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Welcome Speeches by Ameena Saiyid and Asif Farrukhi  
Speech by ILF Sponsor  
Keynote Speeches by A.G. Noorani and Arfa Sayeda Zehra  
Performances by Amna Mawaz Khan 1) Habib Jalib’s poem sung with guitar by Huzaifa Awan, music by Amna & Huzaifa, choreography by Amna. 2) *Tillana*: choreography, bol, manjeera by Indu Mitha, recorded music with Ustad Nazakat Ali Khan (vocals) & Ustad Ajmal Khan (pakhwaj) |                                                                 |                                                                 |
| 6.15 – 7.15 p.m. | **Judiciary and the Common Man**  
Challenges facing ordinary people in search of justice  
Raza Rabbani, Ayaz Amir, Ashraf Jehangir Qazi, and Bushra Gohar  
Moderator: Mujahid Barelvi | **Others Tongues, Other Wonders: The Burden of the Translator**  
The translator's dilemmas in searching for the right word when it doesn't exist  
Bilal Tanweer and Hoori Noorani  
Moderator: Mohammed Hanif | **One-Man Mushaira by Syed Nusrat Ali**  
Syed Nusrat Ali recites poets from the 60s, 70s, and 80s in their own voices |
| 7.30 – 8.30 p.m. | **Book Launch: Prison Narratives by Akhtar Baloch**  
Akhtar Baloch's powerful and inspirational story provides a unique insight into life in prison  
Sassui Palijo, Naseer Memon, Aitzaz Ahsan, Akhtar Baloch, and Raza Rabbani  
Moderator: Farzana Bari | **The Power of the Progressive Pen: A Tribute to Ahmed Nadeem Qasimi**  
Reflections and Memories: Qasimi’s daughter talks about her father with fellow panellists  
Masood Ashar, Naheed Qasimi, and Zehra Nigah  
Moderator: Zia ul Hassan | **The Blood-Stained Dawn of Freedom**  
Human rights and Partition’s continuing legacy of violence and loss  
I. A. Rehman, Ilhan Niaz, A.G. Noorani, and Anam Zakaria  
Moderator: Rasul Bakhsh Rais |
<p>| 8.30 – 9.00 p.m. | <strong>Moderator: Zia ul Hassan</strong> |                                                                 |                                                                 |</p>
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A critique of the current education provision in Pakistan  
Shahnaz Wazir Ali, Nadia Naviwala, Shahid Siddiqui, and Ishrat Husain  
Moderator: Fasi Zaka | **Lost Heritage: The Sikh Legacy in Pakistan**  
A nostalgic search for historic monuments and temples eroded by time  
Amardeep Singh and F.S. Aijazuddin  
Moderator: Reema Abbasi | **Fresh Female Voices from Peshawar**  
Young writers from Peshawar present their creative efforts  
Hira Nazir, Sidra Amin, Spougmai Ali Khattak, Tehreek Hassan, Neelum Afridi, and Ishrat Shaheen  
Moderator: Faiza Hussain |
| 12.15 p.m. – 1.15 p.m. | **Book Launch: How Pakistan Got Divided by Maj Gen (R) Rao Farman Ali**  
A fresh look at an old tragedy in the light of an eye-witness account  
Shafiq ur Rahman, Abdul Sattar, Talat Masood, and Ashraf Jahangir Gazi  
Moderator: Maria Sultan | **Book Launch: Hayat-e-Shayr and Sur Mandal ka Raja by Ali Akbar Natiq**  
Major works by a remarkable and forceful writer  
Moderator: Mohammed Hanif | **Where has all the Water Gone?**  
Experts and concerned citizens debate the water crisis in Pakistan  
Nisar A. Memon, Kaiser Bengali, and Aaron Mulvany  
Moderator: Rina Saeed Khan |
| 1.15 p.m. – 1.45 p.m. | **Break** | **Book Launch: The Arts and Crafts of Hunza Valley in Pakistan: Living Traditions in the Karakoram by Jurgen Wasim Frembgen**  
An insightful and comprehensive guide to the rich arts and crafts of the Hunza Valley  
Moderator: Samar Minallah Khan | **Beyond the Anglo-American Tradition: World Literature in English**  
A discussion on the challenges, trends, influences, and language across continents and cultures  
Blaine Marchand, David Waterman, Ilona Yusuf, and Mushtaq Bilal  
Moderator: Muneeza Shamsie |
| 1.45 – 2.45 p.m. | **Book Launch: Learning to Live with the Bomb: Pakistan: 1998–2016 by Naeem Salik**  
Can Pakistan afford to live with the risks of nuclear power?  
