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1ST FEB SATURDAY

Postcards from Mumbai	DSL Garden	5:30 pm - 6:15 pm	Jerry Pinto: Perspectives on writing from the city.
Vir Sanghvi with 'An Indian Pantry'	DSL Garden	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	The Very Best of Rude Food: Vir Sanghvi in conversation with Tara Deshpande.
Book Launch: 'Ullas ki Naav' The Usha Uthup biography!	DSL Garden	7:45 pm	Release of the Usha Uthup biography by Vir Sanghvi and Maneck Davar with Vikas Kumar Jha.
Usha Uthup: 50 Years in Music - A Life!	DSL Garden	8:00 pm - 9:30 pm	The Usha Uthup Story. Usha and her biographer in Hindi, Vikas Kumar Jha in conversation with Vir Sanghvi.

2ND FEB SUNDAY

Book Launch: 'The Heritage Handbook - Mumbai Fort'	DSL Garden	2:30 pm	With the collaborating partners Nisha Nair - People Place Project, Bharat Gothoskar - Khaki Tours, Shalini Singh - MMRHCS.
Fort Mumbai - A Heritage Story	DSL Garden	2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Nisha Nair - People Place Project, Bharat Gothoskar - Khaki Tours, and MMRDA's conservation architects Shalini Singh and Abhijit Ekbote share their knowledge and enthusiasm for one of the City's heritage districts.
Architectural Spaces and Their Impact	DSL Garden	3:00 pm - 3:45 pm	Suha Riyaz Khopatkar with 'Just Give Me Some Space' and Martina Spies with 'Playtime' in conversation with Samhita Arni.



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U.R. Ananthamurthy: 'A Life in the World'

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Garden 4:00 pm -
4:40 pm

Chandan Gowda on his conversations with URA: with Vanamala Viswanatha and Indira Chandrasekhar followed by readings in Kannada and English from 'Bara'; with support from the Azim Premji University.

Chandrabas Choudhury's 'China Dragon'

DSL
Garden 4:45 pm -
5:15 pm

Chandrabas Choudhury and Rupesh Pai in conversation with James Brunner.

Book launch: Kaifi Azmi Poems | Nazms

DSL
Garden 5:30 pm -

Shabana Azmi, Javed Akhtar, and Sudeep Sen release Kaifi Azmi's birth centenary volume.

To celebrate the birth centenary of a poet: Kaifi Azmi

DSL
Garden 5:30 pm -
6:45 pm

Shabana Azmi, Javed Akhtar, Sumantra Ghosal, Pritish Nandy and Sudeep Sen talk to Danish Husain about a literary and poetic legacy on Kaifi Azmi's birth centenary.

Past Participants: Translating the Ancients with The Murty Classical Library of India, curated with Samhita Arni

DSL
Garden 7:00 pm -
8:30 pm

Why the ancients today: Indira Viswanathan Peterson, Vanamala Viswanatha and V Narayana Rao in conversation with Samhita Arni with an introduction to the MCLI by Sharmila Sen; supported by MCLI.

Oral Traditions: why and how we tell stories

DSL
Garden 8:30 pm -
10:00 pm

Anjali Purohit leads a conversation on multiple traditional forms: Usha Venkataraman with the Mumbai Story Tellers Society, Laura Simms with her American traditions, the Maharashtrian forms explored through the voice of Neela Bhagwat.

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3RD FEB MONDAY

**The Sahitya Akademi's
Modern English Poetry by
Young Indians**

DSL 3:30 pm -
Garden 4:30 pm

Editor Sudeep Sen with the city's contributors to the anthology: Gayatri Chawla, Barnali Ray Shukla, Rochelle Potkar, Mihir Chitre, Smeetha Bhoumik, Paresh Tiwari, Jennifer Robertson.

Poets Voices

DSL 4:30 pm -
Garden 5:15 pm

Sudeep Sen, Ashwani Kumar and Bina Sarkar Ellias with Vinita Agrawal.

**Poetry from the North East
curated by Ashwani Kumar**

DSL 5:15 pm -
Garden 6:15 pm

Mamang Dai, Nilim Kumar, Robin Ngangom with Ashwani Kumar, supported by the Sahitya Akademi.

**Book launch: New poetry
collections from Adil
Jussawalla, Priya Sarukkai
Chabria, Sharmistha Mohanty**

DSL 6:15 pm
Garden

Adil Jussawalla's 'Shorelines', Priya Sarukkai Chabria's 'Calling Over Water', Sharmistha Mohanty's 'The Gods Came Afterwords'.

The Gods and The Waters

DSL 6:15 pm -
Garden 7:15 pm

Readings: Priya Sarukkai Chabria with 'Calling Over Water', Sharmistha Mohanty with 'The Gods Came Afterwords' and Mustansir Dalvi from Adil Jussawalla's 'Shorelines'.

**Discriminations: Race,
Profession, Caste, Colour**

DSL 7:15 pm -
Garden 8:00 pm

Edward Telles, Sameena Dalwai and Dilip D'Souza in conversation with Rafeeq Ellias.

