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**BHARAT BHAVAN
12-14 JANUARY, 2024**

INAUGURAL: FRIDAY 12th, 11:00 AM

Invocation to Goddess Saraswati by Smita Nagdev
Unveiling of Exhibition of Rita Jhunjunwala



Day 1

12 Jan

Antarang

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Invocation to Goddess
Saraswati**

Smita Nagdev and Troupe

Inauguration of BLF 2024

12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

**Making of the series
'The Railway Men' and the
Global Resonance of the Bhopal Story**
(BLF & NETFLIX PRESENTATION)

1:00 PM - 1:50 PM

The Everest Girl

Brajesh Rajput in conversation with
Megha Parmar

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM

**Baat Niklegi Toh Phir, the
life and music of Jagjit Singh**

Sathya Saran in conversation with Vertul
Singh accompanied by Ghazal Exponent
Neena Shrivastava

4:00 PM - 4:50 PM

Bheegi Lakeerein

Rita Jhunjhunwala in conversation
with Dr Meera Dass and
Maninder Kalra



12 Jan Abhirang

1:00 PM - 1:50 PM

Banker and Custodian of Trust

Rajnish Kumar in conversation with Dr Ramesh Shivagunde and Dr Rajan Katoch.

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM

Meanings of Water Places in Past Urban Centres

Dr Sara Keller in conversation with
Dr Susanne Rau and Dr Meera Dass

4:00 PM - 4:50 PM

Bankruptcy and Insolvency Laws and Cases in India

Anant Merathia
Moderated by Shailendra Singh and
Amit Pratap Singh
(BLF PRESENTATION)



12 Jan Vagarth

1:00 PM - 1:50 PM

Patrick Geddes, Town Planning and Environmentalism

Abhilash Khandekar

Moderated by Savita Raje

(BLF PRESENTATION)

4:00 PM - 4:50 PM

Power of Social Media Influencers in Marketing a City

Avinash Lavania, Shashank Shukla, Chinmay Godha, Anand Sharma, Madiha Reshamwala and

Himanshu Bansal. Moderated by Rajeev Mishra
(BLF PRESENTATION)

Bahirang

5:00 PM - 5:50 PM

The Queen of Indian Pop

Usha Uthup in conversation with
Srishti Jha and Sathya Saran

6:00 PM onwards

Pop Queen Usha Uthup

Golden Melodies of Yesteryear,
Usha Uthup Live Performance



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Day 2

13 Jan

Antarang



10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

Gita for Students

Dr Vijay Agrawal and O P Shrivastava in conversation with Dr Ritu Paandey Sharma

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM

The Last Mile

Amarjeet Sinha in conversation with R Parasuram and Ved Arya

12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

Museums as Time Machines

Tasneem Zakaria Mehta
Moderated by Sunit Tandon
(BLF PRESENTATION)

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM

Wildlife Pursuit

Shivang Mehta and Aly Rashid in conversation with Latika Nath

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM

West Asia at War, will there ever be Peace?

Talmiz Ahmad and Pankaj Saran in conversation with Vikram Mehta

4:00 PM - 4:50 PM

Emperor Ashoka, life and legacy

Dr Nayanjot Lahiri
Moderated by Dr Meera Dass
and Dr S B Ota (BLF PRESENTATION)

5:00 PM - 5:50 PM

Pitchside, A Close View of Indian Cricket

Amrit Mathur in conversation with Arun Lal and Shlok Chandra

6:00 PM - 6:50 PM

Influence of Western Classical Music and Theatre on Modern Indian Arts

Sunit Tandon
Moderated by Shailaja Srinivasan
(BLF PRESENTATION)

7:00 PM - 7:50 PM

Vivan Sundaram, The Works of a Master

Pankaj Butalia
Moderated by Rima Hooja (BLF PRESENTATION)



13 Jan

Abhirang



11:00 AM - 11:50 AM

Climate Change

Rivers and Landscapes, Manu Bhatnagar
Moderated by Surendra Kumar Sarda
(BLF PRESENTATION)

