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ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival 10@10 #10 Speakers10Weeks

- To celebrate its 10th anniversary, ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival will announce 10 speakers every week for 10 weeks every Tuesday at 6.00pm (IST).
- These announcements will reveal the names of some of the world's greatest writers and thinkers set to appear at the Festival in January and will be made from Tuesday 18 October to Tuesday 20 December.
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Tuesday 22 November - The seventh ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival 2017 10@10

2017 marks ten years of the ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival and its meteoric rise from a small gem of an idea to the world's largest free literary festival, having hosted more than 1300 speakers over the past decade.

Frequently described as 'the greatest literary show on Earth', the ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival 2017 will take place between 19 and 23 January 2017 in its beautiful home at the historic Diggri Palace Hotel in Jaipur.

The Festival expects to welcome over 250 authors, thinkers, politicians, journalists, and popular culture icons to Jaipur this coming January. Equity and democracy run through the Festival's veins, placing some of the world's greatest wordsmiths and intellects from all walks of life together on stage.



Today, the seventh set of 10 speakers appearing at the ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival 2017 were announced as:

1. Gulzar is a poet, filmmaker, lyricist and writer. Born in Jhelum, now in Pakistan, he spent his childhood in Delhi and later moved to Bombay, to a celebrated career in films. His creative repertoire includes poems, short stories, scripts, ballets, music albums as well as books for children. His works have been translated into many languages and received national and international acclaim. He is a seven-time recipient of the prestigious National Award as well as 21 Filmfare Awards, the 2002 Sahitya Akademi Award for Best Urdu Writer, the Padma Bhushan in 2004, the 2009 Academy Award for Best Original Song ('Jai Ho' in *Slumdog Millionaire*), the 2012 Indira Gandhi National Integration Award, the 2013 Dada Saheb Phalke Award as well as a degree of Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) from the University of Kolkata in 2015.

2. C.P. Deval is an eminent Rajasthani writer. He has written a number of poetry collections and short stories and translated world classics such as Dostoyevsky's 'Crime and Punishment' and Samuel Beckett's 'Waiting for Godot'. For his noted contribution in Rajasthani and Hindi, he has been honoured with the Sahitya Akademi Award for his Rajasthani poetry collection, PAgI and the Padma Shri by the Government of India in 2011.

3. Volga (Popuri Lalita Kumari) is a Telugu poet and writer well-known for her feminist perspective and works portraying progressive, modern women, across the fields of novel, poetry, short story, plays and articles. Her first novel, *Sahaja*, published in 1986, which spoke about how marriage can bind a woman, sparked debate and controversy in many newspapers. She won the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Award in 2015 for her short story compilation 'Vimukta Kadha Samputi' in Telugu. Her most recent book 'The Liberation of Sita' has recently been translated into English.

4. Musician, poet, novelist and playwright Kate Tempest has recently been nominated for a Costa Poetry Award for her long-form poem *Let Them Eat Chaos*. Her work includes *Wasted*, *Glasshouse* and *Hopelessly Devoted*; the poetry collections *Everything Speaks in its Own Way* and *Hold Your Own*; the albums *Everybody Down*, *Balance* and *Let Them Eat Chaos*; and her debut novel, *The Bricks that Built the Houses*. She was nominated for the Mercury Music Prize for her debut album, *Everybody Down*, and received the Ted Hughes Award and a Herald Angel Award for *Brand New Ancients*. Kate was also named a Next Generation Poet in 2014.

5. Audrey Truschke is Assistant Professor of South Asian History at Rutgers University-Newark. Her first book, *Culture of Encounters: Sanskrit at the Mughal Court*, was published in 2016. Her second book, *Aurangzeb: The Man and The Myth*, is forthcoming. This will be her first appearance at ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival.



6. **Dr. Suzannah Lipscomb** is a historian, author, broadcaster and award-winning academic. Her research focuses on sixteenth century English and French history. She works on Henry VIII and the early Tudor court, and is especially interested in the intersection of religious, gender, political, social, and psychological history. This interest led to her books *1536: The Year that Changed Henry VIII*, *Henry VIII and the Court: Art, Politics and Performance* and *A Visitor's Companion to Tudor England* and her latest book, *The King is Dead: The Last Will and Testament of Henry VIII*. She is currently writing on religion, gender, and sexuality in sixteenth-century France.

7. **James McHugh** teaches at the University of Southern California where he is a scholar of Sanskrit and Indian cultural history. He has written a book on the history of perfume and smell in South Asia titled *Sandalwood and Carrion* and is now writing a book about alcohol and drinking in Indian history.

