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2ND FEB SATURDAY

Inauguration and Book Release: People Called Kala Ghoda	DSL Garden	5:00 pm - 5:10 pm	Inauguration, comments by Hon. Chairman, Kala Ghoda Association, Maneck Davar and Festival Coordinator, Nicole Mody. Release of the People Place Project volume on 20 years of Kala Ghoda with Nisha Nair Gupta.
Archiving Culture	DSL Garden	5:10 pm - 6:00 pm	Nisha Nair Gupta, Nicole Mody, Kaiwan Mehta and Anuradha Parikh with Indira Chandrasekhar discuss the enormities and the nuances of creating and keeping cultural archives.
Literature at Kala Ghoda Arts Festival 2019	DSL Garden	6:15 pm - 6:20 pm	Introductory comments by curator of literature, Indira Chandrasekhar.
Retro/Prospective	DSL Garden	6:20 pm - 6:50 pm	On the 20th anniversary of KGAF, Ranjit Hoskote gives a perspective on literature at Kala Ghoda over the years.
Book Launch	DSL Garden	6:55 pm - 7:00 pm	A major literary release of the year - Gitsha Hariharan's <i>I Have Become the Tide</i> with Ranjit Hoskote.
Turning The Tide	DSL Garden	7:00 pm - 7:45 pm	Gitsha Hariharan talks to Ranjit Hoskote about the fragility of societies in the context of her recent novel.
A National Identity Project	DSL Garden	7:45 pm - 8:45 pm	Charles Assisi and N.S. Ramnath authors of <i>The Aadhaar Effect</i> with Haresh Chawla.
Twenty Readings	DSL Garden	8:45 pm - 9:00 pm	Part of the 20 readings for 20 years of KGAF.



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Speculating Realities- Fiction Crosses Genres	DSL Garden	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Priya Sarukkai Chhabria, Krishna Udayasankar, Rebecca Lloyd and Sadhna Shanker with Indira Chandrasekhar on stepping into and going beyond genre.
3RD FEB SUNDAY			
Being Local while being Global : A literary journey by Dr. Dnyaneshwar Mulay	Artists' Centre	11:30 am - 1:30 pm	An interactive talk, filled with Dr. Mulay's varied experiences on his literary journey.
Discovering the Youth	DSL Garden	3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	KGAF presents young talent. Listen to self-published author Mahika Mukherjee with <i>God's Tears</i> in conversation with Lubaina Bandukwala.
Salute!	DSL Garden	3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	16 year old Aparajita Acharya in her coffee table book <i>Hero of Drass</i> , pays tribute to her father symbolising the armed forces.
Twenty Readings	DSL Garden	4:00 pm - 4:05 pm	Part of the 20 readings for 20 years of KGAF.
Displacements: Assimilation Or Cultural Lacunae	DSL Garden	4:05 pm - 5:00 pm	Rochelle Almeida and Anita Heiss on migration, displacement, diaspora and lost communities.
Displacements: Refugee Tales	DSL Garden	5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	David Herd and Rebecca Lloyd on telling the difficult stories of refugees in the UK through poetry and prose.
26/11 - The Truths Of Survival	DSL Garden	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Anant Goenka, Hussain Zaidi and Milind Deora talk to Kavitha Iyer about the Indian Express compilation: <i>Stories of Strength</i> .

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The Bombay Plan	DSL Garden	6:45 pm - 7:55 pm	Lord Meghnad Desai, Sanjaya Baru and R. Gopalakrishnan on the unique 1944 plan for development in India.
Text And Script In Art Practices	DSL Garden	8:05 pm 8:45 pm	An image-rich presentation by Jaya Jaitly of her extensively researched compilation, <i>Crafting Indian Scripts</i> , followed by an engagement with contemporary practitioner of calligraphy Zeenat Kulavoor.
Meeting On The Subcontinent: Poets From East And West	DSL Garden	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Alvin Pang, David Herd and Ranjit Hoskote with Sharmistha Mohanty.