12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

World Upside Down, How India is Recalibrating it's Geopolitics

Sujan R Chinoy in conversation with
Pankaj Saran and Shishir Priyadarshi

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM

The Andaman Islands Development

Ajay Saini, Pankaj Sekhsaria and
Vice Admiral (retd) Bimal Verma in
conversation with BMS Rathore

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM

The Spirit of India

Manash Firaq Bhattacharjee in
conversation with Dr Sandeep Shastri

4:00 PM - 4:50 PM

Rani Durgawati, The Forgotten Life of a Warrior Queen

Nandini Sen Gupta in conversation with
Dr Neha Jain and Jyoti Pande

5:00 PM - 5:50 PM

Politics, Victory and Loss

Abhigyan Prakash, Jayshree M Sundar
and Brajesh Rajput in conversation with
Dr Sandeep Shastri

6:00 PM - 6:50 PM

Modern Indian Poetry

Jamshed, Tajender Singh Luthra and
Naina Pachnanda in conversation with
Vertul Singh

7:00 PM - 7:50 PM

Music, Cinema and Art for National Development

DJ Narain
Moderated by P K Dash
(BLF PRESENTATION)



13 Jan

Vagarth



10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

Running a successful Legal Practice, Thrill and Challenges

Anant Merathia in conversation with Shlok Chandra (FIRESIDE CHAT)

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM

Why Liberal Arts matter

Dr Nayanjot Lahiri in conversation with Seema Verma (FIRESIDE CHAT)

12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

Spies, Art & Terrorism

Tarun Mehrishi in conversation with Rishi Shukla and Dr Pradeep Kapoor

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM

Role of Culture in City Development, Case Study Maheshwar

Research Students of SPA Bhopal (BLF PRESENTATION)

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM

Remembering Munshi Premchand

Sara Rai in conversation with Seema Raizada

4:00 PM - 4:50 PM

Pathways to a Dominant and Inclusive India

Dr Ganesh Natarajan in conversation with Rajat Kathuria and Seema Verma

5:00 PM - 5:50 PM

Leading A Life with Purpose

Ved Arya in conversation with R Parasuram and Gauri Singh

6:00 PM - 6:50 PM

Being a Successful Diplomat, what it takes

Ajay Bisaria in conversation with Dr Neha Jain (FIRESIDE CHAT)

7:00 PM - 7:50 PM

What it takes to be a popular TV Anchor

Abhigyan Prakash in conversation with Brajesh Rajput (FIRESIDE CHAT)





Day 3



14 Jan

Antarang

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM

Constitutional Morality

Justice Madan B Lokur
Moderated by Bishwajit Bhattacharyya
(BLF PRESENTATION)

12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

Energy Transition for India

Anil Kumar Jain, Vikram Mehta,
Vivek Dewangan and Pallavi J Govil
in conversation with Rajat Kathuria
(BLF PRESENTATION)

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM

Managing Pakistan Without Getting Angry

Ajay Bisaria in conversation with
Pankaj Saran

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM

India's Five Trillion Dollar Economy, What It Takes

Rajat Kathuria and Raghav Chandra
in conversation with Indrajit Hazra

4:00 PM - 4:50 PM

The Stories Behind Tiger Conservation

Gargi Rawat and Latika Nath
in conversation with Deshdeep Saxena

5:00 PM - 5:50 PM

China, Forever Enemy or Potential Friend?

