



# PALASH 2025

Filix Literary Festival

*A Celebration of Literature | Music | Film |  
Art | Storytelling*

Hosted by Filix Inspiration Circle, Nanritam

## Our Guests

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## Swati Bhattacharjee

Senior Journalist | Researcher | Storyteller

Swati Bhattacharjee is **Senior Assistant Editor at Ananda Bazar Patrika**, writing on gender justice, health, education, and social issues. She has worked with **The Telegraph and ABP**, leading a team of 135 reporters as **Chief Reporter-District**. A **Fulbright Fellow at MIT**, she holds a PhD from TISS, an MSc from the University of Stirling, and an MA from Jadavpur University. She has received multiple fellowships and awards, including the **UNFPA-Laadli Media Award**. At **Palash 2025**, she will conduct storytelling sessions, inspiring children to explore creativity, imagination, and the magic of words through engaging narratives.



## Subha Das Mollick

Filmmaker | Educator | Media Specialist

Subha Das Mollick is an **independent filmmaker and educator with expertise in film studies and mass communication**. A **physics postgraduate from Delhi University**, she later earned a **Diploma in Film Production from Xavier Institute of Communications, Mumbai**. She has taught at **St. Xavier's College (Mumbai & Kolkata)**, **Asian Academy of Film & Television**, **Rabindra Bharati University**, and **iLEAD**. She also coordinated an online **Mass Communication course under the Ministry of Human Resource Development**. Currently a **visiting faculty at Aliah University and MAKAUT**, she brings her passion for cinema, storytelling, and interdisciplinary learning to **Palash 2025**.



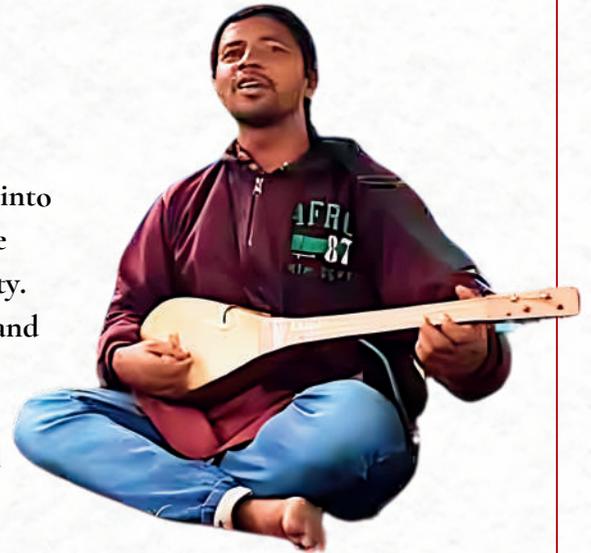
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# Naren Hansda

Folk Singer | Environmentalist | Educator

Naren Hansda, a folk singer from Purulia, is a social reformer and environmentalist who transformed Bhalidungri, once a barren land, into a thriving forest and educational hub. In 2012, he left home to pursue music but soon dedicated himself to uplifting the Santhali community. He founded Sidho Kanho Mission School, providing free education and vocational training to over 130 students, including 30 orphans. His Mission Green initiative combats superstition, child marriage, and environmental degradation. Awarded the Sidhu Kanu Smriti Award (2021), Hansda joins Palash 2025, inspiring youth through folklore, environmental awareness, and education.



# Susmita Chakraborty

Senior UX Designer | Educator | Sustainable Design Advocate

Susmita Chakraborty is a Senior UX Designer at Cognizant, Kolkata, specialising in user research, service design, and digital experience strategy. With extensive experience across B2B and B2C markets, she has worked on projects in Human Resource Management, Lifestyle and Asset Management, Telecommunications, and Risk Management, combining business insight with user-centric design solutions. Passionate about teaching and design advocacy, she is a Guest Faculty at IIT Hyderabad, Design School of Hyderabad, and Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata, mentoring aspiring designers in UX, design thinking, and creative problem-solving. At Palash 2025, she will lead a Sustainable Art & Craft workshop, integrating eco-conscious creativity, upcycling, and ethical design principles, inspiring participants to explore sustainability in art and design.



