

Press Note:

Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival 2015 – Day 3

Event: ‘The Great Indian’ stand – up comedy by Sorabh Pant

Kolkata, 16th January, 2015: Standup comic and author Sorabh Pant marked one of the most entertaining sessions of the Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival 2015. Cracking up on the theme of ‘*The Great Indian*’ Sourabh Pant with his side-splitting sense of humor and lighthearted manner of expression let the audience roll in laughter. Touching upon the Indian scene as a subject to inspire his comedy, Sorabh let the show be a laugh-a-thon for one and all.

About Sorabh Pant: Sorabh Pant is an Indian stand-up comedian and writer. Having done over 250 shows in over 17 cities, he has been rated amongst India's top 10 stand-up comedians by The Times of India. The Bollywood actor Hrithik Roshan has dubbed him as "the funniest guy on stage". In a poll by IBN Live in March 2012, he was listed No. 1 in the 30 most interesting Twitter users in India. Pant released his debut novel 'The Wednesday Soul' in December 2011. His second novel will be released shortly.

About Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival (AKLF):

Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival (AKLF) is Kolkata’s pioneering literary festival. Instituted in 2010 by the Apeejay Surrendra Group and its heritage Oxford Bookstore on Park Street, AKLF grows out of the bookstore’s year round involvement with books, writers & publishers. In the six years since Kolkata saw her first literary festival in AKLF, literary festivals have mushroomed across the country, but AKLF stands apart with its unique identity as the only one with a now 94-year-old bookstore as its nucleus. AKLF offers an atmosphere of warm, welcoming intimacy, favors depth over size, and includes a variety of subjects from history to the environment. AKLF also celebrates Kolkata’s magnificent public monuments and heritage sites as settings for Festival events and eminent literati and cultural stalwarts from across India and overseas join the festival scheduled every year in the second week of January. In 2015 AKLF explores literature as part of our tangible and intangible heritage, a theme that runs through several sessions of the festival. AKLF focusses on younger writers, newer voices and fresh audiences in its ongoing attempt to build an audience for books and reading. Prominent personalities attending will be Hanif Kureishi, Naseeruddin Shah, Charles Allen, John Elliott, Mohammed Hanif, Leila Seth, Michael Buckley, Upamanyu Chatterjee, David Davidar, Shekhar Gupta, Shashi Tharoor, Asish Nandy, Ramachandra Guha, Kishwar Desai, Nabaneeta Dev Sen amongst several others. There are some firsts in AKLF 2015. A heritage literary walk, a literary ‘adda’, a Young Adult litfest for high school students, a bloggers’ meet, a children’s bookfest crammed with activities, even a standup comic for the college crowd and a leadership training session for young teens on importance of character, karma and individual social responsibility™. Add to that our signature heritage site evenings at The Indian Museum, National Library, Victoria Memorial, Lascar War Memorial, in-depth discussions, top of the line authors, thinkers and

performers, and you have a literary experience not to be missed. And all absolutely free for Kolkata and her culture-loving audience.

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