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Event Schedule

BANARAS LIT FEST 2026

COMPLETE EVENT GUIDE



Dates: 30 January – 1 February 2026

Venue: Taj Ganges, Varanasi

Festival Nature: Literature • Music • Dance • Poetry •
Conversations • Art

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DAY 1 — 30 January 2026 (Friday)

★ HIGHLIGHT EVENTS — DAY 1

(Well-known artists & crowd-pulling sessions)

Time	Event	Artist / Speaker	Event Type	Venue / Manch
10:00–11:00 AM	World Record Kathak Performance	Ananya Shrivastava	Dance Performance	Saraswat Manch
12:00–1:00 PM	Lok Sangeet ki Aanchalik Parampara	Malini Awasthi	Folk Music	Gyan Ganga
1:00–2:00 PM	Hind Ke Sitara: Sundar Subhoomi Bhaiya	Manoj Tiwari	Musical Performance	Sur Pravaah
3:00–4:00 PM	The Sacred Body	Pullela Gopichand	Conversation	Gyan Ganga
5:00–6:00 PM	Conversation	Anupam Kher	Conversation	Saraswat Manch
7:00–8:00 PM	Kathak Performance	Vishal Krishna & Team	Dance Performance	Sur Pravaah
8:00–9:00 PM	Poetry in Motion, Music in Emotion	Nidhi Narwal	Poetry + Music	Gyan Ganga
6:00–7:00 PM	Banaras Gharana Musical Performance	Multiple Artists	Classical Concert	Sur Pravaah



DAY 1 — 30 January 2026 (Friday)

A. STAGE PERFORMANCES — DAY 1

Time	Event / Performance	Artist(s)	Description	Venue / Manch
10:00–11:00 AM	World Record Kathak	Ananya Shrivastava	Record-setting Kathak dance performance	Saraswat Manch
1:00–2:00 PM	Hind Ke Sitara: Sundar Subhoomi Bhaiya	Manoj Tiwari	Folk & patriotic musical performance	Sur Pravaah
7:00–8:00 PM	Kathak Performance	Vishal Krishna & Team	Classical Kathak presentation	Sur Pravaah
8:00–9:00 PM	Poetry in Motion, Music in Emotion	Nidhi Narwal	Poetry blended with live music	Gyan Ganga
Multiple Slots	Hunar-Ke-Sartaj (Open Mic)	Various Artists	Poetry, singing & storytelling	Abhivyakti

B. STAGE PERFORMANCES — DAY 1

Time	Event	Artist(s)	Description	Venue / Manch
2:00–3:00 PM	Laya-Dwya (Jugalbandi)	Rohit & Rahul Mishra	Rhythm-based classical jugalbandi	Sur Pravaah
6:00–7:00 PM	Banaras Gharana Musical Performance	Multiple Classical Artists	Collective classical music concert	Sur Pravaah



DAY 1 — 30 January 2026 (Friday)

C. CONVERSATIONS & INTERACTIVE SESSIONS—DAY 1

Time	Session	Speaker(s)	Theme	Venue / Manch
3:00–4:00 PM	The Sacred Body	Pullela Gopichand	Sports, discipline & healthy living	Gyan Ganga
5:00–6:00 PM	Conversation	Anupam Kher	Life, cinema & society	Saraswat Manch
6:00–7:00 PM	Stories of Place & People	Damodar Mauzo	Storytelling & lived experiences	Gyan Ganga

D. LITERARY & BOOK-CENTRIC SESSIONS—DAY 1

Time	Session	Author(s)	Focus	Venue / Manch
2:00–3:00 PM	Kavita Ka Kolaj	Multiple Poets	Multi-lingual poetry recital	Triveni
11:00–12:00 PM	Book Discussions & Launches	Various Authors	Literature & publishing	Books Pavilion



DAY 1 — 30 January 2026 (Friday)

E. PARALLEL / ONGOING ACTIVITIES—DAY 1

Time	Activity	Details	Venue / Location
10:00 AM onwards	Art Exhibition	Visual & contemporary art displays	Location not specified
10:00 AM onwards	Photography Camp & Exhibition	BLF International Photography Camp	Location not specified
All Day	Book Fair	National & international publishers	Ground / Books Zone
Multiple Slots	Open Mic (Hunar-Ke-Sartaj)	Poetry, singing, storytelling	Abhivyakti



DAY 2 — 31 January 2026 (Saturday)

★ HIGHLIGHT EVENTS — DAY 2

(Well-known speakers & major evening performances)

Time	Event	Artist / Speaker	Event Type	Venue / Manch
11:00–12:00 PM	Conversation on Constitution & Society	Justice D. Y. Chandrachud	Conversation	Gyan Ganga
2:00–3:00 PM	Heritage & Leadership	Yaduveer Krishnadatta Wadiyar	Conversation	Saraswat Manch
6:00–7:00 PM	Stories, Samaj aur Samvedna	Himanshu Bajpai	Storytelling	Gyan Ganga
6:00–7:00 PM	Banaras Gharana Musical Performance	Multiple Artists	Classical Concert	Sur Pravaah
8:00–9:00 PM	Poetry & Cultural Evening	Multiple Poets & Artists	Poetry + Music	Triveni
8:00–9:00 PM	Night Cultural Performances	Various Artists	Music & Dance	Sur Pravaah

