A very Happy New Year.

The Habitat Lohri celebration is always the headliner event of January. The milestone celebration keeping alive the traditional Festival has been curated by Madan Gopal Singh over the years. This year, in addition to the customary introduction and lead - in sets by *Chaar Yaar*, he brings us **FerroFluid** from Punjab, the new ensemble that is winning accolades for infusing the soul of music from Punjab with contemporary yet rooted iterations.

We dance into the new year with the **AAI Arts Festival** with Kathak duets performed by Gurus and their Shishyas. The month has several more Kathak and Bharatanatyam performances as well as a Margam celebrating Indian languages.

While the highlight of the music events this month is definitely going to be the concert by the three time Grammy award winning, internationally renowned Indian music composer Ricky Kej; the music performances during the rest of the month span an amazing range of genres. From Sitar, Tabla, Harmonium, Flute, Sarangi, Santoor, Violin, and Mohan Veena recitals to Hindustani Classical vocals and Ghazals and Sufi music

The IHC Morning Raga Season in collaboration with ITC Sangeet Research Academy continues with a Sitar recital by Ayan Sengupta, accompanied on the Tabla by Ashoke Mukherjee.

Talks and discussions at IHC continue to engage audiences with authors and topics that are topical and thought provoking.

The road ahead under Donald Trump's presidency is not surprisingly a subject of much interest and we have discussions that examine this from various perspectives.

IAFA & International House, Chicago University bring to the table India - US Relations Under The Newly Elected US President with panelists, Ambassador Arun Kumar Singh, Ambassador Pankaj Saran, Lt. Gen (Retd) Rajender Singh, Dr. Surjit Bhalla, Economist, Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra, Professor of American $Studies, JNU, and {\bf Suhasini\, Haidar}, Diplomatic\, Editor, The\, Hindu.$ **The Indian Futures** has a discussion on *The Trump 2.0 Opportunity* for *India*, introduced by **Dr. Manish Dabhade**, Professor of Diplomacy, School of International Studies, INU. India Foundation Talks also has a panel discussion on Geopolitical Manifestations of Trump 2.0.

The India Foundation talks present a book discussion on TRANSFORMATION - Emergence of Bangladesh and Evolution of India - Bangladesh Ties by Ambassador Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty, former High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh, while The Indian Futures presents a discussion on India - Bangladesh Relations at the Crossroads: What Happens Next? with panelists Ambassador Veena Sikri, Lt. Gen. Syed Ata Hasnain, chaired by Ambassador Bhaswati Mukherjee, President-IHC.

To mark Republic Day, The India Foundation talk presents Constitution @75: Leading India from Freedom and Democracy to Viksit Bharat by Dr. Ram Madhav, President of India Foundation.

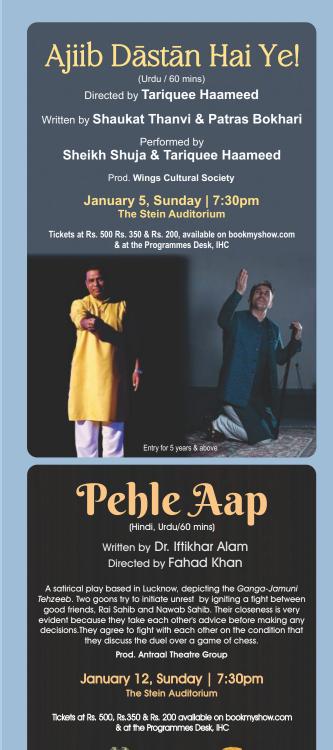
IHC CONVERSATIONS WITH AUTHORS this month has Shiv Khera on his book Live While You're Alive presided by External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar and chaired by Ambassador Bhaswati Mukherjee, President-IHC.

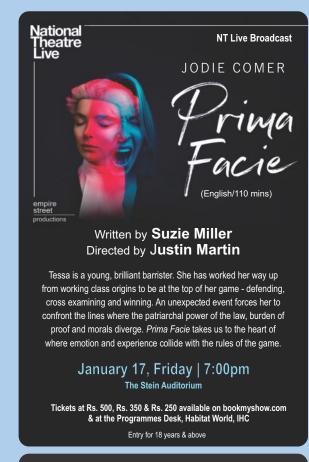
Other book launches and discussions feature the launch of Beyondthe Heaven-Born Service: My Journey from the IAS to Philanthropy by Pushpa Sundar, and to mark the 20th year of its revival, a discussion on the latest Dastans presented by the Dastangoi Collective led by Ashok Vajpeyi, Ather Farouqi, Priyadarshan, Ravikant, and Mahmood Farooqui

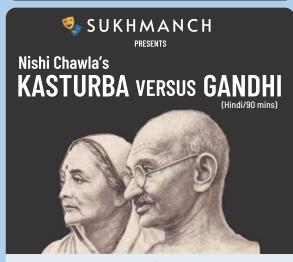
We begin a new series, The Maritime Knowledge Series. IHC and $RIS\ present\ a\ talk\ on\ Maritime\ History\ of\ India-An\ inspiring\ Heritage$ of Ship Building by Commodore M. Doraibabu.

