

Dear Member,  
We are turning up the heat this May by providing you with a cool haven from the scorching summer with an events calendar that sizzles.

Kicking off with our **Habitat Film Festival - The Best of Pan Indian Cinema**. The Festival brings to you the award winning and critically acclaimed films of 2023-24 followed by interactions with the film makers, as well as workshops on screenwriting and production. Log on to [www.habitatworld.com](http://www.habitatworld.com) and register within the special Members-only window to avoid disappointment.

In addition to the Festival, there are other great documentaries later in the month including a package of wildlife films that span subjects ranging from biodiversity in the desert, to sea turtles, fiddler crabs and Kasturi, the iconic musk deer. The presence for Q & A's post screening of people from the teams that produced these short films will provide further insights.

Book launches and discussions score highly this month.

**Anurag Maloo** along with his Polish rescuers will share details on the miraculous rescue, a year back, from a deep crevasse on Mt. Annapurna, in a talk *Inside Annapurna*. It promises to be a thrilling account of the heroic rescue and the miraculous revival by doctors who battled to save him.

We are looking forward to having **Tathagata Bhattacharya**, only child of cult Bengali writer Nabarun Bhattacharya and only grandchild of Bijon Bhattacharya and writer activist Mahasweta Devi, to discuss his first novel *General Firebrand and His Red Atlas*.

Delhi is centre stage with book discussions with **Madhulika Liddle** on her book *Delhi: A History in Literature and Firestorm in Paradise* by **Rana Safvi**, a fictional love story set during the days leading up to the 1857 Uprising.

Adding to the Delhi experience is a curated concert *Mehfil: the Delhi Poets* by **Vidya Shah** with **Chandrashekhar Tampi** that showcases the evolution of Urdu language poetry and its relationship to Delhi through poetry and music.

A Panel Discussion on *Driving Engines of India-US Relations after the Elections in India & USA*, with a panel of eminent, informed and experienced discussants is an important talk this month.

The **Nashist** series returns after a gap following the sad demise of K.K. Kohli. The show that he helmed over the years goes on with an evening of poetry and music based on the works of renowned Punjabi writer and poet **Shiv Kumar Batalvi**.

We are excited to be back with the IHC Book Club in its new avatar- **Suitably Booked** - that was announced on social media on World Book Day on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The new Hybrid Book Club allows you to join in from wherever you are on a zoom link. We kick off with an in-person conversation between author **Nilanjana Roy** on her novel *'Black River'* and journalist & writer **Jai Arjun Singh** that will also be live-streamed.

A new initiative on our calendar is **InfraKatha** - a monthly series of conversations on infrastructure. The inaugural lecture is by noted author **Devdutt Pattanaik** on *Mythology And Infrastructure*.

Our other monthly regulars continue. **The IHC Free Book X'Change** is on the first Sunday of the month. This month's **NT Live Broadcast** is *Nye*. Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan is often referred to as the politician with the greatest influence over the UK without ever being Prime Minister. Directed by Rufus Norris and written by Tim Price, the cast includes Michael Sheen, Sharon Small and Tony Jayawardena.

Session 7 of the monthly lecture series, *Trendspotting: Why Things Matter* is on *Rethinking Academia*.

The online GLIMPSES OF CULTURE series with **Benoy K. Behl** is a screening and discussion on *Mamallapuram: Period of Transition*.

Programme schedules are subject to change/cancellation.  
Please call the Programmes Desk  
to seek information on any last minute changes.

## 16TH HABITAT FILM FESTIVAL



MAY 3 - 12, 2024

For more details, and to book free passes, log on to [www.habitatworld.com](http://www.habitatworld.com)  
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### WORKSHOPS

Gulmohar

Sat, May 4 - 9:00am - 6:00pm

A Workshop in Screenwriting by noted screenwriting mentor **Ashwini Malik**, Senior faculty of Screenwriting, Whistling Woods International. Log on to [www.habitatworld.com](http://www.habitatworld.com) to view session details and register. Supported by Niv Art Movies.

Student fee: Rs. 1500 | Non-student fee: Rs. 1800



Sat, May 11 - 9:00am - 6:00pm

A workshop in Film Production. Mentors: **Bauddhayan Mukherji**, Producer, Little Lamb Films; **Sanjay Gulati**, Producer, Crawling Angel Films; **Rahul Merchant**, Distributor & CEO of Runaway-Luminosity Distribution (will be joining on google meet); **Aseem Chhabra**, film curator, New York Indian Film Festival. Log on to [www.habitatworld.com](http://www.habitatworld.com) to view session details and register. Supported by Niv Art Movies.