Jayadeva Ranade and Pankaj Saran in
conversation with Brig. Sanjay Agarwal

6:00 PM - 6:50 PM

In the Language of Remembering, The Inheritance of Partition

Aanchal Malhotra in conversation
with Seema Raizada





14 Jan

Abhirang

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM

History and its Expression in Architecture

The Fort and City of Shahjahanabad, and the Garden Tomb of Humayun, Anisha Shekhar Mukherji and Neeru Misra in conversation with Dr Meera Dass and Saurabh Popli

12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

Cultural Connectivity

Dr Sachchidanand Joshi, C Rajasekhar and Shaurya Doval in conversation with P K Dash

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM

Legends Never Die, Eternal Greats Irrfan Khan and Satish Kaushik

Mayank Shekhar in conversation with Dr Neelkamal Kapoor and Sathya Saran

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM

Resilience, the lives of India's disabled soldiers

Ambreen Zaidi
Moderated by Ranjeeta Sahay Ashesh
(BLF PRESENTATION)

4:00 PM - 4:50 PM

Shivaji, India's Great Warrior King

Vaibhav Purandare in conversation with Nandini Sen Gupta and Dr Sachchidanand Joshi

5:00 PM - 5:50 PM

Is There Any Virtue in Laziness?

Indrajit Hazra
Moderated by Bhaskar Indrakanti
(BLF PRESENTATION)

6:00 PM - 6:50 PM

Human Rights and Protecting the Child

Dr Veerendra Mishra
Moderated by Dr Neha Jain



14 Jan Vagarth

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM

Women Leadership in the 21st Century, An imperative

Gitanjali J Angmo in conversation with Shalini Mahajan (BLF PRESENTATION)

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM

Is Our Constitution a Colonial Legacy?

Arghya Sengupta in conversation with Shlok Chandra

4:00 PM - 4:50 PM

Emotional Intelligence for Enlightened Leadership

Dr Dalip Singh in conversation with Rashmi Bhargava

5:00 PM - 5:50 PM

Sports Marketing, the Billion Dollar Opportunity

Tarun Mehrishi in conversation with Jyoti Pande (FIRESIDE CHAT)

6:00 PM - 6:50 PM

Creating Public Art Places

Dr Sachchidanand Joshi in conversation with Rima Hooja

Bahirang

7:00 PM - 7:50 PM

Rahein na Rahein hum, Mehka kareng The Timeless Legacy of Lata Mangeshkar

Mrudula Dadhe Joshi in conversation with Pankaj Saxena

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Dance Offerings from the Brahmaputra Valley

Kalabhumi Dance group of Padmashree Indira PP Bora and Dr Menaka PP Bora

Award ceremony and Valedictory function



Exhibitions

12 - 14 Jan

Rangdarshini

Poetry as Art

Rita Jhunjhunwala Exhibition

Forecourt, in front of
Tribal Art Gallery

Vernacular Gond Paintings

Exhibition and Demonstration by Radheyshyam
Kherwar of Wasimkhar village, Balaghat

Modern Art Gallery

Permanent Hall of Masters

Tribal Art Gallery

Permanent Adivasi Art

Next to the book store

India Life around water

Exhibition by Dr Sara Keller

Exhibition of projects by NID students

13 Jan

Centre Court

Students Art

Painting Competition and Display





Cultural Events

12 Jan

11:00 AM, Antarang

Classical Sitarist Smita Nagdev

Invocation to Goddess Saraswati

5:00 PM, Bahirang

Pop Queen Usha Uthup

Golden Melodies of Yesteryear,
Usha Uthup Live performance

13 Jan

7:00 AM onwards
(starting at Kamla Park)

Heritage Walk

Pooja Saxena for BLF

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Antarang - Vagarth Forecourt

