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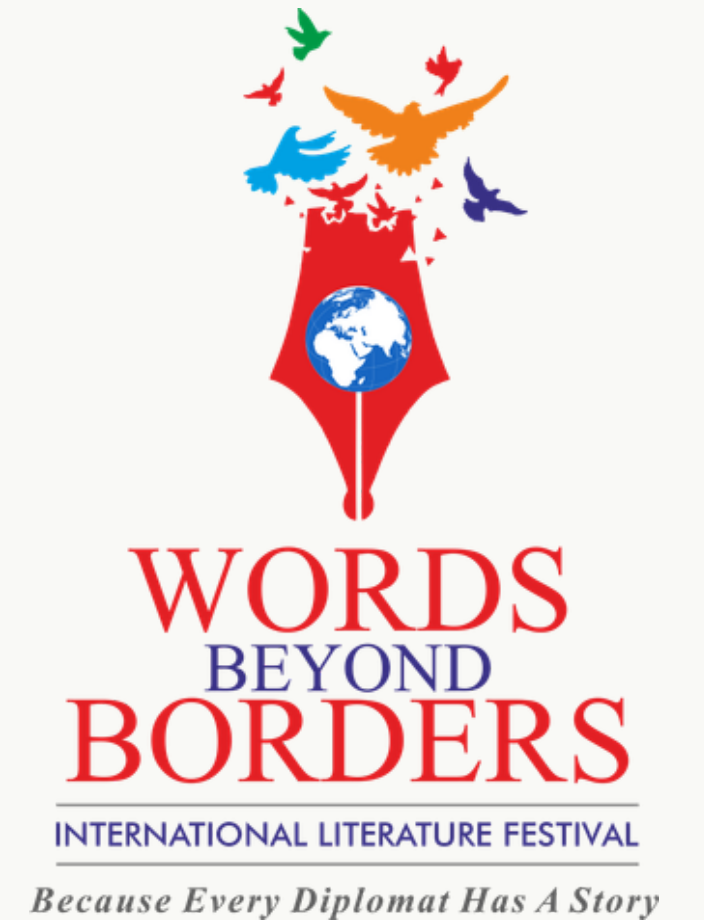
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BECAUSE BENEATH THE SURFACE, EVERY DIPLOMAT BEARS A LITERARY SOUL AND STORY

OCTOBER 25 – 27, 2026; Sunday thru Tuesday

VENUES: RAFFLES UNIVERSITY & NEEMRANA FORT PALACE, RAJASTHAN

**A GLOBAL MEETING OF MINDS THAT WRITE, READ AND LIVE THE VALUE & JOY OF LITERATURE.
IT IS A SANCTUARY OF WRITERS AND THOSE MOVED BY STORIES, MUSIC & IDEAS.**



About the organizers



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RAFFLES UNIVERSITY

RAFFLES UNIVERSITY, NEEMRANA ESTABLISHED THROUGH AN ACT OF GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN (ACT OF RAJASTHAN STATE LEGISLATURE, AS PER SECTION 2 (F) OF UGC ACT 1956, A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION, OFFERING DIVERSE UNDERGRADUATE, POSTGRADUATE, AND DOCTORATE DEGREE PROGRAMS ACROSS MULTIPLE DISCIPLINES THROUGH ITS SEVEN SCHOOLS OF STUDY VIZ ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY, LAW, MANAGEMENT, AGRICULTURE , PHARMACY, HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES, BASIC & APPLIED SCIENCES. PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN A HIGHLY AFFORDABLE WAY TO THE STUDENTS COMING FROM FAMILIES OF RURAL BACKGROUND AND FINANCIAL LIMITATIONS IS THE MOTTO OF THE UNIVERSITY. GUIDED BY A COMMITMENT TO INNOVATION, RESEARCH, AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT, THE UNIVERSITY NURTURES FUTURE-READY LEADERS EQUIPPED TO EXCEL IN A DYNAMIC GLOBAL LANDSCAPE.