Student fee: Rs. 1000 | Non-student fee: Rs. 1500



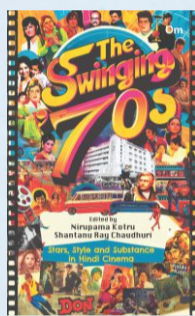
### PANEL DISCUSSION

Gulmohar

Sat, May 4 - 7:00pm

*A turning point, the beginning of a new wave: a conversation about Hindi cinema of the 1970s.*

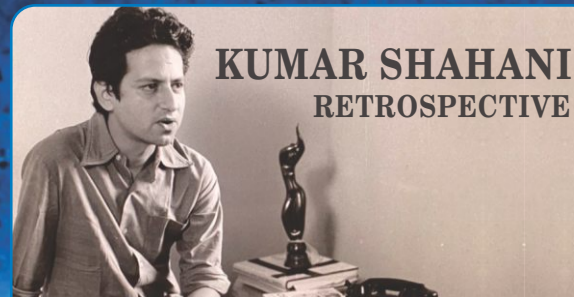
**Panelists:** Avijit Ghosh, Aseem Chhabra, Gautam Chintamani, Jai Arjun Singh, Kaveree Bamzai and Uday Bhatia. In conversation with **Nirupama Kotru**, co-editor of the anthology "The Swinging Seventies". Published by **Om Books**.



### EXHIBITION

May 3 - 12 | Convention Centre Foyer

**The 70s@NFDC-NFAI:** an exhibition of iconic Hindi film posters and publicity material from the blockbuster decade of 1970s. The exhibition is supported by the National Film Archive of India (NFAI), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India.



## KUMAR SHAHANI RETROSPECTIVE

Sat, May 4 - 6:30pm | The Stein Auditorium

*Char Adhyay* (35mm / Hindi with Eng subs / 1997 / 110 mins). The film will be introduced by the script writer of *Char Adhyay*, **Udayan Vajpeyi**, noted poet and translator.

Mon, May 6 - 9:00pm | The Stein Auditorium

*Kasba / The Town* (35mm / Hindi with Eng subs / 1991 / 121 mins). The screening will be introduced by noted actor **Mita Vasishit**, who plays the role of Tejo in *Kasba*. She has also collaborated with **Kumar Shahani** on *Khayal Gatha* (1989) and *Var Var Vari* (1987).

Wed, May 8 - 7:00pm | The Theatre

*Maya Darpan / The Illusory Mirror* (Hindi with Eng subs / 1972 / 107 mins). *Maya Darpan* is **Kumar Shahani's** debut feature. The screening will be introduced by **Roshan Shahani**, long-time collaborator of Shahani. She has collaborated with Shahani on *Tarang* (1984), *Bhavantarana* (1991) and *Kumar Shahani on the River* (2006).



## Women on Record

Presents



LOVE, LOSS AND  
LONGING -  
THE DELHI POETS

A curated concert of Khayal, Thumri, Ghazals and folk music by

## Vidya Shah

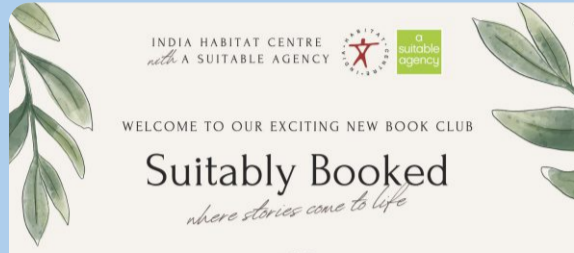
with heritage expert **Chandrashekhar Tampi** - showcasing the evolution of Urdu language and poetry and its relationship to Delhi.

Through poetry and stories around the lives of **Amir Khusrau**, **Quli Qutub Shah**, **Mohammad Shah Rangila**, **Zauq** and **Ghalib** the concert traces the fascinating and rich cultural journey of Delhi. It makes the music, the verses and the language accessible to the audience through a combination of the spoken word and poetry, music, verse and narration.