8. **Jon Wilson** is the author of *India Conquered: Britain's Raj and the Chaos of Empire*. He has taught Indian history at King's College London since 1999. The main theme of his work is the messiness of real politics compared to the myths that political leaders project. He is currently working on a global history of democratic government during the last 50 years.

9. **Mark Tully** is a broadcaster, journalist and author living in New Delhi. His books include *No Full Stops in India*, *Amritsar: Mrs Gandhi's Last Battle*, *India in Slow Motion*, *India's Unending Journey*, *Non-Stop India* and *Heart of India*, a collection of short stories. He writes and presents the popular BBC Radio 4 programme 'Something Understood' and his second book of short stories is to be published soon.

10. After appearing as part of JLF at Boulder, Colorado, **Vera Hildebrand** will be attending ZEE JLF 2017. She received her MA in Germanic languages and literature from Harvard University and her doctorate in liberal studies from Georgetown University before teaching Scandinavian folklore and mythology at Harvard and at the University of Copenhagen. She has traveled extensively in India, Malaysia, and Singapore to locate and interview women who served during World War II with Subhas Chandra Bose in the Indian National Army in Burma, in alliance with the Japanese as part of the failed attempt to liberate India. Her book *Women at War: Subhas Chandra Bose and the Rani of Jhansi Regiment* will be published in December 2016.

Further information on sessions and more speakers appearing at the 10th ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival will follow over the coming weeks.



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NOTES TO MEDIA PERSONS

Information on **Registration** for the ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival can be found here:
<https://jaipurliteraturefestival.org/registration-2017/>

For **media enquiries** on the ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival, please contact Edelman India:
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About the ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival 2017

The past decade has seen the ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival grow into the world's largest free event of its kind. Having hosted 1300 speakers and welcoming nearly 1.2 million book lovers, the success of ZEE JLF has been astonishing and heartwarming.

Celebrating writers from across the globe, the Festival has hosted some of the best regarded and loved names, ranging from Nobel Laureates and Man Booker Prize winners to debut writers such as Amish Tripathi, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Eleanor Catton, Hanif Kureishi, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Ian McEwan, JM Coetzee, Margaret Atwood, Mohammed Hanif, Oprah Winfrey, Orhan Pamuk, Pico Iyer, Salman Rushdie, Stephen Fry, Thomas Piketty, Vikram Seth and Wole Soyinka, as well as renowned Indian language writers such as Girish Karnad, Gulzar, Javed Akhtar, MT Vasudevan Nair, Uday Prakash as well as the late Mahasweta Devi and UR Ananthamurthy.

Writers and Festival Directors Namita Gokhale and William Dalrymple invite authors from across the globe to take part in the five-day programme set against the backdrop of Rajasthan's stunning cultural heritage and the Diggri Palace in the state capital Jaipur.

Equity and democracy run through the Festival's veins, placing some of the world's greatest writers and thinkers from all walks of life together on stage. All events are completely free and there are no reserved spaces; this egalitarian access is a powerful statement in a country where access to such individuals remains the privilege of a few. On top of all this, people are guaranteed to have fun!

As Time Out said: "It's settled. The ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival is officially the Woodstock, Live 8 and Ibiza of world literature, with an ambience that can best be described as James Joyce meets Monsoon Wedding."

The Festival is a flagship event of Teamwork Arts, which produces over 25 highly acclaimed performing arts, visual arts and literary festivals across more than 40 cities globally, and is produced by Sanjoy K. Roy.

In 2014, ZEE JLF spread its wings beyond the borders of India with an annual event in May at London's Southbank Centre. In 2015, ZEE JLF headed across the pond to Boulder, Colorado where it hosts a similar event every September.

Website: www.jaipurliteraturefestival.org



About Teamwork Arts

For over 25 years, Teamwork Arts has taken India to the world and brought the world to India.

In countries such as Australia, Canada, Egypt, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Israel, Korea, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, UK and USA, Teamwork produces over 25 highly acclaimed performing arts, visual arts and literary festivals across more than 40 cities.

Teamwork Arts produces one of the world's largest free literary gatherings, the annual **ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival**, the **Ishara International Puppet Festival** in New Delhi, the annual **Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards (META) and Festival**, international festivals **Shared History** in South Africa, **Eye on India** in the United States of America, **India by the Bay** in Hong Kong, **Confluence-Festival of India** in Australia, and many more.

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