



DAY 1

10:15 AM	Shillong Literary Festival Prelude
11:00 AM	Ikigai: Francesc Miralles discusses the Japanese way of life that inspired his iconic book. In conversation with Desmond Kharmawphlang.
11:40 AM	River Traveller: Sanjoy Hazarika traces the story of the Tsangpo-Brahmaputra from Tibet to the Bay of Bengal. In conversation with Preeti Gill
12:20 PM	Puri - The Shape of Water: Sonal Jain and Desmond Kharmawphlang discuss myths, folk traditions, nature, and cautionary tales hidden in local legends. In conversation with Ellerine Diengdoh
01:00 PM	The Whispering Mountains: Live drawing by Dennis Laishram, reading by Valden John Pariat; followed by Rosy Chamling and Hoihnu Hauzel discussing folklore in different parts of the Himalayas. In conversation with Jemimah Marak
02:10 PM	Is She Wise? - Monica Thomas, Gladinia Pyrtuh, Anthony Durpui. In conversation Moushumi Chakraborty (<i>Launch of Khamnu Khah A Var Im? Is She Wise?</i>)
02:30 PM	Heal The World: Jerry Pinto and Neena Verma on grief, care, mental health and why empathy matters. In conversation with Malavika Banerjee
03:20 PM	Shattered Lands: Sam Dalrymple discusses his debut with Cyril V. D. Diengdoh
04:00 PM	From Shillong to Saigon - Marketplaces as the Crossroads of Culture: Etawanda Saiborne, Freddie M. Majaw, and Amanda C. Tongper. In conversation with Sanjeeb Kakoty
04:50 PM	Heart Lamp: Banu Mushtaq discusses her Booker International Prize-winning short story collection with Patricia Mukhim
05:30 PM	Ka Jingiaid Lynti jong ka Litereshor Khasi (<i>Making Khasi Literature Travel</i>): Streamlet Dkhar, Bandarilin Bairo, Alfidarie Kharsyntiew on the roles of translations, literature platforms, and technology in the future of Khasi literature. In conversation with Basilica Nongpluh
06:20 PM	Programme ends
06:25 PM onwards	Chief Minister's Meghalaya Grassroots Music Project Performances. (<i>Venue: Ward's Lake</i>)
06:45 PM	Nothing Like Lear: Solo act featuring Vinay Pathak, directed by Rajat Kapoor. (<i>Venue: U Soso Tham Auditorium</i>)



DAY 2

09:45 AM Shillong Literary Festival - Book Launches and Felicitations

10:45 AM **Life Beyond the Metro:** Vinay Pathak, Dominic Sangma, and Rajat Kapoor on the new geographies of Indian cinema and web series. In conversation with Shahana Chatterjee

11:30 AM **Pring - Poedo Rong-kuchak Garo Hills Gipe: Poedo Mingani (Poetry Echoing through the Garo Hills):** Poetry readings by Prince S. R. Marak, Sengsime A. Sangma, Jakmatchi M. Sangma, Rhinkle M. Marak and Fivebilson R. Marak

12:20 PM **Writing A River:** Anita Agnihotri and Sanjoy Hazarika on the river as muse. In conversation with Sandip Roy

01:05 PM **Courage Under Fire:** Narayani Basu and Jyotsna Mohan on the crusades of KM Panikkar and *Pratap*, the newspaper, and of unsung heroes in post-Independence India. In conversation with Kanishka Gupta

01:45 PM **From Isolation to Integration:** Patricia Mukhim on her new book on the geopolitics of the Northeast. In conversation with Jyotsna Mohan

02:25 PM **A-chikni Seanirang aro Pe-raronanirang (Garo Writings and Translations):** Barbara Sangmani, Bluwin Sangma, Dokatchi Marak, Colnat B. Marak aro Kroshnil Sangma baksa Agangrikani