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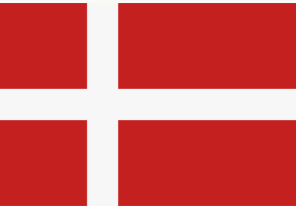
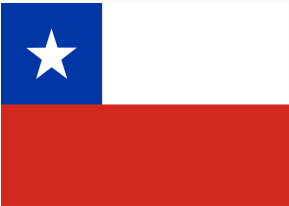
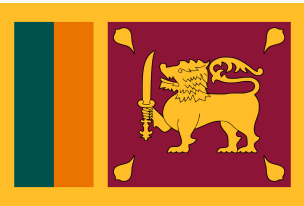
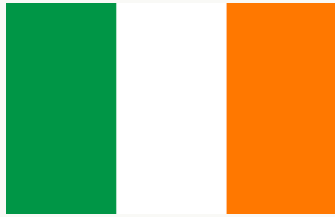
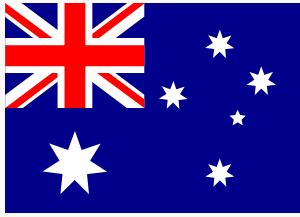
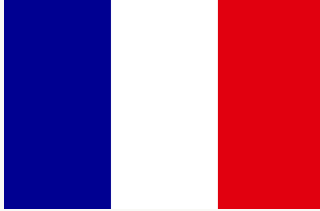
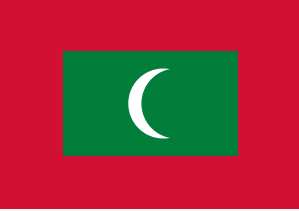
About the Festival

A pioneering festival of its kind bringing together Diplomat–Authors, Academicians, Authors and journalists shaping the discourse on literature and culture decorating humanity and its values in a hurried world

About the Venues

Raffles University & Neemrana Fort Palace– Two Grand Perspectives with One Shared Stage: Bridging the 15th Century Stone Corridors of the fort palace with vibrant Academic Halls of Gurukula Concept Multi-disciplinary university for the literature festival connecting traditional heritage with modern knowledge seat

Delegates already confirmed from several countries:

SYRIA	MONGOLIA	DENMARK	VIETNAM	PERU	CHILE	YEMEN	SRILANKA	TURKEY	LITHUANIA	AFGHANISTAN	SPAIN
											
SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT	ARGENTINA	IRELAND	AUSTRALIA	THE NETHERLANDS	LATVIA	UKRAINE	ARMENIA	CROATIA	USA	
											
POLAND	FRANCE	IRAQ	URUGUAY	MAURITIUS	MALDIVES	BANGLADESH	GERMANY	NEPAL	MOROCCO	SOUTH KOREA	
											

And many more...

AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE VENUE EXPERIENCE

VENUE: RAFFLES UNIVERSITY AND NEEMRANA FORT PALACE, RAJASTHAN





The Audience:

There is a value for everyone: College & university students; new recruits to the Indian Foreign Service; corporate executives; serving diplomats; think tanks; and academia

The Hospitality:

The best and at large: Complimentary entry, along with refreshments, lunch, and transport for invited students and other participants

Expected Outcome:

Expended horizons of thoughts through unlocking invaluable avenues of cross-cultural learning, intellectual interaction and profound value of literature AND finally a thread of connectivity





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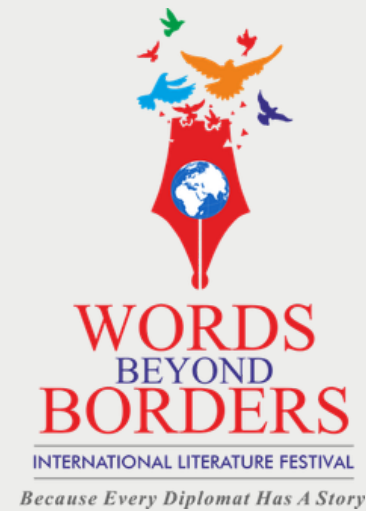
More than 80 speakers from ~ 50 countries

