

SINDH LITERATURE FESTIVAL





INTRODUCTION

About Sindh Literature Festival (SLF)

Sindh Literature Festival (SLF) based in Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan is a literary event for the promotion of literature and supporting disciplines like languages, cultural assets and heritage, history, fine arts, music, education, performing art, archaeology and anthropology etc. The first ever three day festival was held from 4th to 6th November, 2016 at Beach Luxury Hotel Karachi. This festival provides innovative and high-profile events to support and showcase established, new and emerging writers and performers. As well as, offering the opportunity to attend the events and sessions to literature loving audience.

Full event is open and free, and bring together authors and writers in diverse languages and genres. They feature debates, discussions, talks, Urdu and Sindhi Mushairas, a book fair, book launches, readings, singings, satire, theatre, film screening, music and dance.

In SLF 2016, attendance was around 50,000 people, but the message was reached all over the world through more than 32 TV Channels and many of the newspapers including English, Urdu and Sindhi, which covered this event for all three days. In future number of attendance is expected to increase double. 35 sessions, 55 speakers, 35 moderators and more than 100 poets were part of the first Sindh Literature Festival.

Each year speakers will be exceptionally good, including keynote speakers. In SLF 2016, keynote speakers were Amar Jaleel, Hussain Haroon, Mohammad Hanif, Wusatullah Khan, Late Dr Hamida Khuhro, Sultana Siddiqi, Noor-ul-Huda Shah, Ali Qazi, Dr Suleman Shaikh, Syed Sardar Ali Shah, Aijaz Mangi, Qaiser Bangali, Jami Chandio, and Akash Ansari.

In upcoming festival beside the sessions, awards will be given to the different categories. Like literary excellence awards, literary prizes, publisher's award and life time achievement award. The SLF has the potential to serve as a catalyst to further promotion and celebration of Pakistan's many regional and vernacular languages.



VISION

Creation of literature friendly society in Pakistan, wherein the writers and written words be given their due respect, recognition and appreciation

MISSION

Connection among writers, established, new and emerging. And, also make linkage between writers and society through the yearly celebration of the festival. Thus it is bridging the gap healthily between writers and society.

Aims and objectives of the SLF

- To provide writers a platform to interact with each other and the general public especially their readers and youth.
- To give an opportunity to writers of all kind, established, new and emerging on merit to present and produce their writings and thoughts.
- To re-organize the literary talent on a permanent literary platform.
- To promote literature supporting disciplines like languages, cultural assets and heritage, history, fine arts, music, education, performing art, archaeology and anthropology etc.
- To introduce newly published books and works in different languages.
- To highlight the importance of books and literature in the contemporary age of new technologies.
- To encourage female writers and give them substantive space in events of the festival.

Team SLF

To carry out the vision and the mission and to materialize the aims and objectives of the Sindh Literature Festival Karachi, a coordination committee will work together, consisting of established and new names to undertake this mega event.

Abdullah Hussain Haroon
Naseer Gopang

Chairman SLF 2016
Chief Coordinator



TESTIMONIALS



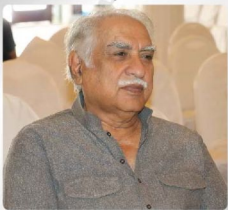
Abdullah Hussain Haroon
Chairman SLF 2016

This is a great platform for people to discuss the poetry of Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai, since the epic poetry is no less than the Mahabharata. Three generations of my family have served the people of Sindh and so will I. Karachi cannot be separated from Sindh, just as a heart cannot be separated from a body. This land welcomes everyone and we need to love it in return.



Syed Sardar Ali Shah
Provincial Minister for Culture & Tourism

The Sindh literature festival is aimed at providing writers a platform to interact with each other, as well as the general public, especially their readers and youth. I hope this will reorganize the literary talent of Sindh on a permanent platform through the SLF. Government would help the organizers with all possible means to make the event even better in its future editions.



Abdul Hameed Akhund
Secretary EFT

In Pakistan's national literature, the concept of organizing the Sindh Literature Festival was in planning for quite some time. Which is the fundamental mean to connect various cultures. This activity can be the first step towards building a bridge between intellectuals and general public. It can also act as a catalyst to create awareness amongst people. I hope that this initiative would transform into a strong forum to create awareness and harmony.



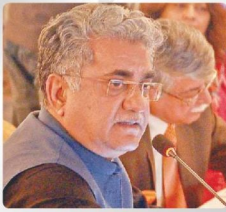
Late Dr. Hamida Khuhro
Writer, Politician, Ex Minister

It is a good sign that a huge literary program is organized in Karachi by some young people. This tradition should be continued in future as well. Sindhi is an ancient and rich language, in which rich literature is produced. But we, people of Sindh, ourselves have neglected it. Likewise, the Sindh Literature Festival, Children's Literature Festival should also be organized in various cities of Sindh.



