

DAY 1
21 NOV



21-23 NOV'25
VIDYA DEVI JINDAL SCHOOL

JINDAL LITERATURE FESTIVAL
CRUCIBLE OF CONVERSATIONS

PROGRAMME
HUSAIN LAWN

09:30 AM -
09:50 AM

Inaugural Ceremony

Lamp Lighting

Morning Raga by VDJS Students

10:00 AM -
10:20 AM

Inaugural Addresses

Deepika Jindal - Festival Founder

Amitabh Singh Baghel - Festival Director

10:30 AM -
11:20 AM

From The Royal Kitchens

Tracing the tales from Mughal Delhi and Princely Rampur and it's percolation to the streets.

Pushpesh Pant and Tarana Husain Khan
in conversation.

11:30 AM -
12:10 PM

Nature of Poetry

In a fractured world, poetry bears witness.
Each verse becomes warning and hope.

Sudeep Sen with Sperdha Rathore

12:20 PM -
01:20 PM

Roti Kapda Vaghairā

Tracing the tales of taste and tradition, fabric and fashion through time.

Sohail Hashmi

02:40 PM -
03:20 PM

Bed of Arrows

The weight of duty shapes a hero's path, where sacrifice becomes both strength and burden.

Kush Bhargava with Nikhil Rudra

03:30 PM -
04:10 PM

ज़िंदगी से डरते हो

नून मीम रशीद की जदीद नज़्मों का सफ़र - जहाँ हर मिसरा ज़िंदगी का एक रंग है ।

Amitabh Singh Baghel with
Tarana Husain Khan

04:20 PM -
05:20 PM

Women of Suspense

Unravelling how women writers craft gripping suspense with unforgettable women at the heart of the story.

Hemangini, Richa and Vasundhara
with Payal Raman



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09:45 AM

Echoes

A chorus performance of Hindi and English hits into a mesmerising musical fusion that bridges cultures with every note.

VDJS Girls

Book Release

The Courtesan, Her Lover and I

A story where verses meet velvet and love dares to blossom in forbidden light.

Tarana Husain Khan with I.G. Collinson

10:00 AM -
10:50 AM

The Great Cholas

Where bronze deities gleamed and oceans carried their glory, the Cholas rose as visionaries of power and beauty.

Anirudh Kanisetti with Sameer Sandhir

11:00 AM -
11:40 AM

The Alchemy of Adaptation

Uncovering the creative journey from written word to visual storytelling.

Madhureeta and Vasundhara
with Richa S. Mukherjee

11:50 AM -
12:40 PM

12:50 PM -
01:30 PM

Echoes of Eternity

A contemplative journey through timeless Indian wisdom, following the thoughts that weave our collective spirit.

Pavan K. Varma with
Amitabh Singh Baghel

03:30 PM -
04:30 PM

The Gendered Gaze

Exploring the fluid, complex and ever evolving narratives of gender in literature, media and society at large.

GeetArsh Kaur, Madhureeta Anand
and Pratyaksha with Geetika Lidder

04:40 PM -
05:50 PM

The Fabric of India

Exploring the intricate dance of patterns and forms that have sculpted and continue to shape India's identity.

Abhay K., Aniruddh Kanisetti,
Manoj K. Jha and Pavan Varma
with Jyotsna Mohan



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Tarana

A vibrant crescendo of rhythm and grace - celebrating pure dance through intricate footwork and the harmony of movement and music.

VDJS Girls

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10:50 AM

Book Release

शीशा-घर

ज़िंदगी की कहानी - कुछ अपनी, कुछ ज़हान की,
एक किस्सा जो थढ़कन भी है और दिल का आईना भी।

Pratyaksha with Richa Rudraa

11:00 AM -

11:40 AM

Nalanda

Explore the story of Nalanda - that set the foundation for centuries of innovation and philosophical exchange.

Abhay K. with Chhavi Rajawat

11:50 AM -

12:30 PM

The Art of Being Seen

Explore why and how being seen begins with understanding yourself.