# Shaily Agarwal

(Fashion Designer | Sustainable Fashion Advocate)

A graduate of VIFT, Shaily Agarwal is a fashion designer specializing in sustainable and upcycled fashion. With expertise in digital design, garment technology, and textile innovation, she has won accolades at Expo12 (JCI) and Desire12 (VIFT). Passionate about eco-conscious fashion, she will lead an Upcycling & Sustainable Fashion Workshop at Palash 2025, guiding participants in transforming discarded materials into creative, wearable art. Through hands-on activities, she aims to inspire young designers to rethink waste, embrace ethical fashion, and contribute to a more sustainable future.





## Savio Mascarenhas

Creative Director – Amar Chitra Katha | Illustrator | Storyteller

Savio Mascarenhas is the Creative Director at Amar Chitra Katha (ACK), shaping the world of Indian mythology, history, and folklore through comics. A skilled illustrator and storyteller, he has spent over two decades revitalizing India's most beloved comics. His signature style has inspired countless young readers. Beyond ACK, he mentors aspiring artists, conducting storytelling and illustration workshops. Passionate about preserving India's storytelling heritage, Savio continues to push creative boundaries, ensuring comics remain a powerful tool for education and entertainment.



## Samya Karpha

Elocutionist | Recitation Artist | Performer

Samya Karpha is a renowned elocutionist and recitation artist, known for his modern and expressive style. A graduate of Calcutta University, he left chemistry to pursue his passion for Bengali literature and poetry. He has performed across India, the UK, Australia, and the Middle East, bringing poetry to diverse audiences. His recitations span classical to contemporary poets, including Tagore, Srijato, and John Lennon. Samya also curates literary events, preserving Bengali poetic traditions while adding a fresh, dramatic touch. His performances continue to captivate audiences and keep Bengali poetry alive.



## Surajit Maity

Drama Faculty | Theatre Practitioner | Lighting Designer

Surajit Maity is a theatre practitioner, lighting designer, and drama educator with nearly eight years of experience. A graduate of the University of Hyderabad, with training from Heidelberg University, he blends global perspectives into theatre education. He has worked with Bohurupee and Qadir Ali Baig Theatre Foundation, and freelancers as a lighting designer. Currently a Drama Faculty at RP Goenka International School, Kolkata, he fosters creativity and stage confidence in students. Through Palash 2025, he aims to inspire young minds to explore theatre's transformative power.



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# Jhulan Sarkar

Academic Instructor | Theatre Artist | Performer

Jhulan Sarkar is a theatre artist, performer, and educator with a passion for education and the stage. She has worked with renowned groups like Nandikar, Chetana, and Sandharbha, not only performing but also training aspiring actors. Currently in Pune, she collaborates with a prestigious theatre group, bringing her expertise to new audiences. Jhulan seamlessly integrates theatrical techniques into education, fostering creativity and self-expression. She remains committed to ensuring that theatre continues to inspire and educate future generations, making an impact both on and off the stage.



# Avirupa Das

Dance Specialist | Choreographer | Performing Arts Educator

Avirupa Das is a dance specialist with 15+ years of expertise in Bharatanatyam, Contemporary, Rabindra Nritya, and Creative Dance. Currently the PYP Dance Specialist at RP Goenka International School, Kolkata, she integrates dance with interdisciplinary learning. She has trained students for competitions and cultural events, earning accolades. Previously, she led the Dance Department at The Newtown School, Kolkata. Certified in Sangeet Visharad and Sangeet Bhusan, she has trained under renowned choreographers. Passionate about choreography and arts education, she nurtures creativity and self-expression, inspiring students to explore dance as a transformative art form.



# Madhusudan Basu

Dance Movement Therapist | Painter | Artisan | Educator

Madhusudan Basu is a Dance Movement Therapist (DMT), painter, and artisan with over 10 years of experience. He began his therapy journey with Kolkata Sanved in 2010, working with children from vulnerable backgrounds (CNCP & CCL). He conducted UNICEF-backed therapy sessions across 17 schools in Purulia and mentored students at Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata. Currently, he runs his own art and DMT school, where he uses movement and visual arts for healing and self-expression. His work continues to empower individuals, promoting mental well-being and creativity through dance and artistic expression.





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**Date:** March 17, 2025

**Venue:** Filix School of Education,  
Nanritam Campus, Para, Purulia,  
West Bengal