May 18 | Saturday | 7:00pm  
The Stein Auditorium

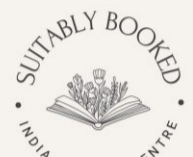
Tickets at Rs. 500 Rs. 350 & Rs. 200, available on [bookmyshow.com](http://bookmyshow.com) & at the Programmes Desk, IHC.

Entry for 5 years & above



## Suitably Booked

where stories come to life



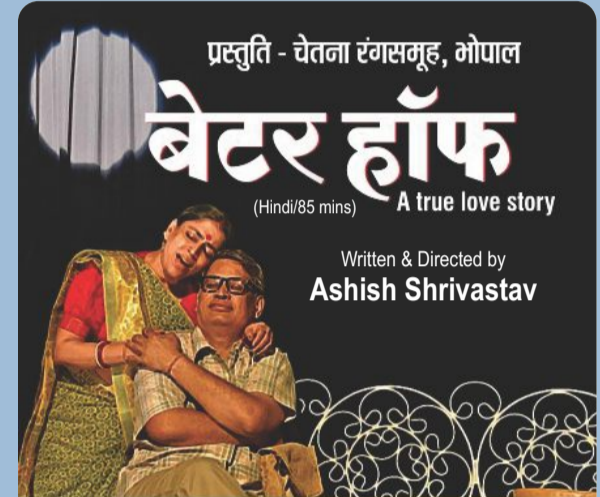
### A World Book Day Announcement

India Habitat Centre and A Suitable Agency are delighted to announce the arrival of **Suitably Booked**—a thrilling new space for authors and readers to meet and interact from anywhere in the world. You are invited to register and become a member!

Our Inaugural Read of the Month in May  
**BLACK RIVER**. **NILANJANA S. ROY'S** ACCLAIMED NOVEL.  
Author **Nilanjana S. Roy** will be in conversation with writer and journalist **Jai Arjun Singh** and the members of **Suitably Booked** on **18th May 2024**, 7 pm onwards, at **Gulmohar, India Habitat Centre**.

**REGISTER TODAY**

HAVE ANY THOUGHTS AND QUESTIONS?  
For queries, please write to us at [suitablybooked@gmail.com](mailto:suitablybooked@gmail.com)



प्रवृत्ति - चेतना रंगसमूह, भोपाल

## बेटर हाँफ

(Hindi/85 mins) A true love story

Written & Directed by  
**Ashish Shrivastav**

Tale of **Prashant** and **Sudha**, an elderly couple whose enduring connection persists even after **Sudha's** passing. In **Prashant's** perception, **Sudha's** presence remains palpable, blurring the lines between reality and illusion, suggesting a deeper spiritual bond transcending mortality.

Prod. **Chetna Rangsamoo, Bhopal**

May 19, Sunday | 7:00pm  
The Stein Auditorium

Tickets at Rs. 350, Rs. 250 & Rs. 150 available on [bookmyshow.com](http://bookmyshow.com) & at the Programmes Desk, IHC.

Entry for 16 years & above

## 'Bairagi Sainik'

(Hindi/60 mins without Interval)

Adapted & Directed by **Sanjeev Johri**  
Written by **Munshi Premchand**

Cast: **Rajesh Ahuja, Sucheta Hota, Vivek, Rekha Johri, Anuj, Ashish Agarwal, Aditi Sharad, Atri Khanna, Roopak Kathpalia**  
Production: **TOY Theatre Group**

May 25, Saturday | 7:30pm  
The Stein Auditorium

Tickets at Rs. 500, Rs. 350 & Rs. 200, available on [bookmyshow.com](http://bookmyshow.com) & at the Programmes Desk, IHC.

Entry for 5 years & above.

National Theatre Live

One man's dream of the NHS

## Nye

(English/120 mins with interval)

Dir. **Rufus Norris**  
Wri. **Tim Price**

Cast: **Michael Sheen, Sharon Small, Tony Jayawardena**

From campaigning at the coalfield to leading the battle to create the National Health Service, **Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan** is often referred to as the politician with greatest influence over the UK without ever being Prime Minister. Confronted with death, his deepest memories lead him on a mind-bending journey back through his life; from childhood to mining underground, Parliament and fights with Churchill.

May 31, Friday | 7:00pm  
The Stein Auditorium

Tickets at Rs. 500 Rs. 350 & Rs. 250, available on [bookmyshow.com](http://bookmyshow.com) & at the Programmes Desk, IHC.

