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**January 22-27 | 2019**

In Association with Victoria Memorial Hall

## SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

#### SON-ET-LUMIERE, VMH

**4.00 pm: Inauguration:** Venkatraman Ramakrishnan inaugurates the 8th Tata Steel Kolkata Literary Meet in association with Victoria Memorial Hall

**4.30 pm: Gene Machine:** Venkatraman Ramakrishnan discusses his recent book with Anuradha Lohia

**5.30 pm: The Book Thief and Beyond** with Markus Zusak: The author on writing for and engaging with readers across the globe. In conversation with Sandip Roy

**6.20 pm: Gandhi and Bengal:** Gopalkrishna Gandhi and Ramachandra Guha discuss the Mahatma's footprints across the state and his presence in Bengal during Partition

#### AFTERWORDS

GOETHE INSTITUT/MAX MUELLER BHAVAN KOLKATA

**7.00 pm: CAITLIN** by Light Ladd and Emberton

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

#### SON-ET-LUMIERE, VMH

**1.45 pm: Kaifiyat:** Shabana Azmi releases Kaifi Azmi's poems on women and love in translation by Rakhshanda Jalil, to celebrate the centenary year of the poet. In conversation with Sangeeta Datta

**2.40 pm: The Forest of Enchantments:** Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni on her new novel. In conversation with Jawhar Sircar

**3.30 pm: Call Me by Your Name:** Andre Aciman on the book, the screenplay, the film, and the sequel In conversation with Malavika Banerjee

**4.20 pm: Windows into History:** Ramachandra Guha and Rudrangshu Mukherjee discuss the craft of biography

**5.10 pm: Life of Yann:** An author's journey. Yann Martel in conversation with Sandip Roy

**6.00 pm: From Russia With Love – and Intrigue and Revolution!** Simon Sebag Montefiore discusses his writings on the Romanovs and the Revolution. In conversation with Hari Vasudevan

**6.50 pm: Jerry Can:** Jerry Pinto talks about how he can and does manage poetry, fiction, Bollywood biographies, and children's fiction all at once

**7.40 pm: Chowringheer Chhaya Path:** Mani Sankar Mukherjee, Srijit Mukherji, Parambrata Chattopadhyay, and Abir Chatterjee

#### AFTERWORDS

#### ICCR SATYAJIT RAY AUDITORIUM

**7.30 pm: Dreamz-Sehar:** A play that explores the interplay between dreams and reality, featuring Pankaj Kapur and Supriya Pathak Kapur

#### WESTERN QUADRANGLE, VMH

**11.00 am: India and the Touch of Tech:** Ravi Agrawal, Charles Assisi and NS Ramnath discuss Aadhaar identity, connectivity, and government. In conversation with Manoj Mohanka

**12.00 noon: Designing your destiny:** Joshua Pollock in conversation with Rishabh Kothari

**2.00 pm: I Spy With My Little Eye:** Sajni Mukerji, Sujaan Mukherjee, and Supriya Chaudhuri discuss the writings of Humphrey House. In conversation with Krishnan Srinivasan

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

### WESTERN QUADRANGLE, VMH

**3.00 pm:** Hungryalists and Revolution: Maitreyee Bhattacharjee Chowdhury on the fiery poetry of the 50s and 60s that sparked revolution in Bengal. In conversation with Jash Sen

**3.45 pm:** Bridging East and West: The Rolland-Tagore letters read today. Chinmoy Guha in conversation with Krishnan Srinivasan

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

### SON-ET-LUMIERE, VMH

**2.00 pm:** Reel Women: Mallika Kapur and Juhi Chaturvedi discuss the glass ceilings shattering around the film industry. In conversation with Sukanya Das

**2.50 pm:** Reading Sita and Draupadi today: Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni and Ambai discuss why the women in the great epics still fascinate us. In conversation with Supriya Chaudhuri

**3.40 pm:** The Nehru Reader: Rudrangshu Mukherjee in conversation with Hari Vasudevan

**4.30 pm:** The Twice Born: Aatish Taseer discusses his new book with Sandip Roy

**5.20 pm:** My Grandmother's Tweets: Geeta Gopalakrishnan discusses the timelessness of Avaiyyar's wisdom in tandem with Bharatnatyam. In conversation with Arun Lal

**6.10 pm:** Beyond History's Icons: Simon Sebag Montefiore and Deborah Baker on how unknown characters and part players make the jigsaw called history complete. In conversation with Ravi Agrawal

**7.00 pm:** Flight and Fiction: Andre Aciman, Vanessa Hua, Leonora Miano and Vu Tran on how immigration, xenophobia, and nationalism play out in today's fiction. In conversation with Sandip Roy. (In association with the University of Chicago and Alliance Francaise)

