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11.15am
The Writing Gene
Ravi Subramanian and Anusha Subramanian on inheritance and influence. In conversation with Ruchira Das

12 noon
All That Man Is
David Szalay on his Booker-nominated novel. In conversation with Srilata Mukherjee

12.45pm
India and the Gentleman’s Game
Rajdeep Sardesai and Bishen Singh Bedi on the changing image of the Indian cricket hero. In conversation with Arun Lal

1.50pm
The Best Asian Short Stories
Suzanne Kamata, Wan Phing, Monideepa Sahu and Zafar Anjum in conversation with Sumit Ray

2.40pm
@The Republic – Inside Parliament
N. Ram, Arun Shourie, Sagarika Ghose and Derek O’Brien discuss debate and dissent in politics, in conversation with Avirook Sen (SofiBank special session)

3.30pm
Sealydrama
I. Allan Sealy on Belaidinus and the challenges of historical fiction. In conversation with Supriya Chaudhuri

4.20pm
Royal Stag Barrel Select Short Film Matinee
Sneha Suar, Sujoy Ghosh’s Anukul, adapted from Satyajit Ray’s short story

5.10pm
Directing the Text, Acting the Text
Konkona Sen Sharma on directing Death in the Gunj in conversation with Renu Roy (Srei special session)

5.55pm
Governor’s address

6.30pm
Rupi Kaur in Verse
A poetry performance, followed by a conversation with Jash Sen

7.20pm
@The Republic: Chronicles from the Hills
Ruskin Bond with I. Allan Sealy in conversation with Malavika Banerjee

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11.00am
Yes, Prime Ministers
Jairam Ramesh and Viney Sardapati on their biographies of Indira Gandhi and P.V. Narasimha Rao. In conversation with Gindirilla Dutt

11.50am
Poetry Paradigm: Living on the Edge
with Arthur Cardozo, Joie Bose, Ananya Chatterjee, and Rahul Guha Roy

12.40pm
Mapping Stories
Tiffany Atkinson and Sarah Bower in conversation with Sampurna Chattarji

2pm
Sotyo Ghatana Abalambane – Banglar Goendra Keno
Shudhu Upanyasei Aboddho?
Supratim Sarkar, Srijit Mukherji, and Avirook Sen in conversation with Jayanta Sengupta (Bengali session)

2.50pm
In the Name of God
Ravi Subramanian discusses his new book that takes the thriller into the temple. In conversation with Yajnaseni Chakraborty

3.40pm
Kobita Matinee
Readings by Srijato, Ayan Bandopadhyay and Payel Sengupta followed by a conversation with Nilanjan Bandyopadhyay (Bengali session)

4.30pm
Startup Cities
Zafar Anjum, Avik Chanda and Suman Ghose on whether some countries are more start-up friendly than others. In conversation with Debdan Chaudhuri (SofiBank special session)

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2.40pm  
**The Return**  
Perumal Murugan, Kannan  
Sundaram on Murugan’s  
new work. In conversation  
with Samantak Das

3.30pm  
**Not my Country**  
Kiran Nagarkar, Alok Rai  
and Vikram Paralkar on  
the other India.  
In conversation with  
Shantanu Ray Chaudhuri

4.20pm  
**Story Baazi**  
New ways of telling  
a story, with  
Divya Prakash Dubey  
(Hindi session)

5.15pm  
**Nayi Wali Hindi**  
Divya Prakash Dubey, Satya  
Vyas and Ashish Chaudhary  
in conversation with  
Prati Ganta (Hindi session)

6.05pm  
**Ek Sachchi Jhooti Gatha**  
Alka Sarasogi presents  
her new book. Readings by  
Hussain Haidry, followed by  
a discussion  
(Hindi session)

7.15pm  
**Dastangoi**  
Sunil Mehta and  
Askari Naqvi present  
Ismat Chughtai’s stories

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2pm  
**Shatranj ke Khiladi – from Premchand to Ray**  
Shabana Azmi, Alok Rai,  
Sandip Ray and Suresh  
Jindal discuss the  
book and the film.  
In conversation with  
Balaji Vittal  
(Standiql Chartered Bank special session)

3pm  
**The Republic – Is the Honesty Deficit India’s Biggest Challenge?**  
Nath Ram, Sugata Bose and  
Pavan Varma on the blight  
of scams, in conversation with  
Paroma Roy Chowdhury