30 Speakers from India



34 Sessions, multiple Book Launches, Fire-side Chats, Book Signing, Open Theatre Music activity in the back drop of Arawali Hills





**ESTEEMED
SPEAKERS
CONFIRMED
FROM ABROAD**



Indran Amirthanayagam
Former US Diplomat
and Poet



Helena Nolan
Ambassador of Ireland
to Morocco; Poet



Marcel Kurpershoek
Poet, Writer & Former
Diplomat, The Netherlands



Mpho Boshego
Novelist & Former
Diplomat, South Africa



Madan Kumar Bhattarai
Former Foreign Secretary
Nepal; Non-Fiction Author



Mohamed Tawfik
Novelist
Former Ambassador of
Egypt to the United States



David Dabydeen
Novelist, Poet &
Academic
Former Ambassador of
Guyana to China



Sandra Kalniete
Former Minister of Foreign
Affairs, Latvia Member of
the European Parliament
Memoir, Non-Fiction



Felicity Volk
Novelist
Former Ambassador of
Australia to Nepal
Bangladesh



Mariano Caucino
Ambassador of
Argentina to India
Non-Fiction Author



Mandla Langa
Ambassador of South
Africa to Cameroon
Novelist & Memoir



Firat Sunel
Turkey
Diplomat & Novelist



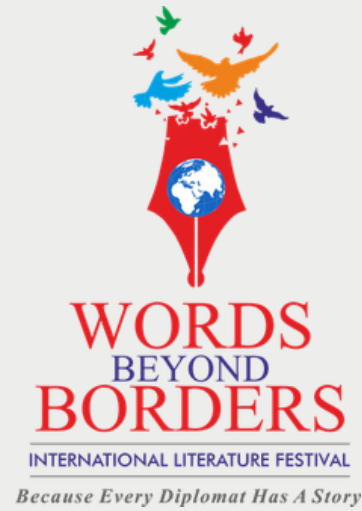
Diana Mickevičienė
Ambassador of
Lithuania in India
Non-Fiction Author



Mookhesswur Choonee
Former Diplomat Mauritius
Non-Fiction Author



Abdullah Shaheed
Former Foreign
Minister, Maldives
Non-Fiction Author



ESTEEMED SPEAKERS CONFIRMED FROM ABROAD



Ani Yeremyan
Armenian
Diplomat & Non-Fiction
Author



Olexander Scherba
Ambassador of Ukraine
to South Africa
Non-Fiction Author



Thierry Mathou
Ambassador of
France to India
Non-Fiction Author



Dayan Jayatilleka
Former Ambassador of
Sri Lanka to Russia
Non-Fiction Author



Branimir Farkas
Political Counsellor
Embassy of Croatia in India
Novelist & Playwright



Éilís Ní Dhuibhne
Novelist and Playwright
Laureate for Irish Fiction



Betsy Udink
Journalist
The Netherlands



Piotr Antoni Switalski
Poland's
Ambassador to India
Non-Fiction Author



Dr Ali Mohammed Zaid
Fiction/Non-Fiction
Author and Translator
Yemen



Thomas Prinz
Former German Ambassador
to Bangladesh, Nepal
Non-Fiction Author



Jorge Heine
Former Ambassador
of Chile to China,
India & South Africa
Non-Fiction Author



Ernesto Pinto Bazurco Rittler
Ambassador of Peru
Novelist & Non-Fiction Author



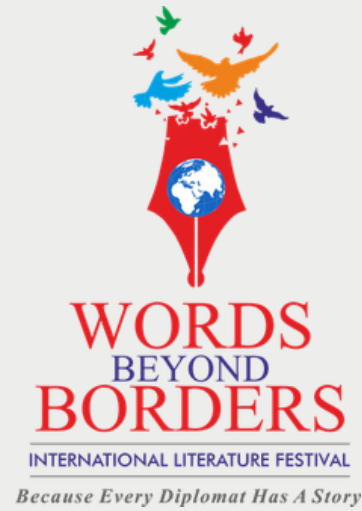
Ho Anh Thai
Former Diplomat
Novelist, Vietnam