### WESTERN QUADRANGLE, VMH

**11.00 am:** Acting the Text: Pankaj Kapur and Supriya Pathak Kapur on playing literary characters, and a lifetime of acting. In conversation with Ekavali Khanna

**1.45 pm:** Framing the Court: Bachi Karkaria and Srijit Mukerji discuss the enduring fascination with the Nanavati and Bhawal Sanyasi cases. In conversation with Nandini Khaitan

**3.30 pm:** Taranath Tantrik: Jayant Kripalani and Q

**4.00 pm:** Kama and the Riddle of Desire: Gurcharan Das in conversation with Debnita Chakravarti

**4.50 pm:** O Nodi Re: Anita Agnihotri on her novel Mahanadi. In conversation with Aparajita Dasgupta

**5.40 pm:** Remembering Mrinal Sen: Adoor Gopalakrishnan, Anjan Dutt, and other contemporaries pay tribute to the iconic filmmaker. In conversation with SV Raman

### AFTERWORDS

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**7.00 pm:** CAITLIN by Light Ladd and Emberton

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### OUTRAM JETTY

**7.45 pm:** All aboard with Richard Parker: Boat cruise, where Yann Martel discusses The Life of Pi with Mallika Kapur

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

### SON-ET-LUMIERE, VMH

**2.00 pm:** Once Upon a Short Story: DSC Prize nominee Jayant Kaikini, Tejaswini Niranjana, and Prajwal Parajuly on their short story collections. In conversation with Sukanya Das

**2.50 pm:** Where is home for a Marwari? DSC Prize nominee Sujit Saraf on the depiction of the Marwari story, from immigration to influence

**3.40 pm:** Non-Serious Men: DSC Prize nominee Manu Joseph, Sarnath Banerjee, and Anuvab Pal on things that can't be said seriously. In conversation with Monideepa Banerje

**4.30 pm:** Cinema's new wordsmiths: Anupam Roy and Nirangan Iyengar. In conversation with Shantanu Ray Chaudhuri

**5.20 pm:** THE DSC PRIZE FOR SOUTH ASIAN LITERATURE 2018 AWARD CEREMONY – READINGS BY SHORTLISTED AUTHORS, FOLLOWED BY ANNOUNCEMENT

**6.20 pm:** Aamra Shobai Kobi: Srijato, Angshuman Kar, and Chandril Bhattacharya on being poets when social media turns everyone into published bards and literary critics

### WESTERN QUADRANGLE, VMH

**2.10 pm:** Apni Unki Bhasha: Jason Grunebaum, Uday Prakash, and Tyler Williams on translations and collaborations. In conversation with Alka Saraogi (In association with the University of Chicago)

**3.00 pm:** The Last Englishman: Deborah Baker in conversation with Claire Armitstead

**3.50 pm:** Love Out Loud: Sharif Rangnekar, Aatish Taseer and Sandip Roy on what has changed with the exit of Section 377, and what remains the same. In conversation with Debanjan Chakrabarti

**4.40 pm:** Is This a Good Time?: Sumana Roy and Shuma Raha discuss whether women's stories are different or better today. In conversation with Monideepa Banerje

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

### AFTERWORDS

**7.15pm:** Two Women: Jnanadanandini, Kadambari & Jorasanko: Readings, visuals, and Rabindrasangeet — Aruna Chakravarti, Jayati Ghosh, Minoti Chatterjee, Avereé Chaurey and Sharmila Bakshi

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### CALCUTTA CLUB

Tata Steel Kolkata Literary Meet presents Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short Films

**7.00 pm:** Screening of Maa, followed by discussion with Niranjana Iyengar, the director of the film, in conversation with Shantanu Ray Chaudhuri

**7.45 pm:** Screening of A Happy End, followed by discussion with Adoor Gopalakrishnan, the director of the film, in conversation with SV Raman

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

### CALCUTTA CLUB

**11.00 am:** Republic of Diversity: Ashis Nandy and Sugata Bose in conversation

**11.50 am:** Crazy Asian Stereotypes: Vanessa Hua, Vu Tran, Anuvab Pal, and Rahul Bose on the representation of Asians in popular culture. In conversation with Prajwal Parajuly (In association with the University of Chicago)

### SON-ET-LUMIERE, VMH

**2.00 pm:** Ruskin Bond on The Queens of Crime: Ruskin Bond on Agatha Christie and other great crime fiction writers of the 20th century. In conversation with Malavika Banerjee

**2.50 pm:** Building Bridges: Tabish Khair, Nazia Erum, and Abdullah Khan on the faultlines and convergences of India

**3.40 pm:** The Seven Sisters Speak: Anjulika Samom, Anungla Longkumer and Dolly Kikon speak on writing in the North-East. In conversation with Urvashi Butalia