3.50pm  
**The Republic – Decoding the Dragon**  
Jeanne Marie Gescher on  
understanding China.  
In conversation with  
Krishnan Srinivasan

4.40pm  
**The Republic – Eleven Gods and a Billion Indians**  
Sourav Ganguly, Vinod Rai and  
Boria Majumdar in conversation  
with Malavika Banerjee  
(Standard Chartered Bank special session)

5.30pm  
**Incredible Indira**  
Sagarika Ghose, Devapriya Roy and Priya Kuriyan on how  
two generations view  
the legacy of Indira Gandhi. In  
conversation with Mudar Patherya  
(Exide special session)

6.20pm  
**The Republic – Lal**  
Jogen Chowdhury, Srijato and  
Fuad Alam on the  
influence of Left thought on  
art and culture in West Bengal.  
In conversation with  
Subhoranjan Dasgupta  
(Bengali session, Exide special)

7.10pm  
**Shooting the Thriller**  
Srijit Mukherji and Arnab Ray in conversation with  
Yajnaseni Chakraborty

Calcutta Club

11am  
**Express Shourie**  
Arun Shourie on a lifetime of chronicling  
and reporting a changing  
India. In conversation with  
Yajnaseni Chakraborty  
(SoftBank special session)

12 noon  
**What is a Poem?**  
Javed Akhtar on verse  
and those who craft it,  
in conversation with  
Malavika Banerjee  
(SBI special session)

7pm  
**Royal Stag Barrel Select Premiers – Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury Presents Maya Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury, Abir Chatterjee and Padmapriya in conversation**

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4pm
Inauguration

4.30pm
A World of Three Zeroes
Nobel winner Muhammad Yunus discusses his new book and the future of microfinance.
In conversation with Subroto Bagchi

5.30pm
Political Violence in Ancient India
Upinder Singh & Mukul Kesavan on history, research and interpretation in India

6.30pm
Remembering and Reimagining Partition
Anchal Malhotra & Urvashi Butalia on how memories of the Partition are being reimagined over the last 70 years.
In conversation with Payal S Mohanka

(SREI special session)

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2pm
Julia Donaldson in conversation
Julia Donaldson discusses ways to get children back to books. Chaired by Ruchira Das

3pm
The Myths are About Us
Devdutt Pattanaik on the renewed interest in the stories of India’s ancient texts. In conversation with Jash Sen
(SREI special session)

3.50pm
Zakir Hussain — A Life in Music
Zakir Hussain & Nasreen Munni Kabir discuss the Ustad’s memoirs. In conversation with Shantanu Ray Chaudhuri & Bickram Ghosh
(Standard Chartered Bank special session)

4.50pm
Leila and Miss Laila
Prayaag Akbar & Manu Joseph on their new novels and a changing India. In conversation with Samit Basu

5.40pm
Manto: The Man, the Stories, the Film
Nandita Das & Nawazuddin Siddiqui on their the forthcoming biopic on Manto. In conversation with Raja Sen
(SREI special session)

Western Quadrangle

2.15pm
Sahitya Jokhon Itihaser Darpan
Samim Ahmed, Mihir Sengupta and Aparajita Dasgupta in conversation with Rituparna Roy
(Bengali session)

4.45pm
Is Magic Realism and Absurdist the Best Way to Capture our Complex Times?
Cristina Sanchez-Andrade, Mercedes Cebrian, Swapnamoy Chakraborty and Vikram Paralkar in conversation with Samantak Das

6.45pm
Black and White
Music and Myth of Women from the Puranas
Devdutt Pattanaik in collaboration with classical pianist Anil Srinivasan

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12.15pm
Jailhouse Rock
Vrinda Grover, DIG Roopa and Sunetra Choudhury on the world of crime, punishment and privilege in Indian jails. In conversation with Yajnaseni Chakraborty
(Telegraph special session)

2pm
Chhotol Golpo Boro Kotha
Short stories by Swapnamoy Chakraborty and Abhijit Taraphder presented by Urimala and Jagannath Basu. Followed by a discussion with Bani Basu
(Bengali session)

3.15pm
@The Republic-Shankaracharya
Pavan Varma traces India’s first spiritual leaders and their current avatars. In conversation with Jawhar Sircar
(Standard Chartered special session)