John Brady Kiesling
Former U.S. Diplomat
and Author



Janne Teller
Former Danish Diplomat
Novelist and Essayist



ESTEEMED SPEAKERS CONFIRMED FROM ABROAD



Chawki Abdelamir
French-Iraqi Poet, Writer
and Diplomat



Tariq Ahmed Karim
Former Ambassador of
Bangladesh to the U.S. &
India; Non-Fiction Author



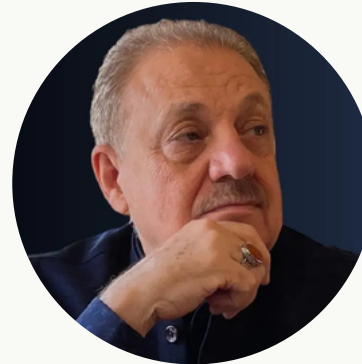
Gonchig Ganbold
Former Ambassador of
Mongolia in India
Translator & Interpreter



Laimonas Talat-Kelpša
Ambassador of Lithuania in
the Netherlands
Non-Fiction for Children



Thomas Sehersted
Former Cultural
Diplomat, Denmark
Non-Fiction Author



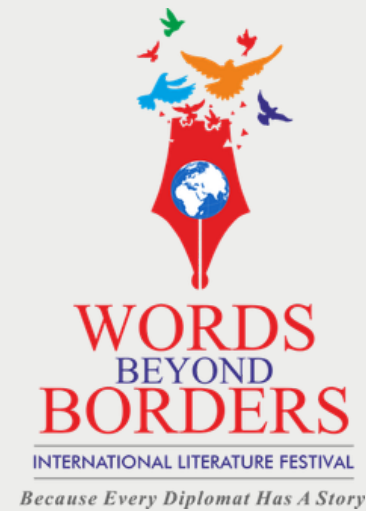
Dr Waiel Awwad
Syria
Journalist & Novelist



Tae Yong-ho
Former North Korean
Diplomat. South Korean
Parliamentarian. Memoir



Hye Seon Oh
South Korea.
Memoir



OUR ESTEEMED SPEAKERS FROM INDIA



TCA Raghavan
Former Diplomat
Non-Fiction Author



Anil Trigunayat
Former Diplomat
Non-Fiction Author



Jaimini Bhagwati
Former Diplomat
Non-Fiction Author



Gurjit Singh
Former Diplomat
Non-Fiction Author



Kallol Bhattacharjee
Journalist
Non-Fiction Author



Deepak Bhojwani
Former Diplomat
Non-Fiction Author



Prashant Agarwal
Diplomat
Non-Fiction Author



Suja Menon
Diplomat & Poet



Navtej Sarna
Former Diplomat
Novelist



Vikas Swarup
Former Diplomat
Novelist



Aftab Seth
Former Indian Diplomat
Poet/Novelist and
Non-Fiction Author



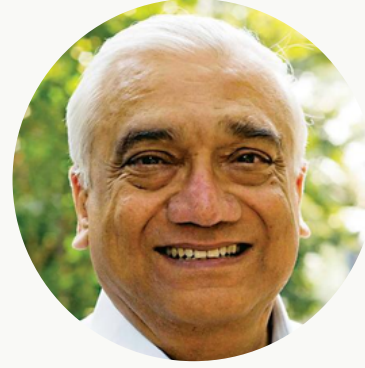
**Dr Narayanappa
Janardhan**
Director of Research
and Analysis at the
Anwar Gargash
Diplomatic Academy,
Abu Dhabi;
Non-Fiction Author



