

Prabha Khaitan Foundation Programmes 2024-2025

The Prabha Khaitan Foundation organizes events like AN AUTHOR'S AFTERNOON, UNIVERSE WRITES, EK MULAKAT, KITAAB and launches books by renowned authors. Our students regularly participate in these programmes and had the opportunity to meet esteemed authors and personalities like Dr. Rakshanda Jalil on July 5, 2024, and French author David Foenkinos on March 1, 2025.

On July 5, 2024, Prabha Khaitan Foundation hosted an Author's Afternoon with the distinguished Dr. Rakshanda Jalil at Taj Bengal. The event brought together literary enthusiasts, scholars, and students for an enlightening session. Dr. Jalil captivated the audience with her profound insights into Urdu literature, tracing its historical evolution and cultural significance. Her eloquent discussion of partition studies highlighted the complex narratives and human experiences that have shaped South Asian literature. Dr. Jalil's words resonated with them, sparking a newfound interest in partition studies, the Urdu language, and literature as a whole. The event was not only a celebration of Urdu literature but also a platform that fostered intellectual curiosity and motivated the next generation of scholars.

Students had the opportunity to attend *The Universe Writes with David Foenkinos*, an event organized by the Prabha Khaitan Foundation at Taj Bengal. As part of a select audience, our students engaged in an enriching literary interaction with the acclaimed French author. The session offered valuable insights into the author's creative process, narrative style, and literary journey. It was a unique experience that broadened the students' literary perspectives and deepened their appreciation for contemporary global literature.

Learning Objectives:

1. All students are encouraged to participate in these programmes to develop their communication skills through direct interaction with eminent personalities and authors.
2. To enhance students' understanding of contemporary literary, cultural, and social issues by engaging with diverse perspectives.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Students engage in insightful discussions and are able to articulate informed opinions and ask questions during literary and cultural discussions.
2. Students demonstrate an expanded awareness of real-world literary practices and the societal impact of authors on social life.



Rakhshanda Jalil

Dr Rakhshanda Jalil is a multi-award-winning translator, writer, and literary historian. She has published over 25 books and written over 50 academic papers and essays. Some of her books include: *Liking Progress, Loving Change: A Literary History of the Progressive Writers Movement in Urdu* (OUP, 2014); a biography of Urdu feminist writer *Dr Rashid Jahan: A Rebel and her Cause*; a collection of essays on Identity, Culture, Politics and Literature entitled *But You Don't Look Like a Muslim*, and most recently a selection of writings from Urdu entitled *Urdu: The Best Stories of Our Times, Baal-o-Par*, a translation of Gulzar's *Collected Works and Love in the Time of Hate*. She runs an organization called *Hindustani Awaaz*, devoted to the popularization of Hindi-Urdu literature and culture. She is the Editor of the *Taj* magazine.



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Friday July 05th 2024 04:00 PM
Mandarin, Taj Bengal

RSVP by Monday 01st July





Our students and Staff advisor with Rakshanda Jalil on July 5, 2024

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THE UNIVERSE WRITES

David Foenkinos

David Foenkinos is a celebrated French novelist, screenwriter, and director known for his witty and poignant explorations of human relationships. Born in Paris in 1974, he gained international acclaim with *La Délicatesse* (2009), later adapted into a film starring Audrey Tautou. His award-winning works, including *Charlotte* (2014) and *Numéro Deux* (2022), showcase his elegant prose and deep emotional insight. His latest novel, *Tout le monde aime Clara* (2024), examines the power of celebrity. Alongside his brother Stéphane, he has co-directed films like *La Délicatesse* (2011) and *Jalousie* (2017), cementing his influence in both literature and cinema.

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March 1st 11:00 AM
Saturday 2025
Taj Bengal

RSVP by 24th February 2025



PKF programme on March 1, 2025