

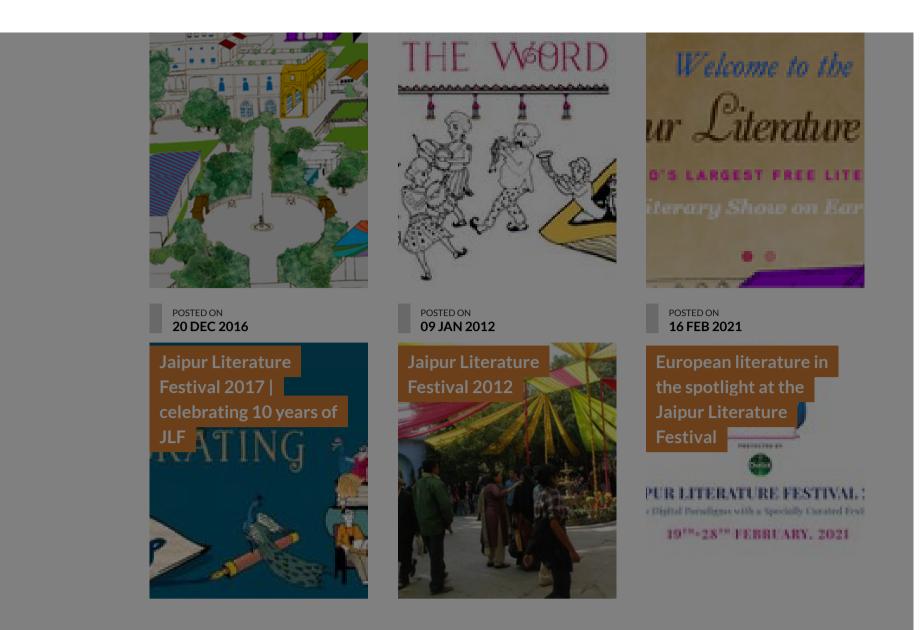
DSC Jaipur Literature Festival (24-28 January 2013) is the largest literary festival in Asia-Pacific, and the most prestigious celebration of national and international literature to be held in India. *Every year, in January, the world visits India, and India visits the world. We hope you enjoy the journey.* **Festival Directors: Namita Gokhale & William Dalrymple**

It encompasses a range of readings, talks, debates, performances, children's workshops and interactive activities held in the beautiful heritage property, Diggi Palace in the Rajasthani capital of Jaipur. Entering its sixth year, JLF is now regarded as the Kumbh Mela of Indian and international writing, drawing in writers and readers from across India and the wider world: from America, Europe, Africa and from across the breadth of South Asia, the brightest, most brilliant, funny, moving and remarkable authors come to Jaipur every January. Literature Festivals like Jaipur help us reflect on the changing nature of words, the shared stories they tell and the histories that they condense. In a virtual age,

festivals like ours assert the joy of engaging face to face in dialogue and debate. The Katha Sarit Sagar, the 'Sea of Stories' which is Indian literature, is renewed and revived every year by the extraordinary phenomenon of the Jaipur Literature Festival, which remains the most democratic and egalitarian book festival in the world. All literary events are completely free, the authors mingle with the crowds, and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Check out the extensive programme of <u>speakers</u> for 2013

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