Kishan Rana
Former Diplomat
Non-Fiction Author



Ranjit Rae
Former Diplomat
Non-Fiction Author



Talmiz Ahmad
Former Diplomat
Non-Fiction Author



Anju Ranjan
Diplomat
Poetry & Fiction



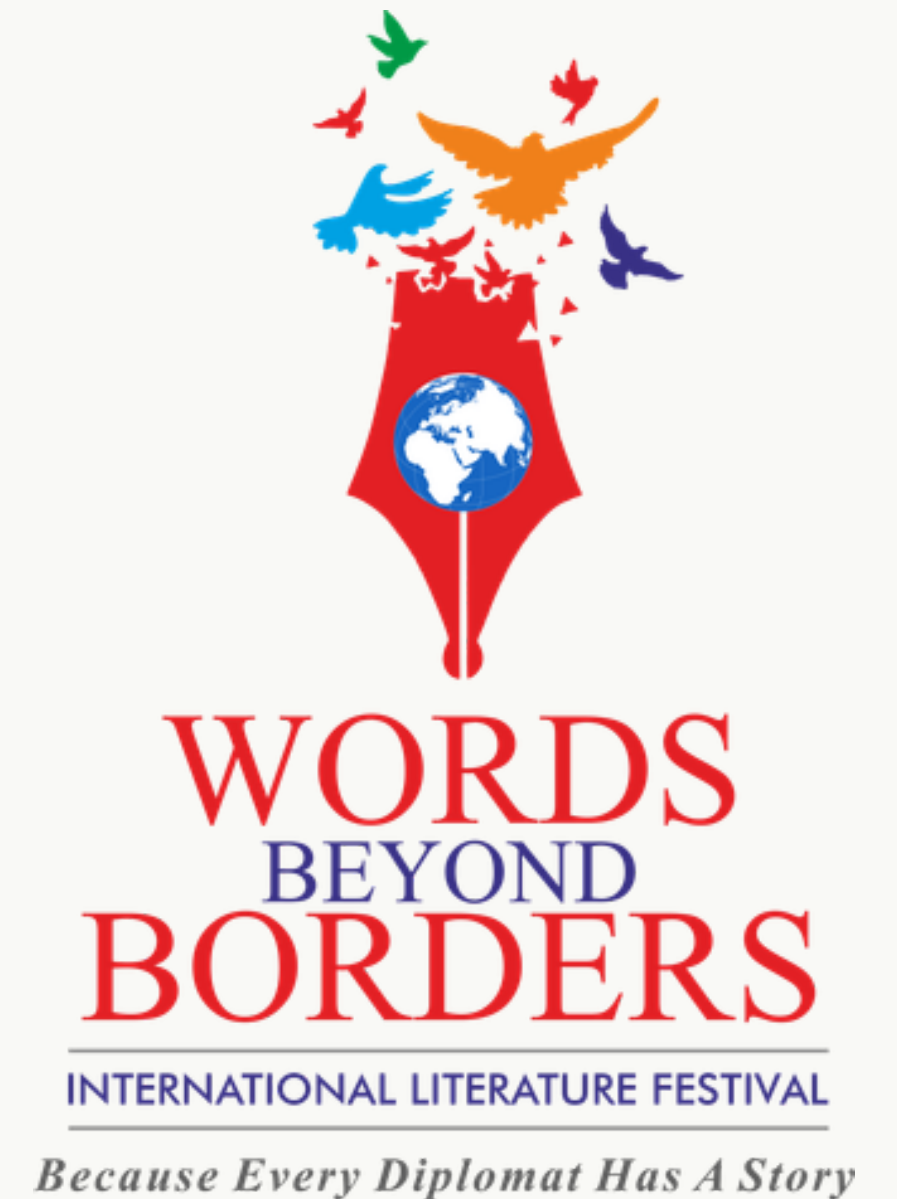
Abhay K
Diplomat
Poet & Non-Fiction Author