Sholeh Wolpe Performs

DSL 8:00 pm -
Garden 8:40 pm

Iranian/American poet in performance followed by a conversation with Priya Sarukkai Chabria.

**The Poetry Club curates
HOPE STREET POETS I**

DSL 8:40 pm -
Garden 10:00 pm

Ankita Shah brings together a selection of city poets: Ramneek Singh, Hussain Haidry, Trupthi Shetty, Enkore, Scherezade Siobhan, Isha Joshi, Aditya Davane, Saurabh Jain, Bappaditya Sarkar, Mohinder Singh.



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4TH FEB TUESDAY

INDIA IN THE NEW WORLD DISORDER: A Historical Moment

DSL 4:30 pm -
Garden 5:15 pm

Sudeep Chakravarti's 'Plassey: The Battle That Changed the Course of Indian History', in conversation with James Brunner.

INDIA IN THE NEW WORLD DISORDER: The Big Picture, curated by James Brunner

DSL 5:30 pm -
Garden 6:30 pm

Srinath Raghavan in conversation with Praveen Swami, Mani Shankar Aiyar and Tilak Devasher.

INDIA IN THE NEW WORLD DISORDER: The Economy, curated by James Brunner

DSL 6:45 pm -
Garden 7:30 pm

Jaimini Bhagwati and Pranjul Bhandari moderated by Neena Gopal.

INDIA IN THE NEW WORLD DISORDER: Technology, curated by James Brunner

DSL 7:45 pm -
Garden 8:30 pm

Sanjay Kapoor in conversation with Latha Reddy and Arvind Gupta.

INDIA IN THE NEW WORLD DISORDER: Security, curated by James Brunner

DSL 8:45 pm -
Garden 9:30 pm

Srinath Raghavan in conversation with Latha Reddy, Tilak Devasher and Praveen Swami.

5TH FEB WEDNESDAY

Legacies: Reimaginings

DSL 4:00 pm -
Garden 5:00 pm

Reimagining and translating folktales and folklore through a gendered lens with Meghna Baruah (from Assamese), Pow Aim Hailing (from Tai Phake) and Biprajit Bhattacharjee (from Kokborok). In discussion with Arsia Sattar. Supported by Zubaan Publishers.

Legacies: Food

DSL 5:00 pm -
Garden 6:00 pm

Nicole Mody, Zeba Kohli, Saeed Koranne Khandekar and Aman Khanna in conversation with Tara Deshpande.

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Legacies: The Epics	DSL Garden	6:15 pm - 7:00 pm	Free will in the epics: India and Greece with Arshia Sattar and James Brunner.
Tribute: Kiran Nagarkar	DSL Garden	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Naresh Fernandes, Vaibhav Purandare, Yasmeen Lukmani and Padmavathi Rao remember Kiran Nagarkar. With a reading by Padmavathi Rao from Cuckold and Naseeruddin Shah from Arsonist.
Veer Savarkar: The Man	DSL Garden	8:00 pm - 8:40 pm	Vaibhav Purandare in conversation with Supriya Nair.
PEN curates HOPE STREET POETS II	DSL Garden	8:45 pm - 10:00 pm	Vinita Agrawal brings together a selection of poets from the city and beyond: Anjali Purohit, Mrinalini Harchandrai, Suhit Kelkar, Siddharth Warrier, Ishmeet Naggal, Shilpa Dikshit Thapliyal, Pervin Saket, Smitha Agarwal, Smitha Sahay, Sukrita Paul Kumar, Dion D'Souza, Nadeem Raj.

6TH FEB THURSDAY

A Poet and an Artist in Conversation	DSL Garden	4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Ruby Jagrut and Nidheesh Tyagi in conversation about their collaborative creativity.
Who was Sunanda Pushkar	DSL Garden	4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	A woman from multiple angles: Sunanda Mehta in conversation with Jairaj Singh.
Veer Savarkar: The Man	DSL Garden	5:00 pm - 5:45 pm	Vikram Sampath in conversation.
Manu Pillai with 'Rebel Sultans'	DSL Garden	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Manu Pillai in conversation with Sidharth Bhatia.
Shubha Mudgal and Aneesh Pradhan	DSL Garden	7:15 pm - 8:15 pm	Stories from the world of Hindustani Music, moderated by Namita Devidayal.



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Fiction: Past Lives Future Lives: Priya Balasubramanian and Amanthi Harris

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Garden 8:15 pm -
9:00 pm

The Alchemy of Secrets' and 'Beautiful Place': returning home and what that holds, supported by Westland Books and Pan MacMillan.

Men Writers

DSL
Garden 9:00 pm -
10:00 pm

Tanuj Solanki, Keshava Guha and Abdullah Khan in conversation with Amrita Mahale.

7TH FEB FRIDAY

Jairam Ramesh With 'A Chequered Brilliance'

DSL
Garden 3:00 pm -
4:00 pm

A discussion on the brilliant and controversial VK Krishna Menon with Mini Menon.