4TH FEB MONDAY

Twenty Readings	DSL Garden	5:00 pm - 5:10 pm	Part of the 20 readings for 20 years of KGAF.
Drawing From The Ancient Past Into The Present	DSL Garden	5:10 pm - 6:10 pm	Priya Sarukkai Chhabria leads Mani Rao, Karthika Nair and Mustansir Dalvi on cadence, text, practice and translation.
The Language Of Kutch	DSL Garden	6:15 pm - 7:10 pm	From linguistic lack to aesthetic abundance, Kutch in focus with Vishan Nagda, Madhuri Chheda, Kirti Khatri and Vinod Ganatra.
Where Are The Margins Of Literature?	DSL Garden	7:15 pm - 8:15 pm	Ambai, Urvashi Butalia and Shanta Gokhale discuss writing, translation and subversive spaces of literature.
Rediscovering Hidden Histories	DSL Garden	8:20 pm - 9:10 pm	Ira Mukhoty and Parvati Sharma in conversation with Ranjit Hoskote about discovering fascinating unknown textures of the past.



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Writing And Drawing City Commutes

DSL 9:00 pm -
Garden 10:00 pm

Poetry and image - Karthika Nair, Sampurna Chattarji and Roshni Vyam discuss the rhythms of commuting with Indira Chandrasekhar.

5TH FEB TUESDAY

Get Published!

By Meghna Pant

Artists' 11:30 am -
Centre 1:30 pm

Do you want to become India's next best-selling author? Turn from an aspiring storyteller to a published and successful author.

Twenty Readings

DSL 5:00 pm -
Garden 5:10 pm

Part of the 20 readings for 20 years of KGAF.

Gandhi Between The Wars

DSL 5:10 pm -
Garden 6:10 pm

Srinath Raghavan on the American interest in Gandhi between WWI and WWII. Chaired by Sidharth Bhatia.

Experiments with Truth

DSL 6:15 pm -
Garden 7:15 pm

Tridip Suvrud with his new critical edition of Gandhi's autobiographical tome in conversation with Bernard Imhasly.

The First Call For Non-Violence: Gandhi In Bombay

DSL 7:20 pm -
Garden 8:00 pm

Usha Thakkar and Sandhya Mehta share their discovery of Gandhi's critical time in the city as he shaped his political journey.

Bapu - Ways Of Understanding

DSL 8:10 pm -
Garden 8:30 pm

Atul Dodiya transforms the poetic fantasy of Labhshankar Thakkar, with readings in Gujarati by Atul Dodiya and in English by Naushil Mehta

Gandhi Through Poetry

DSL 8:40 pm -
Garden 8:55 pm

Udayan Thakkar reads his selection of poetry on Gandhi.

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Hope Street Poets

DSL 9:00 pm -
Garden 10:00 pm

Curated with Sampurna Chattarji, five poets in discussion on the urgencies of our time through and in their work: Mustansir Dalvi, Sohini Basak, Arjun Rajendran, Suhit Kelkar, Vinita Agrawal.

6TH FEB WEDNESDAY

Twenty Readings

DSL 5:00 pm -
Garden 5:10 pm

Part of the 20 readings for 20 years of KGAF.

Defining Boundaries: Northern And Southern Reaches

DSL 5:10 pm -
Garden 6:00 pm

A.S. Dulat, Radha Kumar, Jairam Ramesh in conversation with Neena Gopal on our national boundaries - fragile yet robust.

Resilient Women

DSL 6:00 pm -
Garden 6:50 pm

Reshma Qureshi and Tania Singh from *Make Love Not Scars* and Manjima Bhattacharya talk to Meghna Pant. Is fashion exploitation or redemption?

Book Launch

DSL 6:50 pm -
Garden 7:00 pm

Feed our indulgences with two new publications: Pooja Dhingra; Komala Sista Rao accompanied by Arati Rao-Shetty and Suneeta Rao.

