

Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival presents 'Talking Writing: Tomorrow and the Written Word'

A Panel discussion with authors Tishani Doshi, Anosh Irani, Faiza Sultan Khan, Farah Ghuznavi, Rimi B. Chatterjee, moderated by Urvashi Butalia

Kolkata, 10th January, 2013: Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival 2013 hosted a panel discussion on "Talking Writing: Tomorrow and the Written Word" with eminent literati from across borders and genres. Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival as a literary forum has always stressed on the importance of written words and aims to capture celebrate and explore the literary spirit through words, ideas and creativity. The panelists Tishani Doshi, award winning poet, Anosh Irani, Indian-Canadian novelist and playwright, Faiza Sultan Khan, features editor for The Express Tribune, Farah Ghuznavi, writer and newspaper columnist, Rimi B. Chatterjee well known novelist and Professor, Jadavpur University, engaged in a poignant discussion on the future of writing and reading habits.

Moderated by well-known writer Urvashi Butalia, the panelists discussed the advent of new communicative devices, whether the written words and books are fast receding in importance today, and whether it indeed was true that there was less dependence on the resources called 'language' to experience our world around.

About the panelists:

Urvashi Butalia is an Indian feminist and historian. She is the Director and Co-founder of Kali for Women, India's first feminist publishing house

Tishani Doshi is an Indian poet, journalist and dancer based in Chennai. Born in Madras, India, to a Welsh mother and Gujarati father, she received an Eric Gregory Award in 2001.

Anosh Irani is an Indian-Canadian novelist and playwright. Anosh Irani, was born and raised in Mumbai, although he has indicated that he personally prefers the city's traditional English name, Bombay.

Farah Ghuznavi is a writer and newspaper columnist, with a background in development work. An LSE graduate, she has worked for Grameen Bank, the UN and various NGOs, and remains an unrepentant idealist.

Faiza Sultan Khan is the Features Editor for The Express Tribune

About Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival (AKLF) 2013:

A Community initiative by the Apeejay Surrendra Group, the annual literary festival hosted since 2010 in Kolkata is the first international literary festival in Kolkata, a city celebrated for its intellectual depth and cultural heritage. An array of special curated discussions, performances and some of the finest literary events are scheduled for the fourth edition from 9th- 13th January, 2013. A noteworthy literary and cultural representation from across India and overseas will be seen at the Festival, amongst the finest minds from India and overseas. Prominent personalities attending will be Ramachandra Guha, William Dalrymple, Shyam Benegal, Pavan Varma, Yasmin Ali Bhai Brown, Amit Chaudhuri, Leila Seth, Manil Suri, Ruchir Joshi, Onir, Urvashi Butalia, Shobhaa De and Tishani Doshi and several others. Events are scheduled at significant cultural and heritage venues across Kolkata like National Library, St John's Church, banks of Hooghly, Lascar Monument, and at India's finest and most loved 92 year old iconic bookstore- Oxford Bookstore, Kolkata. Amongst the many highlights is Festival's collaboration with the Tibor-Jones South Asia Prize to recognize and encourage new and emerging writers in the South Asian region.

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