

13th Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival commences in a Virtual Edition on 21st January

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Kolkata, 18 January 2022: Oxford Bookstores, today announced the much-awaited 13th Edition of the Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival from **21st January to 23rd January**. AKLF2022 will also mark the beginning of the Centenary year celebrations for the iconic **Oxford Bookstores**. The 3-day literary extravaganza will celebrate the written word with a splendid line-up of authors, journalists, influencers, thinkers, poets, international best-selling writers and Bollywood actors. AKLF2022 will focus on fiction, non-fiction, gastronomy, mental and physical health, poetry, politics, current affairs, parenthood, translations, history, children's and adult literature among other themes, through 24 interactive sessions.

AKLF2022 will be live-streamed on the official Facebook and YouTube handles of the Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival as well as across Oxford Bookstores.

The 13th edition of AKLF would host more than fifty national and international delegates from around the globe. Some of the eminent speakers who will be part of the thirteenth edition of Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival include *bestselling and award winning author* William Dalrymple; *award-winning children's author*, Andy Griffiths; *poet, novelist and journalist*, Jeet Thayil; *filmmaker and writer*, Vandana Kohli; *author, speaker and mythologist*, Devdutt Pattanaik; *columnist and novelist*, Shobhaa De; *French diplomats*, Emmanuel Lebrun-Damiens and Dr. Christine Cornet; *author, journalist and film critic*, Anupama Chopra; *journalist, author and columnist*, Seema Goswami; *film director, screenwriter and actor*, Aparna Sen; *renowned journalist and TV anchor*, Vir Sanghvi; *author*, Dr. Kalyan Ray; *renowned Bollywood actors like* Kabir Bedi, Tusshar Kapoor, Jugal Hansraj; *poet, journalist and dancer*, Tishani Doshi; *eminent journalist and authors*, Sagarika Ghose, Nandini Sengupta, Nilanjana S. Roy, Samrat Choudhury, Sandip Roy; *Journalist, Hospitality and Food blogger*, Sourish Bhattacharyya; *celebrity chefs*, Sanjeev Kapoor and Vikas Khanna; *veteran Indian theatre actress*, Dolly Thakore; *noted writers like* Terri Cole, Shantanu Guha Ray, Saikat Majumdar, Karuna Ezara Parikh, Sudeep Chakravarti, Vivan Marwaha; *celebrity performer and eminent radio jockey*, Mir Afsar Ali; *film director*, Rahul Rawail; *translator*, Arunava Sinha; *French novelist, journalist and historian*, Irène Frain; *global leading holistic health guru*, Dr. Mickey Mehta; *well-known food blogger*, Indrajit Lahiri; to name a few.



Along with marquee sessions, the thirteenth edition of the Festival will also witness the announcement of the Shortlist of the seventh edition of the Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize by jurors, Dr. Alka Pande, Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Priti Paul, Shobhaa De, Kunal Basu and guest jury, Emmanuel Lebrun-Damiens.

About Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival

Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival, India's only literary Festival created by a bookstore and Kolkata's first literary festival, reflects our city's vibrancy of thought, its engagement with the literary world at large and explores literature as part of our tangible and intangible heritage. Celebrate books, music, art, film, and more with the finest creative minds in the nation and globally, as events unfold at the city's magnificent heritage sites. Please visit www.aklf.in to know more.

About Oxford Bookstores

Established in 1919, Oxford Bookstore is one of the oldest heritage bookstores of the nation. It is India's only bookstore to curate multiple literary festivals like Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival, Apeejay Bangla Sahitya Utsob and Hindi Sahitya Utsav. The Oxford Bookstore not only offers book lovers access to the very best books and ambience, but also India's first of its kind tea boutique, Cha Bar. At Oxford Bookstores, success is measured by the smiles on millions of happy readers that the brand has served over the last 100 years. Each time you walk into our iconic store in Kolkata, its old-world charm leaves you enchanted and desiring for more. Our fleet of 'happy to help' the knowledgeable booksellers and conversant hosts, work round the clock to bring to our vendees and world-class reading experience. Be it through our books or our fine teas we abide by the brand's motto – Much more than a bookstore – at every Bookstore.

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