4.05pm
Inner Worlds
Himanjali Sankar, Sreevatva Nevatia and Anjana Chowdhury discuss the fictional and factual depiction of mental turmoil. In conversation with Arunabha Deb

5.00pm
Philosophy and Imagination
Barbara Cassin, Divya Dwivedi, Shaj Mohan and Patrice Maniglier in conversation

5.50pm
Are the Changes in Europe more to do with Mindsets than Borders?
David Szalay, Mercedes Cabrera, Cristina Sanchez-Andrade in conversation with Alexandra Büchler

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2pm
Small is Beautiful
Chhimi Tenduf-la and Wan Phing on the beauty and challenge of the short story. In conversation with Zafar Anjum

2.50pm
I am Big Brother – Self Censorship and the Writer
Perumal Murugan, Kannan Sundaram, Kiran Nagarkar and Manu Joseph

3.40pm
Junoon
How Bond’s Flight of Pigeons became Shaahi Kapoor’s junoon. Ruskin Bond, Shabana Azmi, and Nafisa Ali in conversation with Balaji Vittal
(SREI special session)

4.30pm
Abastab, Aparichito, Agato
Muhammad Safar Iqbal, Sirshendu Mukhopadhyay and Binod Ghosal on the willing suspension of disbelief. In conversation with Anirban Mukhopadhyay
(Bengali session)

5.20pm
Benchey Thakar Lekha
Anupam Roy on traversing the worlds of lyrics, poems and prose. In conversation with Aparajita Dasgupta
(Bengali session, Standard Chartered Bank special)

6.10pm
Anadaaz-e-Bayaan
Shabana Azmi and Javed Akhtar read and discuss the works of Jan Nisar Akhtar and Kaifi Azmi. In conversation with Alka Sraoqi
(Exide special session)

7.15pm
Meghnad Badh Kabya
Dramatic performance of Michael Madhusudan Dutt’s epic Bengali poem by Goutam Halder and Naye Natua
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11.00am
Hashtag MeToo
Tishani Doshi, Urvashi Butalia, and Shreya Sen-Handley on why India could not take the campaign beyond social media tokenism. In conversation with Piya Chakraborty (Telegraph special session)

11.50am
Writing Places
Mandakranta Sen and Samit Basu discuss geography’s role in literature. In conversation with Yajnaseni Chakraborty

12.40pm
A Muse Called Revolution
Poetry Paradigm (a local group of amateur poets) presents readings, recitation and music to celebrate a century of the November Revolution. Ashoke Viswanathan, Avik Chanda, Debajyoti Mishra and Chinmoy Guha. In conversation with Arthur Cardozo

3pm
My Kabul Years
Nasreen Sattar and Krishnan Srinivasan discuss glass ceilings in combustible Kabul and the expat life

4pm
Poetry Connections
Sampurna Chatterji, Nicky Arscott, Subhro Bandopadhayay, Euriq Salisbury on how poetry links us. In conversation with Alexandra Büchler

5.15pm
A Lens for a Pen
Chirodeep Chaudhuri and Sarah Hickson on the stories that photographs can tell

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1.45pm
Neeti Ebong Arthaneeti
Mohammed Yunus in conversation with Kumar Rana
(Bengali session, Standard Chartered special)

2.50pm
Bringing to Book
Adrian Levy & Sunetra Choudhury on crime, punishment and chronicling sensational news stories in their recent books. In conversation with Manoj Mohanka

3.40pm
Book of Chocolate Saints
Jeet Thayil discusses his new novel with Sandip Roy (Exide special session)

4.30pm
Shesher Kobita Ekhono
Keno Prasongik
Readings by Soumitra Chatterjee & Lily Chakraborty followed by a conversation (Bengali session)

5.20pm
Girls are Coming out of the Woods
Performance by poet Tishani Doshi, followed by a discussion with Anchal Malhotra

6.10pm
Who Fakes News?
Swapan Dasgupta, Mahua Moitra, Aakar Patel & Anikta Mukherji discuss whether it is politicians or the media that produces fake news. In conversation with Sandip Roy (SoftBank special session)

6.30pm
Baithak to Bollywood
Shankar Mahadevan and troupe trace the classical roots of some of Hindi Cinema’s best-loved songs (To be held at Calcutta Club)

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