



SCHEDULE FOR THE SECOND KOVALAM LITERARY FESTIVAL

at, Taj Green Cove, Kovalam, Trivandrum, October 7-9

October 7: Arrival of participants at Trivandrum: Volunteers will be present at the airport to take participants to the Taj Green Cove, Kovalam, about 6 kms from the airport.

5pm: Inauguration of the festival. Special message from Amitav Ghosh on Burmese writing and Ma Thida's role, to be read out by Mukul Kesavan.

6pm: Mukul Kesavan delivers the fourth K.C. John Memorial lecture on **The Oddness of Indian Nationalism**

8 pm: Dinner organized by co-sponsor DC Books. Host Ravi Decee

October 8: **10.am:** Burmese dissident writer Ma Thida reads from her book and takes questions
11 to 12. Professor Christopher Pinney's, presentation on the History of Photography in India.
12 to 1: Poetry reading by Chandrakanta Murarsingh, Korobok poet from Tripura
1-2.30 Lunch at Hotel Samudra organized by Kerala Tourism.
2.30 to 4 Session on Biography: readings from Om puri's biography. Session on the art of biography; Nandita Puri, Mukul Kesavan, Saibal Chaterjee . Nandita Puri reads from her forthcoming book on Om Puri and takes questions
4-6: Session on translations organized by Literature without Borders and Frankfurt Book Fair
Dinner at the beachside hosted by the German Book Office. Host Akshay Pathak

Band led by Nandu Leo

October 9:

10 - 11, Readings and questions by Shobha De

11-12, Readings by young writers Anita Jain,

Palash Mehrotra, Anuja Chauhan, Ira Trivedi, Mathew Menacherry,

12 to 1, Documentary on Kamala Das by Suresh Kohli who will take questions.

Lunch

2-3, History of Pornography In India by Professor Sanjay Srivastava

3-4, South African writer Rozena Mart on Apartheid literature and her own books

5-6, Readings and presentation by Amitabh Kant on tourism in India.

6-7, Interaction of all writers with audience including autograph signing

Cultural programme sponsored by ICCR followed

by dinner at the beachside sponsored by Harper Collins