Bamboo Ensemble from Balaghat

Eco Tunes Live Performance

7:00 PM
Antarang

Film Show

Filmmaker and Critic Pankaj Butalia
presents his film on artist Vivan Sundaram

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1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
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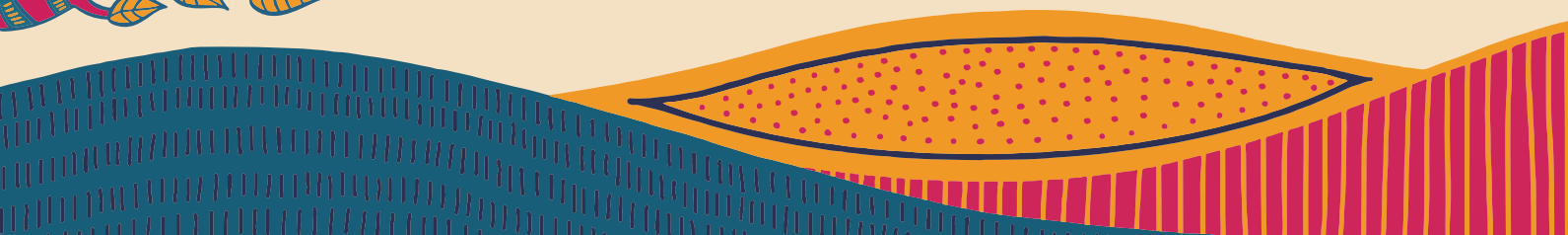
The Timeless Legacy of Lata Mangeshkar

Hindustani Vocalist Mrudula Dadhe Joshi

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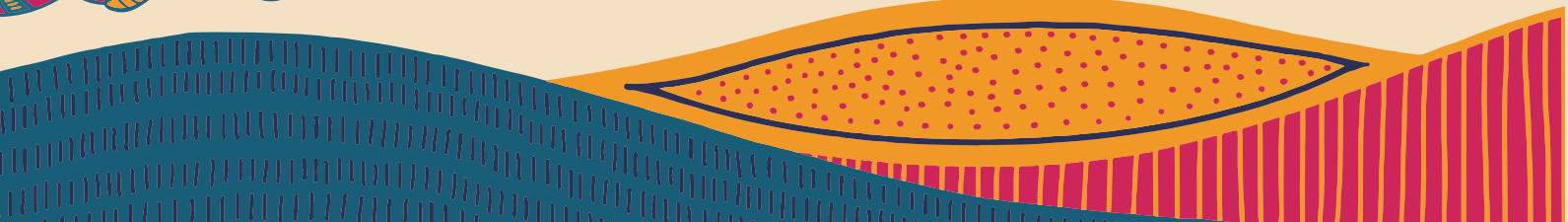




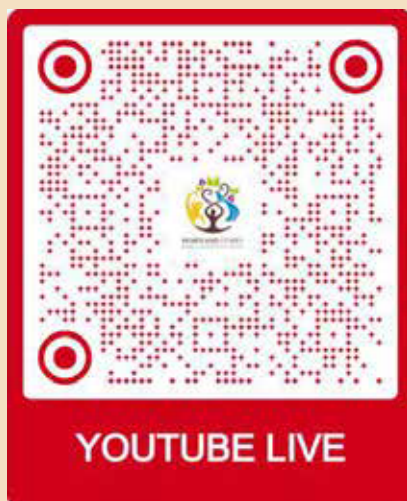
New Book Releases

- **Everest Girl** - Brajesh Rajput
- **Bankruptcy and Insolvency Code** - Anant Merathia
- **The Last Mile** - Amarjeet Sinha
- **Portrait of a Secret** - Tarun Mehrishi
- **India's Pathways to Success** - Ganesh Natarajan
- **Pitchside, A close view of Indian Cricket** - Amrit Mathur
- **Anger Management** - Ajay Bisaria
- **Tiger Season** - Gargi Rawat
- **In Praise of Laziness** - Indrajit Hazra
- **Our Colonial Constitution** - Arghya Sengupta
- **Low Hanging Fruits** - Sachchidanand Joshi

Awards to be Given

- **Sushila Devi Award**
for best work of fiction by a Woman Author
 - **Students Poetry Contest Awards**
 - **Students Painting Contest Awards**
 - **Students on-the-spot Story Telling Contest Awards**
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**All sessions in ANTARANG
Will be streamed Live on YOUTUBE**



**All sessions in ABHIRANG
Will be streamed Live on FACEBOOK**

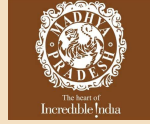


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