Entry for 18 years & above

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## Beat the Heat

Panko Crumbed Tofu, Raw Mango Salsa  
Prawn Cocktail, Avocado Mousse, Rocket leaves  
Quinoa and citrus fruit salad with Mint Honey Vinaigrette  
Goat Cheese and Asparagus Stuffed Chicken Roulade, Truffle Scented Rice, Corn and Jalapeno Sauce  
Pan Fried River sole, Butter Glazed Baby Potatoes, Citrus Broccoli, Caper Butter Sauce  
Slow Cooked Lamb shank, Saffron Risotto, Red Wine Jus  
Grilled Summer Vegetable Platter with Pesto Hummus  
Lime Flan with Salted Caramel Ice Cream and more...

Lunch: 12:00pm to 3:00pm | Dinner: 7:00pm to Midnight  
To make your table reservations, call +91 11 4366 3318

Wednesday Nights at *The Terrace Bar*

Every Wednesday | 7:00PM to Midnight

**BUY ONE GET ONE FREE**  
on all alcoholic beverages

**HAPPY HOURS | 25% OFF**  
on all alcoholic beverages

Thursday to Tuesday | 11:00am to 1:30pm & 7:00pm to 9:00pm

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## Taste of Summer

Steamed River Sole with Asparagus, Szechwan Pepper, Ginger Soy  
Stir Fried Lobster, Snow Peas, Ginger and Scallion  
Thai Lemongrass Chicken Skewers, Hot Ginger Sauce  
Steamed Vegetable Wonton with Szechwan Oil  
Crispy Korean Lotus Stem, Water Chestnut, Sesame seeds  
Fresh Mango Salad, Jaggery Dressing  
Stir Fried Crispy Lamb, Assorted Bell Peppers  
Stir Fried Summer Greens, Yellow Bean, Chinese Garlic  
Fresh Mango, Vanilla Ice Cream and more...

Lunch: 12:00pm to 3:00pm | Dinner: 7:00pm to Midnight  
To make your table reservations, call +91 11 4366 3315

Choir

## A SPRINGTIME CONCERT

by **Delhi Chamber Choir**  
(English, German, Russian, Spanish, Hindi/ 60 mins)

Dir. **Nadezda Balyan** (Nadya)

An evening of music from the romantic era from around the world accompanied by the classical guitar for the first time!

Prod. **PIANO FORTE School of Music and Art**

May 26, Sunday | 7:30pm  
The Stein Auditorium

Tickets at Rs. 500 Rs. 350 & Rs. 200, available on [bookmyshow.com](http://bookmyshow.com) & at the Programmes Desk, IHC.

Entry for 10 years & above.

Lucky draw winners of 'Comment Cards' at all member restaurants in March 2024

*Congratulations On Winning A Complimentary Meal\**

Restaurant	1 <sup>st</sup> Fortnight	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fortnight
Med	Dr. A.S Vasudev (A-6988)	Dhiraj Vohra (A-7348)
Ann / The Terrace Bar	Lakshmi Narayanan (A-9007)	Dr. O P Bahl (A-5062)
East	Deepak Arora (IN-2298)	Harbhajan Singh (A-6678)

The next time you visit any of our restaurants, don't forget to fill in the Comment Card. You might just win a complimentary meal for two! \*Conditions apply.

## Programme Calendar '24

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### May 2024

**FILMS** 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,17,19,25,31  
**THEATRE** 17,19,25,31  
**MUSIC** 8,15,17,18,19,26  
**DANCE** 2,15,17,22,24,29  
**TALK** 2,5,8,15,16,18,20,21,24,25,26,28,29,31

### 5

**FILMS** **Habitat Film Festival 2024 - The Best of Pan Indian Cinema.**  
 7:00 pm | Illustrated Talk. *Inside Annapurna.* Anurag Maloo along with his Polish rescuers will share details on Anurag's miraculous rescue, a year back, from a deep crevasse on Mt. Annapurna. **Collab. Himalayan Environment Trust**  
 11:00am - 4:00pm | **The IHC Free Book X'Change.** A 'book flea market' where the books are free. A book lovers' 'adda'. Meet fellow bookworms and exchange books and recommendations. Browse and pick up a read of your choice, or drop off books that you may no longer have space for and let others enjoy them. **Venue:** Near the IHC Information Centre.

