

The 14th edition of the D.D. Kosambi Festival of Ideas is scheduled to be held from 10th to 14th November, 2022 at Ravindra Bhavan Margao, Goa. Dedicated Website <https://ddkfestivalofideas.com/> (Complete Festival Info.)

This year we have invited speakers with the audacity to ignite great ideas rather than personalities with a populist aura.

Profile of the Speakers

1. Shri Damodar Mauzo



JNANPITH Awardee, Short Story Writer and Novelist from our own state Goa.

Born in Goa, Damodar Mauzo is a short fiction writer and novelist writing in Konkani. He has so far about 25 books to his credit besides the edited and translated works. Among many awards are the Sahitya Akademi award 1983, World Konkani Centre's V. V. Pai Sahitya Puraskar and several National and State level literary awards. *Teresa's Man* was earlier nominated for the Frank O' Connor International Prize. The widely translated author, his stories have been published into English, Portuguese and French besides most Indian Languages. His acclaimed novel, *KARMELIN*, has gone into fourteen languages while *These Are My Children*, *Mirage*, *Teresa's Man*, *TSUNAMI SIMON* are the books in translation into English. Penguin India has recently published his collection of stories 'The Wait' that went into second print within two months of its launch. His recent novel, *Jeev Divum Kai Chya Marum (Should I Kill Myself or Have a Cup of Tea)* has been published in translation into Kannada and Marathi while the English version is set to be published in 2023. He has scripted for many feature and short films and has received several awards at the film festivals. He is the co-founder and co-curator of Goa Art & Literature Festival. Lately, He is declared the recipient of the Jnanpith Award for the year 2022.



2. Prof. Madhavi Menon

Madhavi Menon is Professor of English and Director of the Centre for Studies in Gender and Sexuality at Ashoka University. She works on issues of identity, sexuality, gender, and politics, and is the author of several books on Shakespeare and queer theory. Her most recent books focus on matters closer to home: *Infinite Variety: A History of Desire in India* (2018), and *The Law of Desire: Rulings on Sex and Sexuality in India* (2021). She taught for several years at Ithaca College and American University in the United States before returning to help set up Ashoka University in Delhi NCR.



3. Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik

Devdutt Pattanaik writes on mythology which he defines as cultural truths revealed through stories, symbols and rituals. He lectures on the relevance of both Indian and Western myths in modern life.

In the last 25 years, he has authored and illustrated over 50 books, including *Book of Ram* and *Dharmic Leadership*. Known for his TED talk and his TV shows such as *Devlok* and *Business Sutra*, he is a regular columnist for reputed newspapers like *Times of India* and *Dainik Bhaskar*. He was trained in medicine, spent 15 years working in the pharma and healthcare industry, but over the past decade has been fully immersed in exploring mythology and sharing its wisdom with the world.



4. Dr. Suraj Yengde

Dr. Suraj Yengde is a DPhil candidate at the Faculty of History. He is the author of the bestseller, *Caste Matters* (2019) and a co-editor of the award-winning anthology with Dr. Anand Teltumbde, *The Radical in Ambedkar: Critical Reflections* (2018). *Caste Matters* was a bestseller and listed as the “Best Non-fiction Book of the Decade” by *The Hindu*. The book’s Malayalam translation won the Kerala state award for translation. The book has been translated into three languages, with four more in progress.

He has written over a hundred articles in academic and non-academic journals. His articles have appeared in *Ethnic & Racial Studies*, *Diaspora Studies*, *Caravan*, *Seminar*, *Economic & Political Weekly*, among others. He is a columnist at the *Indian Express*, running the only caste-centric column anywhere in the world.

He is currently working on two manuscripts. The first, *Caste, A History of the World*, is under contract with Allen Lane and the second, *Biography of Dr B R Ambedkar* under contract with Juggernaut.

Dr. Yengde is a founder and curator of Dalit Film Festival and co-founder of Equity in Policy Education initiative started at Harvard.



5. Prof. Pranay Lal

Pranay Lal is a biochemist by training and works for a non-profit organisation on public health. He has been a caricaturist for newspapers, an animator for an advertising agency and an environmental campaigner. His first book, *Indica: A Deep Natural History of the Indian Subcontinent* was published by Allen Lane in December 2016 which won the best non-fiction debut award at the Tata Lit Fest in Mumbai in 2017, the best book award at the Delhi Book Fair 2017, and was named among the top 10 memorable books of the year by Amazon and *The Hindu*’s non-fiction list of 2017. Right now he is working on two books *Malabarica: A Deep Natural History of the Malabar* and *The Cretaceous: The Golden Age of Dinosaurs*.

