

The list features Eric Cline, archaeologist and historian whose research focuses on the ancient Mediterranean and Near East; Gabrielle Rifkin, whose work centres on conflict resolution and international relations; and Hansda Sowvendra Shekhar, whose fiction explores the Adivasi identity. Makarand Sable, Marathi playwright, novelist and theatre director, joins Mira Seo, whose academic work engages with classical literature, and Mona Arshi, poet and novelist whose writing explores identity, family and belonging. Neil MacGregor, distinguished art historian and former director of the British Museum, brings his expertise in art and cultural history, while Paul Zacharia, acclaimed Malayalam writer and essayist, comes with his expertise that blends social commentary, satire and philosophical enquiry with fiction.

Also featuring in the announcement are Ritu Dalmia, the chef and restaurateur and co-owner of the popular Italian restaurant Diva; Roxie Nafousi, author and self-development coach known for her work on personal growth; and Shriram Nene, cardiovascular surgeon and health advocate whose public work focuses on healthcare and medical awareness. Sir Paul Nurse, Nobel Prize-winning geneticist and cell biologist, brings pioneering scientific ideas while Suraj Yengde, author of Caste Matters , examines caste, race and social justice.

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