Grace Shelton
American Consul General, Karachi.

Sindh is a land of mystics, Sufis, poets and saints; the people of this land have created a peace-loving, inclusive and tolerant society. The United States wishes prosperity and peace to the people of Sindh. I hope this kind of festivals will be held every year to promote the literature and culture of the province.



Fazlullah Pechohoo
Secretary, Health Dept. GoS

Sindh Literature Festival is a huge literary event organised in Karachi. This is healthy activity which will design the new approach about education, literature and culture. This also shows the identity of Sindh. I appreciate the efforts of young team who made this possible.



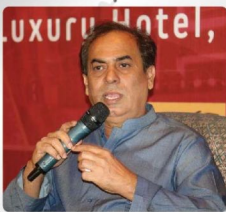
Dr. Suleman Shaikh
Secretary SZABIST

Sindhi language has centuries-old roots in Sindh and despite facing difficult days on various times, it has survived. Therefore, Sindhi language has no threat in future too. I appreciate the efforts taken by this young people of SLF. They have made the event possible.



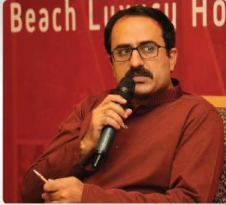
Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh
Vice Chancellor SMI University

Sindh Literature Festival was a most healthy activity that will inspire, especially the youth who will design their new approach about Sindhi literature, culture, history and education. Sindh Madressah played a pivotal role in creation of Pakistan. We will support this kind of events in future too.



Aijaz Mangi
Renowned Columnist, Writer

Sindh Literature Festival, one of the dreams of Shaikh Ayaz is achieved by the young team of SLF. This is a real depiction. In Karachi Sindhi people have been away from their cultural activities, though this is the capital city of Sindh. This is the need of time that Sindhi should show their presence here and prove that this city belongs to them and sea shores also belong to them.



Jami Chandio
Renowned Columnist, Writer

It's a real pleasure that thousands of people are attending the festival of its own kind. This festival shows the identity of Sindh basically. This will generate enthusiasm in people. We will always support this kind of festivals.



THEME OF SLF 2016

Sindh Literature Festival 2016

The three day Sindh Literature Festival (SLF) was kicked off at the Beach Luxury Hotel, Karachi, on Friday 4th November, 2016. The Sufi singer Madam Abida Parveen formally opened the event by cutting the ribbon. It was followed by the recital of Shah Latif's verses from Sur Hussaini by the Faqirs who sing the Shah Jo Risalo every evening at Shah Latif's shrine. First day was ended with live performance of the Sufi Singer Abida Perveen along with music artists Mewa Khan, Shahid Khan and Ustad Amb Jogi that created euphoric ambience in which many of their fans danced amid rounds of applause.

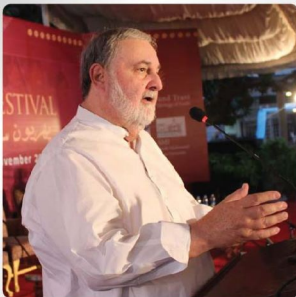


THEME OF SLF 2016

Sessions

The sessions included discussions, talks, and readings. 35 sessions, 55 speakers, and 35 moderators were part of the festival. Following were few important topics.

Session: Dynamics of Regional Politics



Abdullah Hussain Haroon

The former Pakistan Ambassador to the United Nations, social activist, former Speaker Sindh Assembly, Board Member of various institutes, Moderator: Ali Rind

Importance of Literary Events



Grace Shelton

American Consul General, Karachi.

Development of Sindh in British Period



Late Dr. Hamida Khuhro

Nationalist Politician, Writer, Professor, Historian and Former Minister for Education, GoS Moderator: Dr. Ayub Sheikh

World view of Modern Creative Literature



Muhammad Hanif

Famous Journalist, Writer & Novelist, Writer of "A Case of Exploding Mangoes" Moderator: Gobind Meghwar

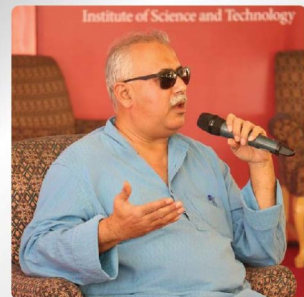
Short Story Reading



Amar Jaleel

Prominent Sindhi short story Writer and Columnist. Moderator: Asghar Soomro

Journalism: New Trends



Wusatullah Khan

Famous Columnist and Analyst Moderator: Yasir Qazi



Impact of Visual Media on Society



Sultana Siddiqui

Famous Drama Producer &
Chairperson, HUM TV
Moderator: Najia Mir

Socio-political Change in Sindh: Dilemmas and Possibilities



Ali Qazi

Senior Journalist,
Socio-Political Analyst,
CEO, KTN
Moderator: Mushtaq Rajper

Science literature in Sindhi Language



**Dr. Suleman Shaikh
Dr. Amjad**

Dr. Suleman Shaikh
Doctor, Writer, Founder of Sindh
Graduates Association (SGA),
Secretary SZABIST and member &
head of different Social Organizations