India from within and without: The short story

DSL
Garden 4:00 pm -
5:00 pm

Rebecca Lloyd, Janet Swinney and Janhavi Acharekar in conversation with Indira Chandrasekhar.

Urvashi Butalia: Publishing the new India

DSL
Garden 5:00 pm -
5:45 pm

Perspectives on Publishing.

A Body Biography

DSL
Garden 5:50 pm -
6:35 pm

'One Foot on the Ground: A Life Told Through the Body': Shanta Gokhale in conversation with Urvashi Butalia.

Information, Privacy, Citizenship: Aruna Roy and Teesta Setalvad

DSL
Garden 6:45 pm -
8:00 pm

Our Rights! In conversation with Sidharth Bhatia.

The Silence and the Storm: Stories of Violence Against Women'

DSL
Garden 8:00 pm -
8:40 pm

Kalpna Sharma analyses the core of the violence from her 30 years' perspective as a journalist writing about gender. In conversation with Flavia Agnes and Nandita Shah.

Tribute: Girish Karnad

DSL
Garden 8:40 pm -
9:30 pm

An Introduction to Karnad's plays by Arshia Sattar and Padmavathi Rao followed by readings: Shaban Azmi, Naseeruddin Shah and Padmavati Rao

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8TH FEB SATURDAY

Book Launch: Struggles with Imagined Gods	DSL Garden	4:30 pm	A poetry collection by Hemant Divate in translation from Marathi by the head of one of the regions key independent publishers.
Poet and Translator: Hemant Divate and Mustansir Dalvi	DSL Garden	4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Readings from Imagined Gods with exchanges about translation and publishing.
Book Launch: Meher Marfatia's 'Once Upon A City'	DSL Garden	5:00 pm	Release of Meher Marfatia's new book on the city by Gerson DeCunha and Shanta Gokhale.
City in View	DSL Garden	5:00 pm - 6:15 pm	Shanta Gokhale and Meher Marfatia talk to Tinaz Nooshian about revisiting Mumbai localities.
Book Launch: Shanta Gokhale's 'Shivaji Park'	DSL Garden	6:15 pm	Release of Shanta Gokhale's 'SHIVAJI PARK - Dadar 28: History, Places, People' by Gerson DeCunha.
Book Launch: Vijaya Rajadhyaksha's 'A Song of Life'	DSL Garden	6:30 pm	Release of Keerti Ramachandra's translation of Vijaya Rajadhyaksha by Shanta Gokhale, and from Ratna Books - Dinesh Sinha, Sridhar Balan.
An Extraordinary Perception - Vijaya Rajadhyaksha in translation	DSL Garden	6:30 pm - 7:15 pm	Translator Keerti Ramachandra with Janhavi Acharekar and Mangala Sardeshpande on taking Vijaya Rajadhyaksha's work from Marathi to English.
A new Gallerie is launched	DSL Garden	7:15 pm - 8:15 pm	Bina Sarkar Elias brings out the new edition of Gallerie with Swara Bhaskar, Danish Husain, Mina Baghel, Nikita Pathak.
The Indian Novels Collective	DSL Garden	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Translating Tamil: Swarnamalya Ganesh and Salma with Ashwani Kumar.



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9TH FEB SUNDAY

Mental Health: Starting the Conversation with She the People TV	DSL Garden	4:00 pm - 5:15 pm	Shaheen Bhatt and Gurveen Chadha with Shaili Chopra talk about 'I've Never Been (Un)Happier'. Surprise guests may join the panel.
Bikerinis: Wheels of Adventure	DSL Garden	4:00 pm - 4:40 pm	Jai Bharathi Adepalli with 'Road to Mekong' in conversation with Thanush Joseph.
'52 Red Pills': A New Age Playbook to Health and Success	DSL Garden	4:40 pm - 5:20 pm	Eika and Siddharth Banerjee in conversation.
Focus on the True	DSL Garden	5:30 pm - 6:10 pm	Ranjit Hoskote gives a Perspective on our Theme for 2020 through 'Truths in Literature'.
Arundhathi Subramaniam: Perspectives on Poetry in the City	DSL Garden	6:15 pm - 7:30 pm	Arundhathi on the city and its poetry journey, followed by readings from 'Love Without A Story' with Anahita Uberoi and Devika Shahani.
Fiction from the City: Looking In Looking Out	DSL Garden	7:40 pm - 8:40 pm	Rehana Munir, Jane Borges, Richa Mukherjee and Amrita Mahale in conversation with Indira Chandrasekhar.
What's in a Book: Watch a Book Club in Action	DSL Garden	8:45 pm - 10:00 pm	One of the city's most committed book clubs, 'READERS' shares its passion for books and for reading.

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Curator: Dr. Indira Chandrasekhar

Consultant curators: James Brunner, Samhita Arni, Ashwani Kumar, Vinita Agrawal with PEN and Ankita Shah with The Poetry Club.

Assistant Curator: Meera Patwardhan

Volunteers: Harshita Rathod, Amatulla Kanchwala, Kanha Sawlani, Ritik Jain

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Note: All programs are subject to change.