03:10 PM **Invisible Ink:** Banu Mushtaq, Arupa Patangia Kalita, and Lucy Hannah on the importance of chronicling stories from marginalised worlds. In conversation with Shahana Chatterjee

03:50 PM **Are Second Novels Tougher to Write?:** Prayaag Akbar, Rahul Bhattacharya, and Keshava Guha in conversation with Malavika Banerjee

04:40 PM **The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida:** Shehan Karunatilaka revisits his iconic Booker Prize-winning novel with Sanjoy Hazarika

05:20 PM **The Everest Challenge:** Jamling Norgay presentation on the Tenzing Norgay-Edmund Hillary ascent. Presentation followed by a conversation with Brian D. Kharpran Daly

06:00 PM **The Upamanyu Omnibus:** Upamanyu Chatterjee on his classics and his new novellas. In conversation with Sandip Roy

06:40 PM **The Four Purusharthas:** Francesc Miralles discusses his tryst with Indian philosophy. In conversation with Deval Tibrewalla

07:50 PM Programme ends

07:55 PM onwards **Chief Minister's Meghalaya Grassroots Music Project Performances.** (Venue: Ward's Lake)

08:15 PM **Bombay Blues:** Jazz session featuring Gino Banks and band. (Venue: U Soso Tham Auditorium)



DAY 3

10:00 AM	Our Hills, Our Histories: Madeline Y. Tham and Daniel Ebor Challam in conversation with David R. Syiemlieh
10:40 AM	Cinema, Literature and Impact of Social Media - Merlvin Jude Mukhim and Ailynti Nongbri. In conversation with Lucetta J. Syiem
11:20 AM	The Power of a Poem: Paul Lyngdoh, Lalnunsanga Ralte and Dorothy Marak recite poetry and translations
12:10 PM	Scaling Mount UPSC: Sajjan Yadav, Davis N. R. Marak, Cyril Diengdoh and Ankur Das discuss the inspiration and challenge of the civil services. In conversation with Teidorlang Lyngdoh
01:00 PM	The Hills Are Alive With The Shillong Chamber Choir's Music: William Richmond Basaiawmoit, Jessica S. Lyngdoh, Rishila M. Jamir and Riewbankit Lyndem trace the story of the Shillong Chamber Choir. In conversation with Brian Wallang
02:00 PM	Whose History Is It Anyway?: Mmhonlumo Kikon and Sanjeeb Kakoty on the need for local perspectives and retelling of historical events. In conversation with Glenn C. Kharkongor
02:40 PM	South Asian Literature in World Literature: Shehan Karunatilaka, Jerry Pinto and Kanishka Gupta on whether recent awards have made writing from the region reach new audiences. In conversation with Seema Sharma
03:30 PM	The Tiger's Share: Keshava Guha discusses his novel with Narayani Basu
04:10 PM	Railsong: Rahul Bhattacharya on his new novel and the railways as muse. In conversation with Preeti Gill
04:50 PM	In the Footsteps of Giants: Jamling Norgay and Priyambada Jayakumar on what millennials can learn from the incredible lives of Tenzing Norgay and M S Swaminathan. In conversation with Glenn C. Kharkongor
05:30 PM	Songs of Our People: Anurag Banerjee presents the second volume of his photographic journey. In conversation with Janice Pariat (<i>Launch of Songs of Our People</i>)
06:10 PM	Through the Device Darkly: Jerry Pinto, Prayaag Akbar and Ankush Saikia on the dynamics between screen and page during OTT adaptations. In conversation with Karishma Upadhyay
07:00 PM	Programme ends
07:05 PM onwards	Chief Minister's Meghalaya Grassroots Music Project Performances. (Venue: Ward's Lake)
07:15 PM	If Music Be The Food Of Love: British Songs in India - British Baritone Alex Poulton presents a musical journey through the history of English songs. Accompanied by readings, violin, and piano. (Venue: U Soso Tham Auditorium)