



The 15th edition of the **Hyderabad Literary Festival** promises an exciting three days of literary activities from January 24th to 26th

Celebrating Creativity

The **Hyderabad Literary Festival (HLF)** returns for the 15th edition and the second successive year at Sattva Knowledge City. Reflecting on the tremendous reception received last year, Festival Director Vijay Kumar notes that the move to the new venue has been a game changer, with one significant change being the increased attendance of young people and working professionals. He shares, "We managed to bring in a completely different audience. We have increased our numbers with a new audience by 75 percent."

ABOUT HLF

Hyderabad Literary Festival is a three-day annual event that celebrates writers, artists, academics, scholars, and publishers from India and around the world. It is multi-genre, multi-discipline, and multilingual.

Vijay says, "It (HLF) is a celebration of creativity. Although it is called a literary festival, we celebrate creativity in every form, be it art, folk music, exhibitions, or films. It is a festival for every age group and preference – from toddlers to senior citizens, there is something for everyone."

THE 15TH EDITION

The festival includes storytelling and poetry sessions, film screenings, workshops, exhibitions, a children's corner, climate conversations, an impressive line-up of speakers, and a whole lot more.

A few names from the list of 200 notable speakers for this edition are Indian novelist Anita Nair, filmmakers Amol Palekar, Hariharan Krishnan, Subhash Ghai, socio-political activists

Aruna Roy, Shabana Azmi, Lithuanian sci-fi and surrealist writer Jaroslavas Melnikas, and writer and Editor of WOW! Hyderabad, Ratna Rao Shekar.

Additionally, Lithuania will be the guest nation this time, bringing to HLF an intricate blend of art and culture, while Sindhi will be the Indian language in focus, drawing attention to India's linguistic diversity. ■ IPSHITA

More details at hydlitfest.org

Dates: 24-26 January
Sattva Knowledge City, HITEC City

Note: Seating for all sessions will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Be sure to reach the venue at least five to ten minutes early to secure a spot.