Cooking Up A Storm

DSL 7:00 pm -
Garden 8:00 pm

Komala Sista Rao, Maria Goretti, Tara Deshpande-Tennebaum, Pooja Dhingra with Aditya Bal take us on a culinary journey across India and the world.

Gendering Caste

DSL 8:00 pm -
Garden 9:00 pm

Uma Chakravarti in conversation with Kalpana Sharma and Varsha Ayyar on the critical interface between gender and caste.



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Marathi Abhivyakti	DSL Garden	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Jayashree Hari Joshi leads a conversation with authors Meena Gokhale, Pradnya Daya Pawar and Pratima Joshi.
7TH FEB THURSDAY			
Your Story-Our Stories... Storytelling By Sonie Thakkar	Artists' Centre	11:30 am - 1:30 pm	Re-frame past experiences, and make a new collective narrative.
Twenty Readings	DSL Garden	5:00 pm - 5:10 pm	Part of the 20 readings for 20 years of KGAF.
Circus And Magic	DSL Garden	5:10 pm - 5:50 pm	John Zubrzycki on the magical domain of <i>Jadoowallahs</i> , <i>Jugglers</i> and <i>Jinns</i> in conversation with Akshay Chavan.
Exploring Nature	DSL Garden	6:00 pm - 7:15 pm	Shubhangi Swarup, Kavitha Yaga Buggana and Sharmistha Mohanty discuss with Karthika V.K., their deeply sensitive explorations of nature through fiction, memoir, essay and genres that cross barriers.
Rhythms Of Women Of The Soil	DSL Garden	7:30 pm - 8:15 pm	Anjali Purohit talks to Namita Waikar: Grindmill Songs, the Ovis of Bahinabai Choudhary and the farmers' long march for justice.
Twenty Readings: Usawa Literary Review And Poetrywala	DSL Garden	8:20 pm - 8:40 pm	With editors Lavanya Shanbhogue Arvind and Smita Sahay, prose readings as part of the 20 readings for 20 years of Kala Ghoda. Poetry selected by Hemant Divate, Poetrywala.

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City Connections: SheThePeople.tv	DSL Garden	8:45 pm - 10:00 pm	Kala Ghoda Arts Festival joins hands with SheThePeople.TV for this session on women in conflict zones: Rashmi Saksena, Teresa Rehman in conversation with Kiran Manral.
8TH FEB FRIDAY			
The ocean in a drop - A Haiku Writing Workshop by Neha Bahuguna	BNHS Auditorium	3.00 pm - 5.00 pm	Haiku writing workshop.
Twenty Readings	DSL Garden	5:00 pm - 5:05 pm	Part of the 20 readings for 20 years of KGAF.
Crime Stories - Real Life And Fiction	DSL Garden	5:05 pm - 5:45 pm	Anoop Sonii and Oswald Pereira with Kalpana Swaminathan.
Agents Of Infinite Variety	DSL Garden	5:45 pm - 6:20 pm	Madhavi Menon and Paromita Vohra in conversation with Samhita Ami.
Shakespeare Goes Desi	DSL Garden	6:20 pm - 7:00 pm	Jonathan Gil Harris with Masala Shakespeare in conversation with Supriya Nair.
Web Of Blogs	DSL Garden	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Bloggers Roxanne Bamboat, Protima Tiwary, Shivya Nath and Aanam Chashmawala talk to Yamini Shah on how to keep up-to-date on food, fitness, travel and fashion.
Gujarati Women Poets	DSL Garden	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Salil Tripathi talks to contemporary practitioners Gopika Jadeja, Prathishtha Pandya and Manisha Joshi on the bold new traditions of Gujarati poetry.



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City Connections: Indian Novels Collective

DSL 9:00 pm -
Garden 10:00 pm

Kala Ghoda joins hands with Indian Novels Collective for this session, *Celebrated in Song: Portraits of Women in Fiction and Music*. Vidya Shah's musical performance highlights readings from novels under translation by Priyanka Setia.

