated
by Ambreen Khan

3:00 PM – 3:50 PM

***Raja Man Singh, Emperor Akbar's
Favourite General:*** Dr Rima Hooja in
conversation with William Dalrymple

4:00 PM – 4:50 PM

***Frontline Challenges of
Primetime Anchors:*** Navika Kumar
in conversation with Raghav Chandra

5:00 PM – 5:50 PM


Aameen se Aasaan Tak Shabdon ka Aalok,
A Lyrical session on Poetry & Literature

6:00 PM – 6:50 PM

Daastan-e-Shankar,
the Stotras of Adi Shankaracharya by Bharti Dixit

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Valedictory Ceremony including
Award Presentations





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SBI Rangdarshini

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Time Travel Adventures:

Young Prodigy Vaishnavi Anantha
in conversation with Meenakshi Dua

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM

Climbing Mount UPSC and

Civil Service Life: Sajjan Yadav &
K M Acharya in conversation with
R Parasuram

12:00 PM – 12:50 PM

Remembering the Inimitable

Anglo-Indians of India and
***McCluskieganj*:** Vikas Kumar Jha in
conversation with Seema Verma

1:00 PM – 1:50 PM

Our Ecological Crisis and the

***Testimony by Fire*:** Dr Atulya Misra in
conversation with Dr Seema Raizada

2:00 PM – 2:50 PM

Folk Tales from the Himalayas:

Mona Verma in conversation with
Vinita Dhondiyal Bhatnagar

3:00 PM – 3:50 PM


Contemporary French Literature:

Virginie Bouyx in conversation with
Prashasti Dubey

4:00 PM – 4:50 PM

Sexuality, Rebellion and God in

the works of FN Souza: Janeita Singh
in conversation with Dr Meera Dass





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Role of Culture in Making Better Societies:

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Women Leaders: Nidhi Sharma & Minister Krishna Gaur in conversation with Kausar Kidwai

12:00 PM – 12:50 PM

How *We, the People*, shape Our Constitution: Neera Chandhoke in conversation with Shlok Chandra

1:00 PM – 1:50 PM

Cybertech, Space and Geopolitics: Lt Gen M Unnikrishnan Nair & Vivek Johri in conversation with Anirudh Suri

2:00 PM – 2:50 PM


***Kupwara Codes*, the Race to Thwart a Terror Attack:** Maj Manik M Jolly in conversation with Col Sanjay Pande

3:00 PM – 3:50 PM

Contemporary Indian Cinema: Film and Music Directors Vinay Sapru & Radhika Rao in conversation with D J Narain, ex-DG FTII

4:00 PM – 4:50 PM

The Winning Formula, 52 Ways to Success: ex-Union Minister K.J. Alphons & Vineet Nahata in conversation with Rupinder Brar



Cultural Events

9 Jan

10:30 AM – 11:50 AM

Antarang – Ganesh Vandana by Niral Uprit & Saraswati Vandana by students of DPS – Bhopal

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Antarang – Show: ***Daastan-e-Guru Dutt***,
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When Poetry Meets Music:
Chinmayi Tripathi & Joell Mukherjee

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7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Bhopal Heritage Walk for BLF Speakers
curated by Ms Pooja Saxena
(Starting at Kamla Park)

7:15 PM – 8:45 PM

Antarang – Acclaimed Drama: **LOVE LETTERS**,
acting by Sohaila Kapur & Sunit Tandon.
Introduction by Niharika Singh

7:15 PM – 8:45 PM

Bahirang – Show: ***Shaam-e-kalaam***,
Musical Concert: Rajeev Singh & Troupe

11 Jan

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

Visit to **the Tribal Museum** for BLF Speakers
with Ms Pooja Saxena & Tribal Experts

6:00 PM – 6:50 PM

Daastan-e-Shankar,
the Stotras of Adi Shankaracharya
by Bharti Dixit



Student Contests

9 Jan

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Youngrang – STORYTELLING CONTEST
& WORKSHOP by MP SCHOOL OF DRAMA
(For Students)

10 Jan

11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Youngrang – PAINTING CONTEST
(For Students)

11 Jan

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Youngrang – POETRY WRITING CONTEST WINNERS
LIVE RECITATION (For Students)

Exhibitions

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Adirang

TRIBAL ART CAMP: Gond and Baiga &
Other Tribal Artists Camp and Exhibition

Modern Art Gallery

Exhibition of Padma Shri Durga Bai Vyam

College Exhibition Projects

by NID, NIFT and SPA students

Awards To Be Given

Sushila Devi Award for best work of fiction by a Woman Author

Gyan Prasarak Puraskar

Students Poetry Contest Awards

Students Painting Contest Awards

Students Storytelling Contest Awards



Central India Book Launches

- India Reborn, A Civilization's Rebound from Two Centuries of Decline: Prasenjit K Basu
- Democracy with Dharma, The Successful Indian Experiment: Salvatore Babones
- Kuch Yaadein, Kuch Baatein Bhi – My Days with Police: Dr Panna Lal
- Target Asad Shah: Vasant Limaye
- Yunh Hi Chala Chal Rahee: Dr Neelkamal Kapoor



ANTARANG LIVE



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