Films and Theatre provide rich fare, and back on Encore is the NT **Live Broadcast** of *Prima Facie*. Written by **Suzie Miller**, Directed by Justin Martin, starring Jodie Comer.

Our monthly regulars continue with the IHC Free Book X'Change with fresh new additions kicking off the month on January 5th, the first Sunday of the month.





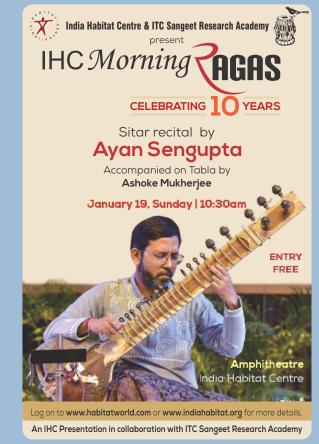


Hindi Translation: Nishant Aggarwal **Directed by SHILPI MARWAHA**

The play focuses on the life of Kasturba Gandhi, wife of Mahatma Gandhi, whose life was deeply intertwined with his public and political life. It also reflects on the broader themes of personal sacrifice and the impact of political ideals on family life.

> January 18, Saturday | 7:00pm The Stein Auditorium

Tickets at Rs. 500, Rs. 350 & Rs. 200 available on bookmyshow.com & at the Programmes Desk, IHC





Cast: Naresh Chauhan, Nitish Singh Rathore, Aditya Dubey

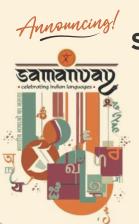
A comedic and insightful exploration of human behaviour and social dynamics, focusing on themes of territory, space, and ownership. Set in a public park, the story revolves around three men competing for space on three park benches. What begins as playful banter soon deepens into a poignant reflection on broader aspects of life, from relationships and personal boundaries to workplace politics. Through its humour and relatability, Park resonates with audiences from all walks of life.

> January 19, Sunday | 7:00pm The Stein Auditorium

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Entry for 8 years & above



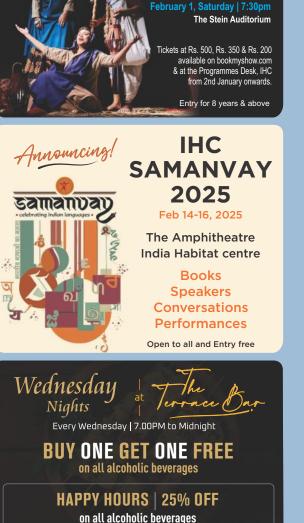


on all alcoholic beverages Thursday to Tuesday | 11:00am to 1:30pm & 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Lucky draw winners of 'Comment Cards' at all member restaurants in November 2024 Congratulations On Winning A Complimentary Meal*

1st Fortnight Guljit Chaudhri (A-4963) Narpal Singh Uppal (A-4174) Gulshan Sawhney (A-3184) Sanjay Tilak (A-5925) The Terrace Bar Anant Prabhakar Dehadrai (A-1655) Dr. Barin N Ganguli (A-7011) The next time you visit any of our restaurants, don't forget to fill in the Comment Card.

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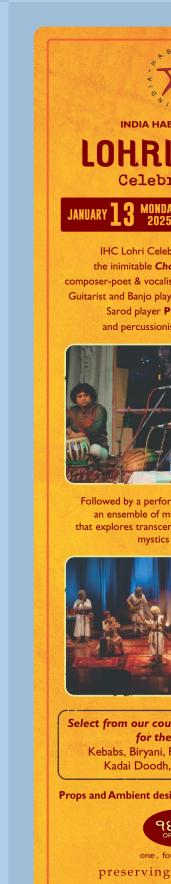
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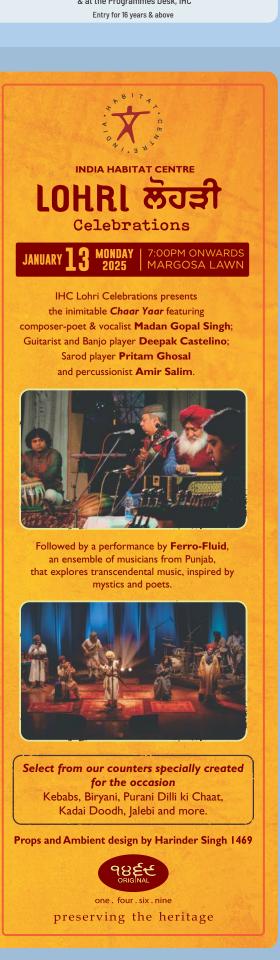
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Eggs to order, Live Pizza, Pasta, Shawarma, South Indian,

Restaurant Timings: 7:00am to Midnight

Main Course, Desserts and more...









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