9TH FEB SATURDAY

Where The Wild Things Are by Sejal Mehta

BNHS 3.00 pm -
Auditorium 5.00 pm

Using unique, engaging formats to tell travel stories about the outdoors.

Twenty Readings

DSL 4:00 pm -
Garden 4:10 pm

Part of the 20 readings for 20 years of KGAF.

New Fiction

DSL 4:10 pm -
Garden 5:10 pm

Curated with Supriya Nair, Mahesh Rao, Sucharita Dutta-Asane, Manu Bhattathiri and Neelum Saran Gour in conversation.

Twenty Readings

DSL 5:15 pm -
Garden 5:30 pm

Part of the 20 readings for 20 years of KGAF.

Totems, Taboos And Threats

DSL 5:30 pm -
Garden 6:30 pm

Nancy Adajania with Paromita Vohra, Sudharak Olwe, Vidya Kamat and Malvika Maheshwari.

And Justice For More - Section 377

DSL 6:30 pm -
Garden 8:00 pm

Justice Chandrachud discusses the simple yet complex implications of Section 377 and the power of the Indian Constitution in safeguarding society. In conversation with senior advocate Jayna Kothari known for her work on transgender equality.

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Queer Scapes: The Platforms And The Frames	DSL Garden	8:15 pm - 9:00 pm	Salil Tripathi leads Parmesh Shahani, and Sridhar Rangayan in a conversation on just spaces.
Queer Scapes: The Written Word	DSL Garden	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Shobhna Kumar leads a discussion with Raj Rao, Nandini Krishnan and Bindumadhav Khire on writing queer and more.
10TH FEB SUNDAY			
LISTEN TO ME	DSL Garden	3:30 pm - 4:15 pm	Writer and feminist Shashi Deshpande takes us through her deeply insightful memoir.
BOOK LAUNCH	DSL Garden	4:15 pm - 4:20 pm	Samhita Arni leads Krishna Udayasankar, Sharanya Manivannan, Devi Yesodharan and Abhinav Menon in an exploration of the wild new ways to elaborate figures and stories from history, literature and myth.
Imagined Histories: Expanding Myths	DSL Garden	4:20 pm - 5:30 pm	Samhita Arni leads Krishna Udayasankar, Devi Yesodharan and Abhinav Menon in an exploration of the wild new ways to elaborate figures and stories from history, literature and myth.
A Centenary Tribute To Razia Sajjad Zaheer	DSL Garden	5:30 pm - 5:50 pm	Nadira Zaheer Babbar pays tribute to her mother on her centenary year, with readings by Nadira Zaheer Babbar and Juuhi Babbar Sonii.
Nazaakat-e-Kalam	DSL Garden	5:50 pm - 6:50 pm	Nadira Zaheer Babbar, Rahman Abbas and Obaid Azam Azmi in conversation with Qamar Siddiqi.



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UNPACKING VOICES WITH GALLERIE	DSL Garden	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Release of International Gallerie's latest issue with Bina Sarkar Ellias, Chintan Girish Modi, Arshiya Lokhandwala and Shilpa Gupta. Readings by Yuki Ellias.
Twenty Readings: Hakara, A Bilingual Journal	DSL Garden	8:15 pm - 8:35 pm	With editors, Noopur Desai and Ashutosh Potdar, part of the 20 readings for 20 years of Kala Ghoda.
Mee And Juhibaby: A Dramatised Reading	DSL Garden	8:45 pm - 9:05 pm	Actor Susmita Mukherjee's debut novel reveals the struggles and joys of surviving in Hindi cinema.
Seeing Places Through Names And Drawings	DSL Garden	9:15 pm - 10:00 pm	Paul Fernandes, Chicku Jayadeva and Sidharth Bhatia with Indira Chandrasekhar on city nostalgia.

Curator: Dr. Indira Chandrasekhar

Co-curator: Dr. Yamini Shah

Team: Harshita Rathod, Amisha Jain, Zahra Haidery and Vinni Chugh

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Note: All programs are subject to change.