

# DAY 02

19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026



Focus : Writings from the Middle East and North Africa



TIME	VENUE	SESSION
09:45 AM - 11:15 AM	RANGGHAR AUDITORIUM	<b>TEA, LOVE AND WAR: SEARCHING FOR ENGLISH ROOTS IN ASSAM</b> Michael E. Ward in conversation with David Mitchell and Ann Poyser
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	CMS 1	<b>THE PROMISE OF INDIA AND ITS PRIME MINISTERS</b> Rahul Jain in discussion with Jaimini Bhagwati
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	CMS 2	<b>THE GENERAL AND HIS CANTONMENT DAYS</b> K Sree Nair in dialogue with General (Dr) Manoj Mukund Narvane on his life and books
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	INDIRA MIRI HALL	<b>THE CHICKEN NECK'S QUAGMIRE</b> Jayanto Narayan Choudhury in conversation with John S. Shils, Tashi Chopel and AVM Arjun Subramaniam on issues around the North East of India
09:30 AM - 11:00 AM	LIBRARY LAWN	<b>MAKING SENSE OF JAL, THAL AND MAL</b> Sopan Joshi engages with students on the environment that we live in



**TEA BREAK**



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11:30 AM – 01:00 PM	RANGGHAR AUDITORIUM	<b>LITERATURE AS AN OASIS IN MENA</b> Ann Morgan takes a deep dive into literature from the region with Shahla Ujayli Mai Khaled, Lana Abdel Rahman Said Khatibi and Abdelaziz Errachidi
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	CMS 1	<b>THE SIX YARDS YARN, &amp; MORE</b> Paramita Satpathy in discussion with Lakshmi Puri
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	CMS 2	<b>IN-DEPTH</b> Nipam Kumar Saikia engages with Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi on his life and his writings
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	SRI SRI ANIRUDDHADEVA BHAVAN	<b>FACT-ION: HISTORY IN STORIES</b> Khandakar Shahin Ahmed delves into the works of Shehnab Sahin, Chitra Viraraghavan Sung-II Kim on weaving tales around historical events
11:45 AM – 01:00 PM	LIBRARY LAWN	<b>HOW GREEN WAS MY...</b> KSPV Pavan Kumar engages with Mahesh Rangarajan and Arupjyoti Saikia on environmental issues
<div>  <b>LUNCH BREAK</b>  </div>		

TIME	VENUE	SESSION
02:00 PM – 03:30 PM	CMS 1	<b>ROMANCING SPANISH LITERATURE</b> Minu Bakshi connects with María Reimóndez Lucía Asué Mbomio Rubio, Susana Sanches Arins and Uxue Alberdi
02:00 PM – 03:30 PM	CMS 2	<b>MURDER THEY WROTE</b> Dhruba Hazarika investigates the detective writings of Krishnan Srinivasan, Vasundhara Jeong You-Jeong and Said Khatibi
02:00 PM – 03:15 PM	SRI SRI ANIRUDDHADEVA BHAVAN	<b>BATTLE CRY: ECHOES FROM THE VALLEY</b> Vizovono Elizabeth recalls WW II through the lenses of Gautam Hazarika and Yaiphaba Kangjam
02:00 PM – 03:15 PM	INDIRA MIRI HALL	<b>THE ENERGY CONUNDRUM &amp; INDIA</b> Narendra Taneja (chair), Talmiz Ahmad Walel Awwad, Krishnan Srinivasan and Kingshuk Chatterjee
02:00 PM – 03:00 PM	LIBRARY LAWN	<b>FROM GRASSROOTS TO THE SKIES</b> Koral Dasgupta in conversation with Neelu Khatri, founder Akasa Air & Madhu Sutodiya, Entrepreneur, Barpathar Tea Estate
<div>  <b>TEA BREAK</b>  </div>		

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03:20 PM – 04:50 PM	RANGGHAR AUDITORIUM	<b>JOURNALISM OF COURAGE</b> Kallol Bhattacharjee investigates challenges in reporting with Sumana Ramanan Wael Awwad and Lucía Asué Mbomio Rubio
03:20 PM – 04:50 PM	SRI SRI ANIRUDDHADEVA BHAVAN	<b>UNQUIET FLOW THE RIVERS</b> Kaustubh Deka in conversation with Arupjyoti Saikia, Uttam Kumar Sinha and Justice (Retd) Subhasis Talapatra on the Brahmaputra and issues around rivers
03:20 PM – 04:35 PM	CMS 1	<b>INSIGHTS: THE TATAS, THE MISTRYS AND THE ROYALS OF JODHPUR</b> Arjun Singh Kadian in conversation with Aman Nath and Yogi Vaid on their experience of navigating the influential
03:20 PM – 04:20 PM	CMS 2	<b>IN-DEPTH</b> David Clémenceau in conversation with Ann Morgan on her literary views of the world
03:30 PM – 04:30 PM	INDIRA MIRI HALL	<b>IN-DEPTH</b> Rakhee Kalita Moral in discussion with Kyung-Sook Shin on her literary genres