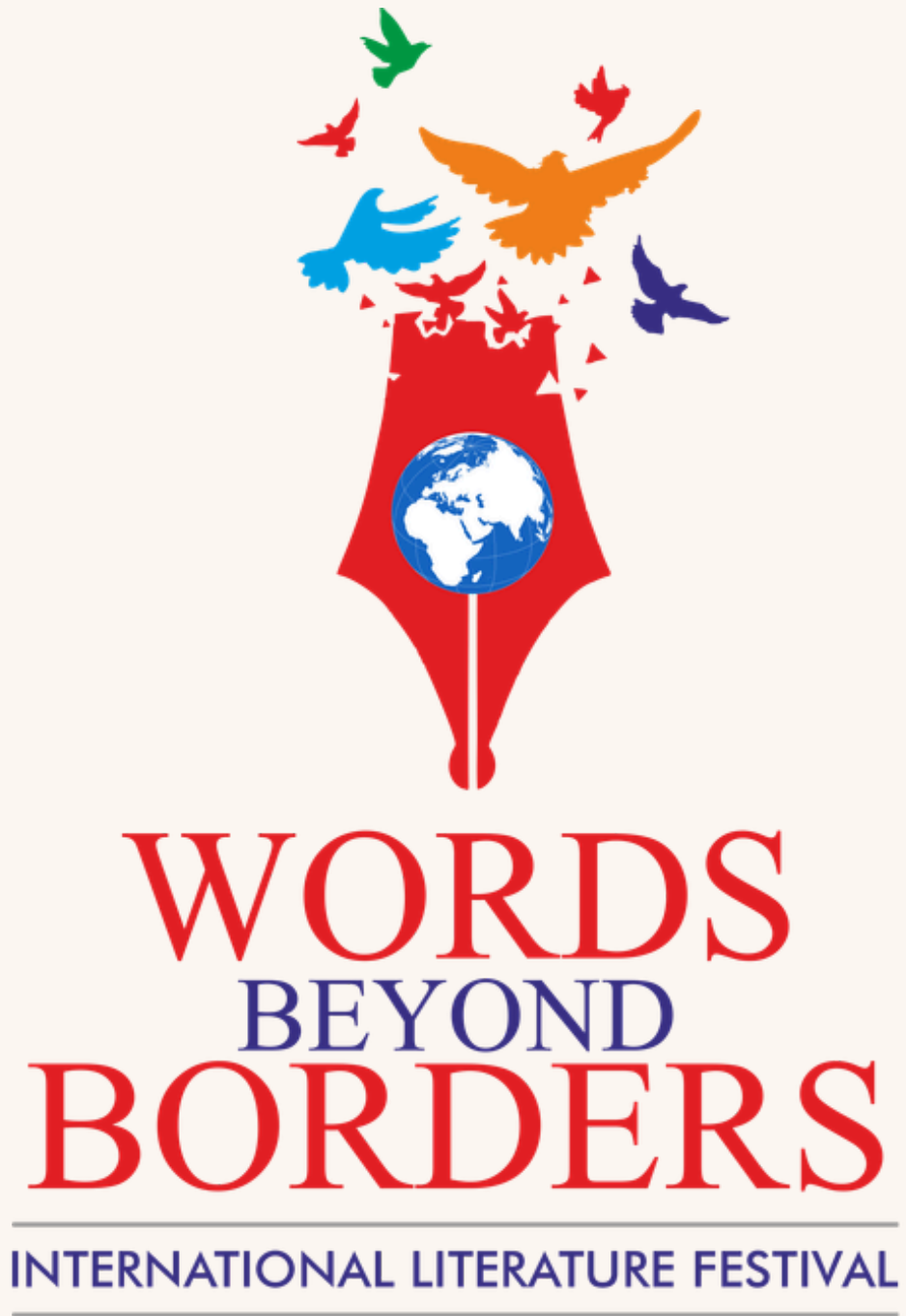
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- Global visibility and strategic positioning
- Direct access to diplomats, policymakers, academia, and global media
- Engagement with a spectrum of thousands of participants, including students and young leaders
- Strong CSR alignment with educational and cultural initiatives

.... and more





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Where diplomacy meets literature — and ideas travel beyond borders.



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