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DAY 2 — 31 January 2026 (Saturday)

A. STAGE PERFORMANCES—DAY 2

Time	Event / Performance	Artist(s)	Description	Venue / Manch
6:00–7:00 PM	Banaras Gharana Musical Performance	Multiple Classical Artists	Classical music presentation	Sur Pravaah
8:00–9:00 PM	Poetry & Cultural Evening	Multiple Poets & Performers	Poetry blended with music	Triveni
8:00–9:00 PM	Night Cultural Performances	Various Artists	Music & dance performances	Sur Pravaah
Multiple Slots	Hunar-Ke-Sartaj (Open Mic)	Various Artists	Poetry, singing & storytelling	Abhivyakti

B. CONCERTS / GROUP PERFORMANCES—DAY 2

Time	Event	Artist(s)	Description	Venue / Manch
6:00–7:00 PM	Banaras Gharana Musical Concert	Ensemble of Classical Artists	Group classical music concert	Sur Pravaah
Evening Slot	Thematic Cultural Music Session	Multiple Artists	Theme-based musical performances	Venue not specified

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DAY 2 — 31 January 2026 (Saturday)

C. CONVERSATIONS & INTERACTIVE SESSIONS-DAY 2

Time	Session	Speaker(s)	Theme	Venue / Manch
11:00–12:00 PM	Constitution & Society	Justice D. Y. Chandrachud	Democracy, law & society	Gyan Ganga
2:00–3:00 PM	Heritage & Leadership	Yaduveer Krishnadatta	History, leadership &	Saraswat Manch
6:00–7:00 PM	Stories, Samaj aur Samvedna	Himanshu Bajpai	Social storytelling & lived realities	Gyan Ganga

D. LITERARY & BOOK-CENTRIC SESSIONS-DAY 2

Time	Session	Author(s)	Focus	Venue / Manch
2:00–3:00 PM	Kavita Ka Kolaj	Multiple Poets	Multi-lingual poetry recital	Triveni
11:00 AM onwards	Book Discussions & Launches	Various Authors	Literature, books & ideas	Books Pavilion

E. PARALLEL / ONGOING ACTIVITIES-DAY 2

Time	Activity	Details	Venue / Location
10:00 AM onwards	Art Exhibition	Visual & contemporary	Location not specified
10:00 AM onwards	Photography Exhibition	International photography	Location not specified
All Day	Book Fair	National & international	Ground / Books Zone
Multiple Slots	Open Mic (Hunar-Ke-Sartaj)	Poetry, singing, storytelling	Abhivyakti



DAY 3 — 4 February 2026 (Sunday)

★ HIGHLIGHT EVENTS — DAY 3

(Well-known artists & crowd-pulling sessions)

Time	Event	Artist / Speaker	Event Type	Venue / Manch
4:00–5:00 PM	Indian Art & Textile Fashion Show	Multiple Designers & Artists	Fashion Show	Peacock Lawn
5:00–6:00 PM	Stand-up Comedy Performance	Sandeep	Stand-up Comedy	Abhivyakti
7:00–8:00 PM	Poetry & Music Evening	Piyush Mishra	Poetry + Music	Gyan Ganga
7:00–9:00 PM	Grand Kavi Sammelan	Multiple Renowned Poets	Poetry	Triveni
8:00–9:00 PM	Closing Cultural Performance	Various Artists	Music & Dance	Main Stage



DAY 3 — 1 February 2026 (Sunday)

B. CONCERTS / GROUP PERFORMANCES—DAY3

Time	Event	Artist(s)	Description	Venue / Manch
7:00–8:00 PM	Musical Performance	Multiple Artists	Group musical presentation	Sur Pravaah
Evening Slot	Thematic Cultural Concert	Various Performers	Theme-based group	Venue not specified

C. CONVERSATIONS & INTERACTIVE SESSIONS—DAY 3

Time	Session	Speaker(s)	Theme	Venue / Manch
11:00–12:00 PM	Cultural & Literary Conversations	Multiple Speakers	Literature, society & culture	Gyan Ganga
2:00–3:00 PM	Author Interaction	Various Authors	Writing & creative journeys	Saraswat Manch

D. LITERARY & BOOK-CENTRIC SESSIONS—DAY 3

Time	Session	Author(s)	Focus	Venue / Manch
11:00 AM onwards	Book Discussions & Launches	Various Authors	Books, literature & ideas	Books Pavilion
2:00–3:00 PM	Poetry Reading Session	Multiple Poets	Contemporary poetry	Triveni



DAY 3 — 1 February 2026 (Sunday)

E. PARALLEL / ONGOING ACTIVITIES—DAY3

Time	Activity	Details	Venue / Location
10:00 AM onwards	Indian Art & Textiles Exhibition	Traditional & contemporary textile art	Exhibition Area
10:00 AM onwards	Art Exhibition	Paintings & visual arts	Location not specified
All Day	Book Fair	National & international publishers	Ground / Books Zone
Multiple Slots	Open Mic (Hunar-Ke-Sartaj)	Poetry, singing, storytelling	Abhivyakti

Disclaimer

Event timings, venues, and schedules mentioned in this document are based on the official Banaras Lit Fest 2026 programme available at the time of preparation.

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