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### 19

**THEATRE** 7:00pm | *Better Half... A True Love Story* (Hindi/85 mins) Wri. & Dir. Ashish Shrivastav. Prod. Chetna Rangsamoo. **Ticketed show. Check panel for details.**  
**MUSIC** 7:00pm | Hindustani Vocal recital by Dr. Rita Dev. Followed by Flute recital by Pt. Rajendra Prasanna.  
**FILMS** 7:00pm | **Exploring The Unexplored.** *A Sacred Oasis on the Cusp of Change* (2022/ English and Hindi with Eng subs/9 mins) Dir. Deg Rai; *Will Leatherbacks Return to Galathea Bay?* (2021/English/6 mins); *The Mud Pack: Love, Life, and Strife in the Sundarbans* (2020/English/6 mins); *In Search of Kasturi* (2024/English and Hindi with Eng subs/23 mins). Team members from Roundglass Sustain, which has produced these short films, will be present for a Q&A after the screenings. **Collab. Global Wildlife Fair, Wildlife Trust of India and Roundglass Sustain.**

### 26

**MUSIC** 7:30pm | *A Springtime Concert* (English, German, Russian, Spanish, Hindi/ 60 mins) by Delhi Chamber Choir. Dir. Nadezda Balyan (Nadya). Prod. PIANO FORTE School of Music and Art. An evening of music from the romantic era from around the world accompanied by the classical guitar for the first time! **Ticketed show. Check panel for details.**  
**TALK** 7:00pm | **Book Launch.** *Firestorm in Paradise* by Rana Safvi. **Pub. Penguin Random House.** A fictional love story set during the days leading up to the 1857 Uprising. A chronicle of the society, customs and people of those days, ending with the fall of Delhi and the capture of the Mughal empire, signalling the end of an era.

### EXHIBITIONS

#### CONVENTION CENTRE FOYER

April 29-May 3 | *Untitled.* An exhibition of paintings by Yuvraj Patil.  
 17-21 *Relationship* An exhibition of paintings by Anamika.  
 22-26 *Myriad Hues* An exhibition of paintings by Jasleena Kaur & Manjeet Kaur.  
 27-31 *Quintessence - 2* An exhibition of paintings by Kalidas Satardekar.

#### VISUAL ARTS GALLERY

1-5 *Beyond The Frames* A solo painting exhibition by Kamal Devnath.  
 8-14 *Rupantar Multiple Encounters* presents Rupantar five decades of Art & Printmaking.  
 18-22 *Brush 'N' Beyond Speaking* Art Foundation presents a group painting, sculpture & installation exhibition.  
 23-27 *Samagam Art Fest 2024 CanVerse Arts* presents a group painting exhibition by Shyam Sharma, Karuna Jain, Shovin Bhattacharya, Meghansh, Manoj Agrawal, Meenakshi Rajendra.  
 31 May- 6 June | *Images of Jaina Religion, Origin and Development* An archeological exhibition of photo prints and images of Jaina religion, origin and development.

#### OPEN PALM COURT GALLERY

2-5 *Meri Shakti* A solo painting exhibition by Roma Handa.  
 8-14 *Rupantar Multiple Encounters* presents Rupantar five decades of Art & Printmaking.  
 18-20 *Streams of Consciousness* A painting, sculpture & installation exhibition by Prithvi Dev and Divya Mittal.

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**EXHIBITIONS** *Rupantar Multiple Encounters* presents Rupantar five decades of Art & Printmaking. **Venue:** Visual Arts Gallery  
*Rupantar Multiple Encounters* presents Rupantar five decades of Art & Printmaking. **Venue:** Open Palm Court Gallery

### 20

**TALK** 7:00pm | **Panel Discussion.** *Driving Engines of India-US Relations after the Elections in India & USA.* **Panellists:** Amb. Ronen Sen, Former High Commissioner to UK & Amb. to Russia, Germany & USA; Amb. Meera Shankar, former Amb. to Germany & USA; Air Marshal Naresh Verma, former Director General & AOA, Indian Air Force; Prof. Raja Mohan, Visiting Research Prof. Institute of South Asian Studies, National University Singapore; TK Arun, former Editor, Economic Times. **Moderator:** Amb. Surendra Kumar (Retd) Founder President IAFA. **Collab. IAFA.**