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

10th November 2022	Inaugural of the 14 th DD. Kosambi Festival of Ideas 2022
<p style="text-align: center;">Shri Damodar Mauzo</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JNANPITH Awardee, Short Story Writer and Novelist. –(Goa)</p>	“61 SINCE 61: The Story of MULTILINGUAL GOA”
11th November 2022	
<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Madhavi Menon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Professor of English at Ashoka University, Delhi NCR.</p>	“The Law of Desire”
12th November 2022	
<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mythologist - Mumbai</p>	“Gods of Goa”
13th November 2022	
<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Suraj Yengde</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Harvard University, Cambridge, USA) Scholar and Author</p>	“Caste Matters: Defects and Cracks in India's Ideology”
14th November 2022	
<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Pranay Lal (Delhi)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Biochemist and Author</p>	“What deep natural history can tell us about our future”

The Years since its inception in 2008

The inaugural talk at the 1st D.D. Kosambi Festival of Ideas - 2008 was delivered by H.E. Hamid Ansari, Hon. Vice President of India. This was followed by talks by Prof. Romila Thapar – eminent Historian, Meera Kosambi – scholar and daughter of D.D. Kosambi, Shri. P. Sainath – Magsaysay award winner, Journalist and Dr. Vivek Monteiro, a well-known Scientist.

At the 2nd D.D. Kosambi Festival of Ideas - 2009, Shri Rajdeep Sardesai, Eminent Journalist & Editor-in-Chief of CNN – IBN delivered the Inaugural talk on the topic “Media Explosion and its Impact”, followed by talks by Shri Nandan Nilekani - Renowned Entrepreneur & Co-Chairman of Infosys Technologies Ltd, Dr. Ramachandra Guha – an Internationally acclaimed Historian & Intellect & it concluded with a presentation by the World famous Architect, Expert on Urban Planning & former Governor of Parana Brazil, Mr. Jaime Lerner.

During the 3rd D. D. Kosambi Festival of Ideas, Shri Girish Karnad, internationally acclaimed playwright, poet, actor, director, critic, and translator, Dr. Kiran Bedi, India’s first and highest ranking woman officer who joined the Indian Police Service and active Social activist, Shri Harsh Mander, prominent Human Rights activist and author in India and Shri Gurcharan Das, former CEO of Procter & Gamble and eminent Author and Columnist delivered noteworthy talks.

The 4th D. D. Kosambi Festival of Ideas comprised of colossuses like Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar (Eminent Scientist of India and President of Global Research Alliance), His Excellency Dr. A.P. J. Abdul Kalam (Former President of India and Eminent Scientist), His Holiness The Dalai Lama (World renowned spiritual leader and crusader of Peace), Lord Meghnad Desai (Indian-born British economist and acclaimed intellect), Justice Albie Sachs (Former Judge on the Constitutional Court of South Africa and active Human right activist) and Dr. Karan Singh (Hon. MP of Rajya Sabha and President of ICCR).

The 5th D.D. Kosambi Festival of Ideas was graced by Smt. Uma Dasgupta, (an Eminent Author and former Research Professor, Social Sciences Division, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata), Smt. Medha Patkar (Active Social Activist and Environmentalist), Shri Shekhar Singh (Founder member, National Campaign for People’s Right to Information (NCPRI)), Shri Saeed Naqvi (Senior Journalist and Distinguished Fellow at Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi) and Prof Muhammad Yunus (Noble Laureate, Acclaimed Economist and Chairman of Yunus Center, Grameen Bank).

The 6th D.D. Kosambi Festival of Ideas was graced by Dr. R. K. Pachauri - Director General. The Energy & Resources Institute, New Delhi, Prof. Lord Bhikhu Parekh - an eminent political theorist in Britain and an active member in the House of Lords, Dr. Sakena Yacoobi - executive director of the Afghan Institute of Learning, Smt. Kirti Menon – Registrar, Wits University, Johannesburg, South Africa and Shri Ajit Balakrishnan - founder and CEO of rediff.com to deliver lectures.

