## **JAIPUR LITERATURE FESTIVAL**

## 2022

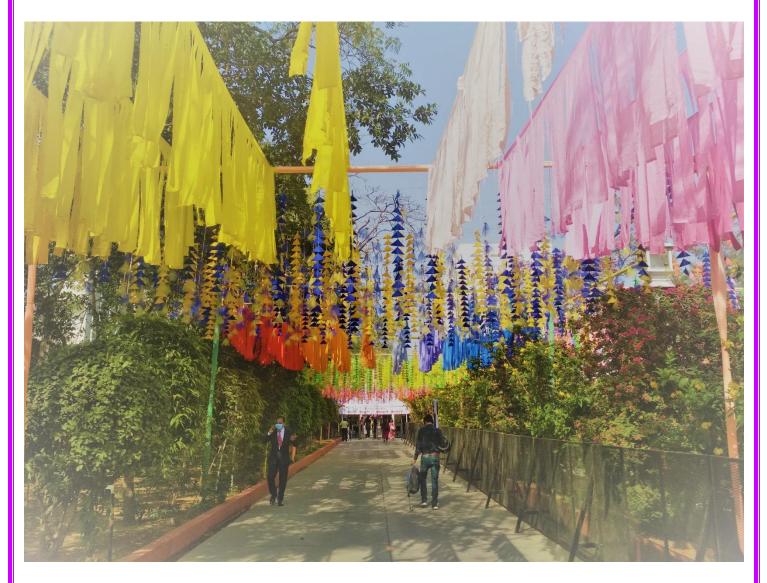


Fig 1. Entrance to the Jaipur Literature Festival

Started in 2006, **Jaipur Literature Festival (JLF)** is the world's largest free literary festival. Although the festival is organized at the Diggi Palace Grounds in Jaipur (India) each year. This year the venue of the festival has been shifted to the Clarks Hotel, Amer located at the JLN Marg, Jaipur. The festival witnesses many writers, artists, celebrities, filmmakers, politicians, and audience from all over the world sharing a common love for books and literature. However, this is not it. There is music, good food, local handicrafts from Jaipur, book stalls, live interactive sessions with writers, an opportunity to talk to them about their books and experiences, ask questions, and engage with them face-to-face. This is a paradise for people who are in love with literature, which is often considered an expression of life itself! If you haven't visited the festival yet, please plan for the programme next year. You won't regret it. I promise! The event usually takes place in late Jan-early Feb every year. The dates were moved to March this year due to the rise in Covid cases.

Jaipur Literature Festival is a 10-day event. This year the festival is conducted in a hybrid mode starting from March 5 – March 14. Sessions from March 5-9 were conducted online and the festival took off in the offline mode since March 10.

The Librarians at the Jaipur campus visited the festival to get a glimpse of the event yesterday. Although the festival is usually free, this year there was a registration fee of Rs. 200 for each day of the event. Each registered participant for the event was requested to wear a mask, carry a photo ID, and covid-19 vaccination certificates to enter the venue.

We entered the venue after the initial security check. The entrance was decorated with colorful streamers – a signature decoration of the festival. The picture above (Fig. 1) depicts the beautiful decoration.

The ground is divided into 3 main sections:

- Festival Information Desk: You can purchase the program schedule from here at the cost of Rs. 10. All the financial transactions of the JLF are online/cashless and no cash payments are allowed.
- 2. <u>Ticket Counter and Festival Bazar:</u> You can collect your badges from the ticket counter after showing your registration confirmation code to the volunteers. You can also collect tickets for Music Nights from here. The festival bazar consists of several small stalls from local artists and vendors displaying their artifacts, handicrafts, clothes, stationary etc.
- 3. **Designated Tents for the Interactive Sessions:** You can attend the live interaction sessions with the authors in this area. It is further divided into 4 different tents (Front Lawn, Mughal Tent, Durbar Hall and Baithak). The food and dining section, book stall and the author signing area are here as well.

If you can't make it to the festival in person and still want to attend it, you can do so by registering for the festival online on the website:

The offline sessions are being streamed online as well. Some of the notable authors and celebrities who are gracing the event this year are: **Suman Ghosh** (Film Director), **Vir Sanghvi** (writer), renowned journalist **Barkha Dutt**, TV actress and politician **Smriti Irani**, **Manoj Bajpayee** (Actor), **Harish Trivedi** (Writer), **Neena Gupta** (Actor), **Vikram Sampath**, **Shashi Tharoor** (Politician), and many more.

You can find the details of the sessions for each day here: <u>https://jaipurliteraturefestival.org/programme</u>

Link for on ground registration: https://jaipurliteraturefestival.org/registration

Following are some glimpses from the event!



Monitors Across the Clark Hotel Grounds to Display Writers Talk About Their Books (Below)





William Dalrymple in Conversation with Cat Jarman (Below)





Rana Safvi in Conversation with Anirudh Kanisetti (Below)





Nirupama Dutt in Conversation with Navdeep Suri and Navtej Sarna (Above)



Film Director Suman Ghosh Discussing His Book on Soumitra Chatterjee (Above)



The Festival Bazar Scenes (Below)









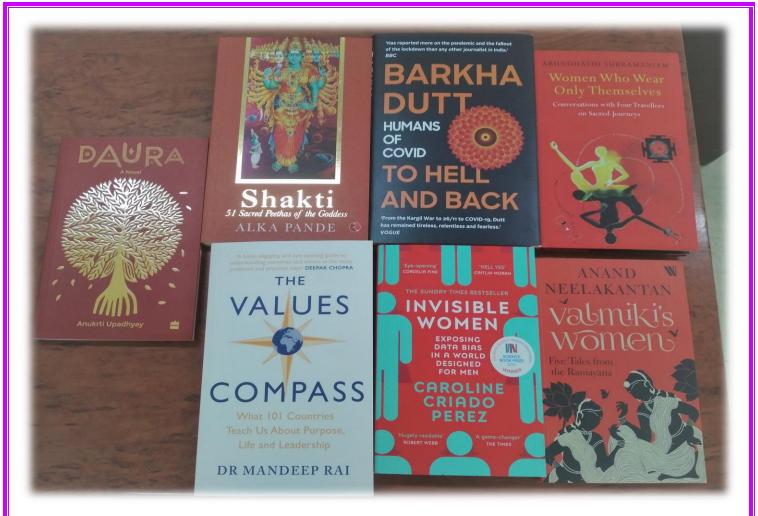












## Some Library Purchases from the Jaipur Literature Festival (Above)