Dr. Amjad
Writer, Scholar
Moderator: Waheeda Mahesar

Literary and Intellectual Tendencies of Contemporary Sindhi Literature



Jami Chandio

Writer, Scholar and Activist,
Executive Director of the
Center for Peace and Civil Society

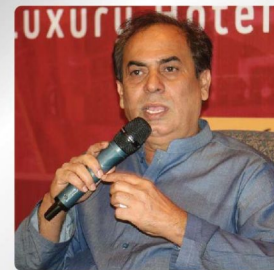
Qualitative Higher Education and Our Universities



Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh

Vice Chancellor SMI University
Moderator: Irfana Mallah

Journey of Sindhi Poetry from Shah Latif to Shaikh Ayaz



Aijaz Mangi

Famous Columnist and Writer
Moderator: Dr. Fayaz Latif

Book Launch: Sukhan Ladhi Saar



Justice Deedar Hussain Shah

Writer, Ex NAB Chairman,
Ex Chief Justice Sindh High Court
Moderator: Sajjad Suhag

The Economic Development in Sindh: Vision and Mystery



Kaiser Bengali

Economist, Speaker
Moderator: Professor Aijaz Qureshi

Existentialism in Sindhi Short Story



Noor Ul Huda Shah

Famous Drama Writer
Moderator: Zaib Sindhi



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Meet A Literary Family



Ashaq Ansari
Akhlaq Ansari
Ishtiaq Ansari

Ashaq Ansari
Writer
Akhlaq Ansari
Writer
Ishtiaq Ansari
Writer
Moderator: Dr. Maheen Hesbani

Book Launch: Sindhi Shagird Siyasat



Abdul Hase Paliyo

Travelogue Writer
Moderator: Rizwan Gull

Archaeological Importance of Karachi



Gul Hassan Kalmati
Akhtar Baloch

Gul Hassan Kalmati
Historian
Akhtar Baloch
Blogger, Researcher
Moderator: Ali Akash

Feminist Literature, Auratzaad Adab



Dr. Arfana Mallah
Amar Sindhu

Professors, Feminist Activists,
Writers
Moderator: Haseena Mussarat

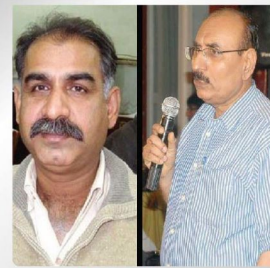
Thar Desert: Alarming Environmental Situation



Arbab Naik Muhammad
Khalil Kunbhar

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Writer, Columnist, Analyst
Khalil Kunbhar
Writer
Moderator: Dr. Subhash Humerani

Print Media in Modern Age



Farooq Soomro
Dr Jabbar Khattak

Farooq Soomro
Editor (Daily Sindh Express),
Journalist
Dr Jabbar Khattak
Editor in Chief (Daily Awami Awaz),
Journalist
Moderator: Nisar Khokhar

Sindhi Electronic Media: Positives and Negatives



Sohail Sangi
Dr. Ayub Shaikh

Journalists, Writer
Moderator: Mustafa Farwar

Languages in a Globalizing World



Dr Fahmda Hussain
Dr Qasim Bughio
Dr Altaf Jokhio

Dr Fahmda Hussain
Writer
Dr Qasim Bughio
Chairman Academy of Letters, Pakistan
Dr Altaf Jokhio
Writer
Moderator: Dr. Ghafoor Memon

Book Launch: Hasan Dars Jo Risalo



Taj Joyo

Writer
Moderator: Riazat Buriro

Mushaauro



Dr Aakash Ansari

Famous Poet

Poetry

More than 100 established, emerging and new Urdu and Sindhi poets were part of the first Sindh Literature Festival for consecutive two days.