**4.30pm:** Cinemar Shera: Soumitra Chatterjee, Mostofa Sarwar Farooki and Anik Dutta on moments when Bangla cinema wowed the world. In conversation with Sangeeta Datta (Launch of '100 Essential Indian Films' by Sangeeta Datta)

**5.20 pm:** Freedom Song: Sagarika Ghose, Sugata Bose, and Urvashi Butalia on the centrality of individual freedom within the idea of India. (Launch of 'Why I Am A Liberal' by Sagarika Ghose)

**6.10 pm:** Remembering Ustad Vilayat Khan: Namita Devidayal discusses her biography of the maestro with Hidayat Khan and Shantanu Moitra. Followed by a

short tribute on sitar by Hidayat Khan

**7.30 pm:** Ek Ghadi Aur: Rekha Bhardwaj presents her memorable melodies

### WESTERN QUADRANGLE, VMH

**3.00 pm:** Sunderbans, The Beautiful Forest: Bikram Grewal, Bittu Sahgal, and Sumit Sen discuss the fragile beauty of one of the most unique places on earth. Readings by Sumana Roy. In conversation with Mudar Patherya

**3.50 pm:** Troubled Genius – Manto and Dylan Thomas: Tracing the chaos and creativity of their writings. Eddie Ladd in conversation with Samantak Das

**4.40 pm:** Tracking the Indian Thriller: Vineet Bajpai, Monabi Mitra, and Sirsho Bandopadhyay speak about the growing popularity of home-grown thrillers

**5.30 pm:** Flashpoint Fiction: Tabish Khair, Satya Vyas, and Radhika Oberoi on setting their latest novels against political upheavals. In conversation with Pratiti Ganatra

**6.20 pm:** Green Ink: Malay Roy and Sumana Roy discuss writing about nature. In conversation with Sukanya Das

### GRAVEYARD SHIFT: SOUTH PARK STREET CEMETERY SPECIAL

**4.00 pm:** Mir Nirjane: Readings by Mir

**5.00 pm:** Stories That Spook: Ruskin Bond on his ghost stories. Readings and conversation with Bikram Grewal

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

### SON-ET-LUMIERE, VMH

**11.00 am:** Master on Masters: Amjad Ali Khan on the legends of Indian classical music. In conversation with Arunabha Deb

**11.50 am:** Batashe Baruder Gondho: Manoranjan Byapari in conversation with Arunava Sinha

**12.40 pm:** Has the wow factor left print media forever?: Bachi Karkaria, Pritish Nandy, and Rajdeep Sardesai remember great Indian bylines from Khushwant Singh and Busybee to Cho. In conversation with Arunava Sinha

**2.00 pm:** The Brothers Nandy: Ashis Nandy and Pritish Nandy in conversation with Rajdeep Sardesai

**2.50 pm:** Kalam Recommendations: Amitabha Bagchi and Siddhartha Dhanvant Sanghvi on their critically acclaimed novels. In conversation with Debnita Chakravarti

**3.40 pm:** The Wings of Literature: Mridula Garg, Jason Grunebaum, Rachana Yadav, and Anirban Chattopadhyay discuss the importance of literary journals and translations. In conversation with Malavika Banerjee. (In association with the University of Chicago)



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27**

**SON-ET-LUMIERE, VMH**

**4.30 pm:** Antaheen a decade later: Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury, Rahul Bose, Chandril Bhattacharya, and Shantanu Moitra remember the award-winning hit. In conversation with Sangeeta Datta

**5.20 pm:** Mushtaq Hussainer Darbari: Readings from Srijato and translations by Arunava Sinha, followed by discussion

**6.10pm:** Bangla Sanskritir Ateet Kolkatay, Bhubishyot Dhakay: Moderated by Chandril Bhattacharya

**WESTERN QUADRANGLE, VMH**

**2.20 pm:** The Echoes of Jallianwala Bagh: Amritsar, Kolkata, and the cost of empire. Kishwar Desai and Sugata Bose in conversation with Priyadarshane Guha

**3.15 pm:** **Unscheduled.** Please check [www.kolkatalitmeet.in](http://www.kolkatalitmeet.in)

**4.20 pm:** Textile Tales: The future challenges and the golden past. Rta Chisti and Bappaditya Biswas in conversation

**5.10 pm:** Women and Workplace: Before and after the hashtag: Ambai, Padmapriya, Ghazala Wahab, and Nasreen Khan in conversation with Urvashi Butalia

**AFTERWORDS**

**VICTORIA MEMORIAL MAIN STEPS**

7.30 pm: KALAM Finale: Amjad Ali Khan – Sarod Recital

PLEASE NOTE: The schedule is subject to minor changes.  
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