Naeem Salik, Nasim Zehra, Pervez Hoodbhoy, and Charles Kennedy  
Moderator: Ehtasham Anwar | **‘Raseedi Ticket’: A Performance by Nimra Bucha and Sarmad Khoosat**  
Readings from Amrita Pritam and Sahir Ludhianvi’s poetry focusing on their unique vision and elusive, unspoken romance |
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<td><strong>Gender Violence, Law, and Power in Pakistan</strong>&lt;br&gt;Pakistani feminists’ struggle for justice and equal rights&lt;br&gt;Nafisa Shah, Sherry Rehman, and Ijaz Shafi Gilani&lt;br&gt;Moderator: Samar Minallah Khan</td>
<td><strong>‘Rail Kahaani’ by Zambeel Dramatic Readings</strong>&lt;br&gt;Short stories based on railway journeys written by different authors&lt;br&gt;Shama Askari, Asma Mundrawala, Saife Hasan, and Fawad Khan</td>
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<td><strong>Mohabbat aur Dehshat Gardi: Aaj ka Urdu Adab</strong>&lt;br&gt;Themes and patterns in recent writing&lt;br&gt;Hameed Shahid, Irfan Urﬁ, and Ravish Nadim&lt;br&gt;Moderator: Qasim Yaqoob</td>
<td><strong>Women and Excluded Groups in Political Parties and Legislative Bodies</strong>&lt;br&gt;Discussion on how the representation of these groups can be improved at all levels&lt;br&gt;Marvi Sirmed, Zafarullah Khan, and Bushra Gohar&lt;br&gt;Moderator: Shirin Gul</td>
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<td><strong>Sufism: Legacies of Assimilation in our Times</strong>&lt;br&gt;Zulfiqar Ali Kalhoro, Jurgen Wasim Frembgen, and Sarwat Mohiuddin&lt;br&gt;Moderator: Reema Abbasi</td>
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<td>A poetic and prophetic map of Pakistan’s changing cultural, political, and religious landscapes by Navid Shahzad, Afrasiab Khattak, Harris Khalique, and Rasul Bakhsh Rais. Moderator: Khayyam Mushir</td>
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<td>The face that launched a thousand laughs was not without a struggle by Anwar Maqsood, Imrana Maqsood, and Hoori Noorani. Moderator: Sarmad Khoosat</td>
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<td>The future of a dispute: Is a solution possible? by Sardar Mohammad Masood Khan, A.G. Noorani, and Riaz H. Khokhar. Moderator: Harris Khalique</td>
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<td><strong>Social Media: The New Power of Words</strong></td>
<td>New strategies for creativity and change by Adnan Khan Kakar, Leena Hashir, Moeed Pirzada, and Slimane Zeghidour. Moderator: Wajahat Masood</td>
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Will technology influence the direction of music? A debate among musicians, producers, and music publishers  
Ali Noor, Rakae Jamil, and Akbar Yezdani  
Moderator: Taimur Rahman | **Riaz H. Khokhar in conversation with Sherry Rehman**  
Can politicians and media be on the same side? | **Book Launch:**  
*The Corporate Governance Landscape of Pakistan* by Sadia Khan  
A historical anthology and reference book of corporate governance  
Ishrat Husain, Sadia Khan, Asad Hayauddin, Neil Buhne, and Zafar Hijazi  
Moderator: Rahat Kaunain Hassan |
| 4.15 – 5.15 p.m. | **The Glitter of a Superstar**  
A director explores the career and legacy of a star  
Readings and a conversation  
H.M. Naqvi  
Moderator: Fasi Zaka |
| 5.30 – 6.30 p.m. | **Small Screen Intimacy and Big Screen Splendour**  
Samina Ahmed, Rehan Sheikh, Seema Taher Khan, and Sultana Siddiqui  
Moderator: Nimra Bucha | **Zara Hut Kay**  
Zarrar Khushro, Wusatullah Khan, and Mubashir Zaidi | **Book Launch:**  
*Kalaam e Aarifaan: Poetry of Mystics and Sufis* compiled by Hasan Aziz  
Poetry and music from the realm of the mystical  
Hasan Aziz  
Moderator: Sarwat Mohiuddin  
**Book Launch:**  
*Uss ko Ik Shaks Samajhna tou Munasib hi Nahin* by Nasir Abbas Nayyar  
A critical perspective on the major modernist poet Meeraji  
Nasir Abbas Nayyar  
Moderator: Asif Farrukhi |
| 6.45 – 8.45 p.m. | **Margala Hall**  
**Closing Ceremony**  
**Speeches by:** Ameena Saiyid and Asif Farrukhi  
**Keynote Speakers:** Iftikhar Arif, Omar Shahid Hamid, and Nafisa Shah  
**Classical Kathak** by Shayma Saiyid. Recorded music composed/directed by Joy Prakash Medhi, bol by Marami Medhi, choreography by Meghranjani Medhi  
**Concert by Overload** | | |