### 27

**EXHIBITIONS** *Quintessence - 2* An exhibition of paintings by Kalidas Satardekar. **Venue:** Convention Centre Foyer  
*Samagam Art Fest 2024 CanVerse Arts* presents a group painting exhibition by Shyam Sharma, Karuna Jain, Shovin Bhattacharya, Meghansh, Manoj Agrawal, Meenakshi Rajendra. **Venue:** Visual Arts Gallery

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### 21

**TALK** 7:00pm | **Trendspotting: Why Things Matter.** A monthly lecture series that connects the frontiers of academia, research and thought with issues that matter to people's lives. **Session 7: Rethinking Academia.** India boasts the remarkable distinction of being the world's third-largest producer of research. Yet, startling statistics reveal a deeper truth: as a nation, we have not fully embraced a research-oriented ethos. Join us as we debate the reasons behind the glaring gap between India's research output and ethos.

### 28

**TALK** 7:00pm | Discussion on 'Middle East after Iran-Israel Conflagration'. The Middle East has been in turmoil for some time; it was the region where transnational terror outfits like Al Qaeda and Islamic State germinated and thrived. The region has been mired in conflict for years; Libya, Syria and Yemen are still badly afflicted by internal conflicts, often supported by external powers. Attack by Hamas on Israel on 7th October 23, brought the forgotten Palestine issue to centre stage. Recent attacks by Iran directly on Israel have now aggravated the conflict to a new level, which could have a serious global impact. Discussions by the experts will focus on different dimensions of recent developments in this volatile region and their regional and global impact, including on India.

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### 8

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 6:30pm | **Mandolin Wonders Orchestra.** Performance by Pradipto Sengupta and his disciples.  
 7:00pm | **Book Discussion.** *Delhi: A History in Literature* with Madhulika Liddle in conversation with Rana Safvi, writer and scholar. Delve into how Delhi's history has been covered in literature over the years: the centuries that are missing from the narrative, the centuries and events that are a popular focus of writers in fiction. The veracity of those depictions, the emotions they reflect and evoke, and which works of fiction might stand out as good ambassadors for the Dilli of yore. **Collab. Speaking Tiger Books.**

### 15

**DANCE** 7:00pm | Bharatanatyam by Manju V Nair, disciple of Adayar K Lakshman and Braga Bessel.  
**TALK** 7:00pm | **Nashist: Birha Da Sultan.** An evening of poetry and music based on the works of renowned Punjabi writer & poet Shiv Kumar Batalvi, featuring Dr. Rawail Singh, Kanika Aurora & Sarawjeet Sarv. Music by Punjabi singer, Amit Sharma. **Collab. Impresario Asia.**

### 22

**DANCE** 7:00pm | A dance - theatre presentation by Ritusri Chaudhuri and troupe. **Collab. Nrityakshar Foundation.**

### 29

**DANCE** 7:00pm | Bharatanatyam by Vinay Tiwari, disciple of Guru Dr. Soroja Vaidyanathan and Rama Vaidyanathan.  
**TALK** 7:00pm | **InfraKatha.** A new monthly series of conversations by multi-disciplinary experts who are creating and analysing the infrastructure of the future. Inaugural lecture by noted author Devdutt Pattnaik on *Mythology and Infrastructure*. In collaboration with The Infravision Foundation.

### 2

**DANCE** 7:00pm | *Nrityanubhuti* a jugalbandi of Odissi and Bharatanatyam. **Artists:** Subhasish Acharya, Prasun Sen and his troupe.  
**TALK** 7:00pm | **Book Discussion.** "Gandhi: A Life in Three Campaigns" by MJ Akbar. The book by renowned author MJ Akbar delves into Mahatma Gandhi's leadership during three major campaigns, the Non Cooperation Movement of 1920, the Salt Satyagraha of 1930 and Quit India Movement of 1942. The book highlights Gandhi's legendary traits and virtues. **Dr. Ram Madhav**, President India Foundation, **Come Carpentier** and **Lt Gen Raj Shukla** will discuss the book and Gandhi's life along with the author.