Music

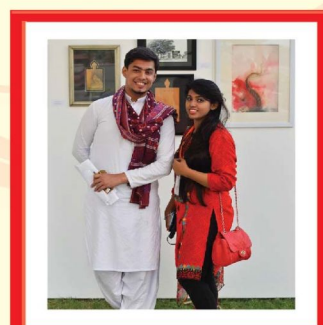
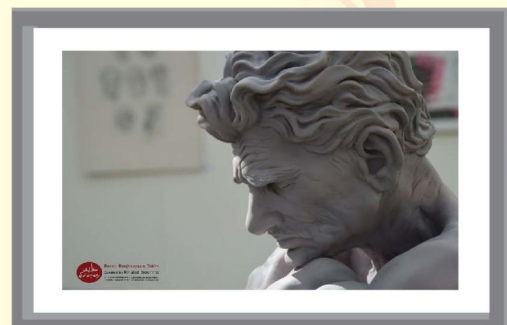
Sindh Literature Festival starts with the performance of Madam Abida Parveen along with music artists Mewa Khan, Shahid Khan and Ustad Amb Jogi. Later two days the renowned singers performed in SLF. Natasha Baig, Rafiq Faqeer, Nazakat Sadiq Faqir, Wachan Sindhi, Amb Jogi, Shakoor Faqir, (Khamach Player), and Zulfiqar Faqir, (Bonnendo player) were part of first Sindh Literature Festival, who created euphoric ambience in which many of their fans danced amid rounds of applause.



THEME OF SLF 2016

Art Gallery (*Keean Reejaayaan Tokhe*)

An exhibition of striking artworks was opened at the Beach Luxury hotel on the inaugural day of the first Sindh Literature Festival. The show titled “Keean Reejaayaan Tokhe”, curated by Khalid Soomro, has works of 50 artists on display. The range of both content and the media, which the painters and sculptors have used, was remarkable.



Book Stalls

The renowned publishers of English, Urdu, Sindhi and other languages were part of SLF 2016. It includes:

Oxford University Press

Liberty Books

Paramount Books

Fiction House

US Consulate Karachi

Pakistan Reading Project

National Book Foundation

Academy of Letters

SZABIST

Sindhi Adabi Board

Sindhi Language Authority

Culture Department

Sindhica Publication

Sindhiyana Publication

Naoon Niyaapo Publication

Peacock Publishers

Kachho Publication

Kaveeta Publication

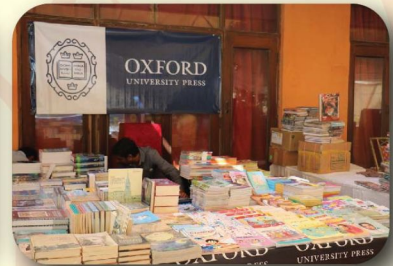
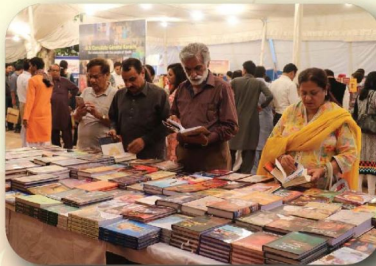
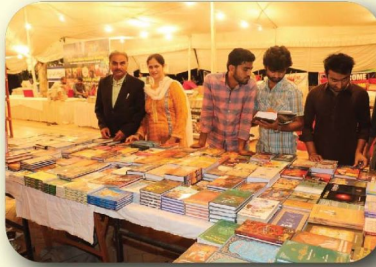
Sanjh Publication

Tawakul Book house

The Pages Books

Mahar Dar Publisher

Naari Publishers



THEME OF 2016

Cultural Stalls

Cultural and other exhibits were put to highlight the country's culture at first Sindh Literature Festival. A large number of people visited the stalls and depicted the rich culture of the country. Three-day event aimed at bridging the gap between rural and urban populace because the latter needed to realize the worth of the artisans. It was to give them a platform in the cityscape, and let the people experience the taste of Sindh. The works included Kashi, Sindhi Topi, Thari dresses, Ajrak, Embroidery, Handicrafts.

Food Court

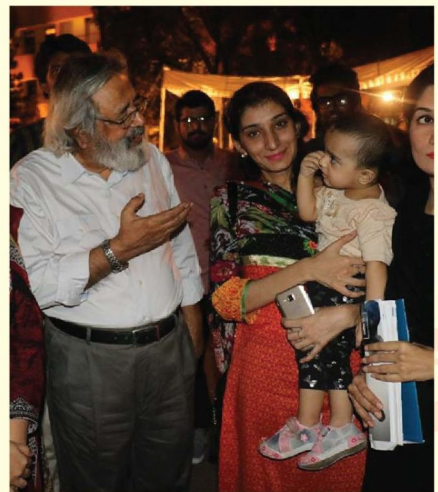
The food court at SLF had an amazing range of goodies for people. Different food stalls were there including Bar B.Q Tonight, Pizza, Traditional Food and Beverages stalls.



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MEDIA COVERAGE

More than 32 Reports on TV Channels and many of the newspapers including English, Urdu and Sindhi covered this event for all three days.

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Print Media



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