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Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Shri Mahesh Bhatt, Shri Piyush Pandey, Ms. Gul Panag, Shri. Rajdeep Sardesai, Smt. Sagarika Ghosh – Sardesai participated in a special Panel discussion.

The 7th D.D. Kosambi Festival of Ideas was graced by Shri. Narayana Murthy, Indian IT industrialist and the co-founder of Infosys, Dr. Vandana Shiva - Indian environmental activist and anti-globalization author, Prof. Jayant Narlikar - Indian astrophysicist and a proponent of steady state cosmology, Prof. Kishore Mahbubani (Singapore) - A notable academician and former Singaporean diplomat and currently Professor in the Practice of Public Policy and Dean of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore and Baroness Patricia Scotland (U.K.) - A British barrister, and served in many ministerial positions within the UK Government.

The 8th D.D. Kosambi Festival of Ideas was graced by Shri. Arun Maira - Former Member-Planning Commission of India, Former Chairman- Boston Consulting Group, Indian Chancellor-Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Scenarist, Author. Shri. Alyque Padamsee – Ideation Specialist, Media Tycoon, Ad Guru & Renowned Indian English Theatre Personality. Prof. Anil Kumar Gupta – Professor IIM Ahmedabad & Founder Honeybee Networks. Dr. Raghuram Rajan – Governor-Reserve Bank of India & Economist. Dr. K. Radhakrishnan – Former Chairman of ISRO & Renowned Space Scientist.

The 9th D.D. Kosambi Festival of Ideas 2016 was graced by Mrs. Sudha Murthy -Chairperson of the Infosys Foundation in India and trusty of the Infosys Foundation USA, a prolific writer in Kannada and English, Prof. Arvind Kumar Gupta - Toy Maker, Mr. George Papandreou - Former Prime Minister of Greece (2009-2011), Dr. Poonam Khetrpal Singh -Regional Director of WHO South-East Asia Region and Dr. Richard Schechner - Theater Director, Author, Editor of TDR, and University Professor at the Tisch School of the Arts, New York University.

The 10th D.D. Kosambi Festival of Ideas 2017 was graced by Mr. Sandesh Kadur – National Geographic Explorer and Wildlife Photographer, Prof. Shubha Tole- Researcher, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, Dr. Sugata Mitra – Professor of Educational Technology, Newcastle University, U.K., Prof. Vikram Patel – Professor of International Mental Health and Welcome Trust Principle Research Fellow in Clinical Science, U.K., The Toilet Man, Mr. Jack Sim – Founder BoP, World Toilet Organisation.

The 11th DD Kosambi Festival of Ideas 2018 edition was graced by **Shri Makarand Sathe**, (A Playwright, Novelist, Dramatist and Director), **Ms. Jaya Ramchandani** (Director: The Story of Foundation), **Lord Karan Bilimoria** (A British Indian Entrepreneur) and for the concluding lecture of the Festival of ideas 2018 **Mr. Sudhir Patwardhan** (An Indian Contemporary Painter and a Radiologist).

The 12th DD Kosambi Festival of Ideas 2019 edition was graced by Malaika Vaz (National Geographic Explorer, adventurer and wildlife presenter), Dr Mickey Mehta (leading global holistic health guru and a Corporate life coach), Shri Pralhad Kakar (Chairman and Founder, The Pralhad Kakar School of Branding and Entrepreneurship Advertising Film Director, for Genesis Film Production). Swami Smaranananda Giri (Vice President of Yogoda Satsanga Society of India, founded by Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda in 1917)

The 13th DD Kosambi Festival of Ideas edition 2020 was held from 27th to 30th January, 2020 at Kala Academy Goa, Campal, Panaji and was graced by Padma shri Dr Karnam Malleswari, a national level weightlifter and CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER – Food Corporation Of India , New Delhi. Second days lecture was by Padma Shree Dr. Deepa Malik, Padma Shri, Khel Ratna & Arjuna Awardee. Dr. (H.C.) Deepa Malik is India's first paraplegic woman biker, swimmer, rallyist & India's first ever female Paralympic medallist. 3rd Day lecture was by Dr. Kshama Fernandes, Managing Director & CEO, Northern Arc. Concluding lecture was delivered by Dr. Chhavi Rajawat, hailing from Rajasthan, First lady Sarpanch of Soda, located in the District of Tonk, Rajasthan, India.