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**TALK** 7:00pm | **Book Discussion.** *General Firebrand and His Red Atlas* by Tathagata Bhattacharya. **Pub. Seagull Books.** A dystopian novel, addressing the nature of power, the limits of rationality, and the dominance of fear. In a world on the brink of totalitarian rule, one man rises from the shadows to ignite a revolution and becomes the unlikely leader of a war of resistance that will shake the very foundations of power. **Sunandini Banerjee** will be in conversation with the author.

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**MUSIC** 7:00pm | *Guru Pranam Utsav 2024.* Hindustani Classical vocal recital by Anirban Bhattacharya with his disciple Siddhartha; Odissi dance recital by Dr. Jyoti Shrivastava & her disciples; Odissi dance recital by Sangini Kumar; Manipuri dance presentation by Theba Devi.  
**THEATRE** 7:00pm | **Dastangoi Double Bill.** *Dastan-e-Partition* (Hindustani/60 mins) Celebrated Actor-Director Aamir Bashir makes his Dastangoi debut with veteran Dastango Darain Shahidi. Followed by *Dastan E Mantoiyat* (Hindustani/40 mins) Performed by Meera Rizvi & Syed Shadab Hussain. **Prod. Dastangoi Collective.**  
**FILMS** 7:00pm | *A Retrospective Series. Kamlabai* (Docu/1991/Hindi, Marathi with English subs/47 mins) Dir. Reena Mohan. Followed by a discussion with the filmmaker. **Collab. Kriti Film Club.**

### 24

**DANCE** 7:00pm | *Stories Of The Sacred Rivers.* Bharatanatyam by Marie Elangovan and troupe.  
**TALK** 7:00pm | **4th Mujeeb Rizvi Memorial Lecture.** Illustrious Hindi novelist and writer Shiv Murti speaks about his creative journey and the role of folk and oral culture in North India.

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**FILMS** 7:00pm | *Slay* (Docu/2022/English/85 mins) Dir. Rebecca Cappelli. The film uncovers the dark side of the fashion industry, revealing greenwashing, mislabeling, and animal cruelty. It offers sustainable alternatives and exposes the reality of today's fashion industry. *Followed by a panel discussion on sustainable fashion.* **Collab. Refash.**  
**FILMS** 7:00pm | **NT Live Broadcast.** *Nye* (English/ 120 mins with interval) Dir. Rufus Norris. Wri. Tim Price. **Cast. Michael Sheen, Sharon Small, Tony Jaywardena.** **Ticketed show. Check panel for details.**  
**TALK** 7:00pm | **Dramatised Reading.** *Young Talents' Night.* Manav Kaul's *Park.* A Walking Art presentation. Conceived and directed by Sohaila Kapur. Produced by Anuradha Dar. **A Three Arts Club & Katyayani production.**

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**MUSIC** 6:00pm | **IHC MEMBERS MEET. OPEN TO IHC MEMBERS ONLY.** Refreshment Service will be between 6:00pm-6:30pm only. **Venue:** The Habitat Lounge.  
 7:00pm | *Mehfil: the Delhi Poets* (Hindi/ 90 mins). A curated concert of Khayal, Thumri, Ghazals and folk music by Vidya Shah with heritage expert Chandrashekhar Tampi. **Ticketed show. Check panel for details.**  
**TALK** 7:00pm | **Suitably Booked - The IHC Hybrid Book Club** in association with A Suitable Agency presents a new initiative where readers can join from anywhere in the world! Nilanjana Roy, author of the genre-defying novel 'Black River' will be in conversation with the writer and journalist, Jai Arjun Singh interspersed with and followed by Q&A.

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**THEATRE** 7:30pm | *Bairagi Saimik* (Hindi/60 minutes without Interval) Adapted & Directed by Sanjeev Johri. Written by Munshi Premchand. **Cast.** Rajesh Ahuja, Sucheta Hota, Vivek, Rekha Johri, Anuj, Ashish Agarwal, Aditi Sharad, Arti Khanna, Roopak Kathalia. **Prod. TOY Theatre Group.** **Ticketed show. Check panel for details.**  
**FILMS** 6:00pm | **ONLINE | GLIMPSES OF CULTURE.** *Mamallapuram: Period of Transition.* Screening followed by discussion with art historian, filmmaker & photographer Benoy K. Behl. **Prod. Doordarshan. Venue:** Zoom.

### WORKSHOP

#### Exclusive Painting and Sketching weekend Art Class by Jasmine Kaur

*Exclusively for IHC members and their dependants.*  
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