

Shabdon ke Ujale

कुछ Kavi اور Unki कविताएं

Singhal Iyer Family Foundation (SIFF)

presents

Shabdon ke Ujale: Kuch Kavi aur Unki Kavitaen

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India Foundation for the Arts (IFA)

Poets: Ajanta Deo, Devi Prasad Mishra, Khaleel Mamoon, and Sanjay Chaturvedi

Sutradhars: Ajai Kumar Singh and Ashok Pande

November 19-20, 2022 | Seminar Halls 1 & 2, [Bangalore International Centre \(BIC\)](#)

SIFF and IFA bring to you a two-day poetry festival celebrating the richness of Hindi and Urdu poetry. The festival aims to create space for poetry in the city, bringing poets from across India and delving deeper into their world—of words, rhythms, imagery, and imaginations.

Festival Schedule:

Day 1: *Kavita ki Shaam*

Saturday, November 19, 2022 | 06.30 PM to 08:00 PM

Why does poetry matter? What is its power? Join us for an evening woven together by two Sutradhars, Ajai Kumar Singh and Ashok Pande, where four poets Ajanta, Devi Prasad, Khaleel, and Sanjay share some of their works, while talking about what poetry means to them, how it lights up dark times, and its impact on our lives as individuals and communities.

Day 2: *Kavi se Guftagu*

Sunday, November 20, 2022 | 11:00 AM to 04:30 PM

In four intimate sessions each with the two Sutradhars, the poets throw light on the trajectory of their creative journeys, revelations in their works, their processes, influences, preoccupations and aspirations.

11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Devi Prasad Misra in conversation with Ajai Kumar Singh

12:00 Noon - 01:00 PM

Ajanta Deo in conversation with Ashok Pande

02:30 PM - 03:30 PM

Khaleel Mamoon in conversation with Ajai Kumar Singh

03:30 PM - 04:30 PM

Sanjay Chaturvedi in conversation with Ashok Pande

About the Poets and Sutradhars:

Ajanta Deo is a Jaipur-based writer and poet and has also trained in Indian classical music and Kathak. She has been involved in Hindi literature for the past 40 years and has published four books of poetry and one novella.

Devi Prasad Mishra is a poet, storyteller and filmmaker who has been writing poetry in Hindi for forty years and has published two books. He has also made two documentaries with PSBT. He has been awarded with Bharat Bhushan Smriti Samman, Sanskriti Samman and Sharad Billore Samman.

Khaleel Mamoon (Khaleel Ur Rehman) is an Urdu poet, having published eight collections of poems. He is a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement award by Karnataka Urdu Academy, Karnataka Rajyotsava award, Karnataka Mahanagara Palike award and the Sahitya Akademi award.

Dr Sanjay Chaturvedi is a poet and a doctor. He has been writing poetry in Hindi since 1978, with his works published in 14 collections and his poems translated into many Indian and foreign languages. He is a recipient of Bharat Bhushan and Firaq awards.

Dr Ajai Kumar Singh holds a PhD and DLitt in Hindi. An IPS Officer of the 1974 batch (Karnataka Cadre), Dr Singh has held various posts over three decades of service and retired as Head of the Police Department, Karnataka State. He has two books of poems in Hindi and has translated the works of many Kannada poets into Hindi.

Ashok Pande is a writer, traveller and translator. He has authored one poetry and several travel-books and has published many notable translations from English to Hindi and vice versa, some of which include *Lust for Life* by Irving Stone, *Like Water for Chocolate* by Laura Esquivel, and the poems of Pablo Neruda, Roberto Juarroz, Fernando Pessoa, Yehuda Amichai, among others.

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