GeetArsh Kaur with Payal Talwar

12:40 PM -

01:20 PM

**Coalition Politics In
Indian Democracy**

A dialogue on the dynamics and impact of power-sharing among multiple political parties in India.

Manoj K. Jha with Pratyaksha

02:40 PM -

03:20 PM

The Untold Kargil Story

A frontline artillery commander shared hidden truths from the 1999 Kargil war.

Lakhwinder Singh with Isha

03:30 PM -

04:20 PM

Pressing Boundaries

Unveiling the saga of fearless journalism - where words became weapons and a voice echoed through the chronicles of history.

Chander Mohan and

Jyotsana Mohan with Reva Rudra

04:30 PM -

05:10 PM

Umrao Jaan

A journey into the world of Umrao Jaan, where tehzeeb, poetry and cinema blend seamlessly, leaving behind a haunting legacy.

Muzaffar Ali with

Madhureeta Anand

05:20 PM -

05:40 PM

Closing Ceremony

Concluding Remarks - Nikhil Rudra,
Advisor

Vote of Thanks - Naina Dhillon,
Advisor



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Sigma Woman

Tale of a small town girl who went on to make her mark on world stage as a poet, author and an artist.

Sangeeta Gupta with Karshna Periwal

12:40 PM -
01:20 PM

Krishna Circus

The expression mythology as reimagined superhero feminism.

Madhureeta Anand with
Geetanjali Sharma

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Performing Art

Kasturi Mrig

Witness a poetic expression of the search for what lies within, told through the timeless art of Kathak.

Shinjini Kulkarni



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High And Hollow

A haunting reflection on inner struggles and the weight of silent battles - Stoned, Shamed and Depressed.

Jyotsna Mohan with Sachi Sahewala
and Sameena Ansari

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03:30 PM

Performing Art

Ishq Rangrez

From the blush of first love to the passion of longing.

Kena Shree

06:00 PM

Performing Art

Strings of Legacy

Melodies woven through expert strings -
An intimate musical encounter.

Pt. Vishwa Mohan Bhatt and Pt. Salil Mohan Bhat



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Beyond The Last Post

A gentle exploration of sacrifice, quiet remembrance
and the renewal of hope - "I am a Soldier's Wife"

Geetika Lidder with Naina Dhillon

03:00 PM-
03:40 PM

ये आयतें दिल की

जो बात बंद के तरे नाम तक पहुँचती है
मज़ा तो आएगा उस बात को बंदाने में

Chandra Shekhar Varma with
Amitabh Singh Baghel

12:20 PM-
01:20 PM

Sargam

Exploring the fundamentals of music through the book -
Masters of the 7 Swars.

Pratyush Gupta

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Performing Art

Rang Sufiyana

A captivating performance featuring Sufi kalaam,
thumri, dadra and timeless Indian songs.

Vidya Shah



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Be A Neighbourhood Naturalist

Unlock the secrets of your neighborhood's nature
through simple observation and discovery.

Anita Mani

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04:00 PM

Wild About India

Explore the rich and vibrant wildlife of India and
deepen your connection with its natural heritage.

Anita Mani



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The Inner Game

Unlocking Your Mind-Body Connection.

Payal Talwar

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Crafting Characters That Linger

Create bold heroines, layered anti-heroes and characters that stay with your readers.

Hemangini Dutt Majumder



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The Power of Positivity

Discover how positive thinking can reshape perspectives and fuel personal growth. Experience techniques that turn everyday situations into sources of motivation and joy.

Aparna Beecham

3:00 PM-
4:00 PM

कविता लेखन

इस सत्र में कविता लेखन की प्रक्रिया को समझें और अपनी लेखन कला को निखारें।

Mahender Kumar 'Sani'





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Poetry Recitation

Experience moving poetry and heartfelt verses.
Showcase your talent or enjoy inspiring renditions.

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Storytelling

Experience captivating stories live.
Share yours or listen on.

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Stand-Up Comedy

Laugh out loud with stand-up acts.
Perform or watch on.

