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RECLAIMING INDIA@73 CONFERENCE AGENDA

Indian Democracy at a Dangerous Crossroad

(Click Here to Register: <https://tinyurl.com/reclaimingindia73>)

OCT 3RD, SAT: 9am–12.30pm EDT (6.30pm - 9.30pm IST)

OCT 4TH, SUN: 9am–1.30 pm EDT (6.30pm -11.30pm IST)



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Oct 3rd

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The Modi Regime and
the Destruction of
India

9.00 am to 9.10 am — Welcome Remarks (Live) by Sunita Viswanath (Hindus for Hindus Rights) and Manish Madan (Global India Progressive Alliance)

9.10 am to 9.45 am — Inaugural Speech (Live) by Dr. Ramachandra Guha (Historian); Moderator: Suchitra Vijayan (Author)

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Moment of Silence for COVID-19 victims around the world
and a statement of solidarity with the people of Kashmir
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Building the
Beloved Community,
an Inclusive,
Egalitarian and
Peaceful Democracy

9.50 am to 10.20 am — Plenary One, Speakers: Rev. Dr. William Barber (Poor People's Campaign) and Prof. Rajmohan Gandhi (Historian), Moderator: Sunita Viswanath (Hindus for Human Rights)

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Interlude: Shri Prahlad Tipania and party (a Kabir doha)
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Reclaiming Hinduism
from Hindu Nationalists

10.25 am to 10.50 am — Panel One, Speakers: Prof. Anantanand Rambachan (Professor of Religion) and Pandit Vishvambar Nath Mishra (Mahant, Varanasi), Moderator: Punya Upadhyaya (Hindus for Human Rights)

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Interlude: The Chennai Children's Choir, with T.M. Krishna
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#DalitLivesMatter:
The Ongoing Struggle
of Dalits

10.55 am to 11.20 am — Panel Two, Speakers: Martin Macwan (Navsarjan Trust) and Dr. Roja Singh (Dalit Solidarity Forum), Moderator: Balmurli Natrajan (Professor of Anthropology)

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Interlude: Thappatam (The Dalit drummers of Tamilnadu)
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Imagining a Progressive
India through the Eyes of
Female Youth Leaders

11.25 am to 11.50 am — Panel Three, Speakers: Aishe Ghosh (JNUSU president), Swati Khanna (Student, LLB, DU), and Dipsita Dhar (student activist), Moderators: Debalina Maitra and Somaditya of Global India Progressive Alliance

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Interlude: Hum Dekenge - A Gujarati rendering
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11.55 am to 12.15pm — A Shout-out to LA Chain Fasting Group/
Ghadar Meet (Live) and Day's Highlights

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Oct 4th

Destroying Indian
Democracy will harm
Indians including
Muslims

Independent Judiciary
Under Threat

Bridging Student Activism
in India & Abroad

How Many More Will You
Imprison? Political Prisoners
in India

The Role of Art and Culture
in Preserving &
Strengthening Democracy

The Fifth Estate is not
a Fifth Column

Defeating Hindutva:
Political Future of India

9.00 am to 9.10 am — Welcome Remarks (Live) by Shreya Singh (Students Against Hindutva Ideology) and Aminah Ahmad (Indian American Muslim Council)

9.10 am to 9.35 am — Plenary Two, Speakers: Arfa Khanum Sherwani (Journalist) and Hamid Ansari (Former Vice President of India), Moderator: Aminah Ahmad (Youth Leader)

Interlude: A tribute to Prashant Bhushan from a village in Karnataka

9.40 am to 10.05 am — Plenary Three, Speakers: Prashant Bhushan (Supreme Court Lawyer) and Indira Jaising (Supreme Court Lawyer), Moderator: Manish Madan (Global India Progressive Alliance)

Interlude: Hum Dekhenge (Arivu of Casteless Collective on CAA)

10:10 am to 10:30 am — Panel Four, round table discussion organized by Students Against Hindutva Ideology

Reclaiming India Vision

10.35 am to 11 am — Panel Five, Speakers: Teesta Setalvad (Activist) and Mihir Desai (Human Rights Lawyer), Moderator: Madhumita Dutta (India Civil Watch International)

Interlude: Red Baraat

11.05 am to 11.25 am — Panel Six, Speakers: Aatish Taseer (Writer) and Nrithya Pillai (Dancer), Moderator: Simran Jeet Singh (Author)

Interlude: Mallika Sarabhai's Dance Tribute to Gauri Lankesh

11.30 am to 12.05 pm — Panel Seven (Live), Speakers: Sujit Nair (HW News) and Paranjoy Guha Thakurta (Journalist), Akriti Bhatia (Journalist); Moderator: Ishaan Jhaveri (Research Fellow)

12.30 pm to 1.30 pm — The Extra Inning, Some of the Panelists and Organizers will return to weigh in on the provocative question, "If not Modi, who?" in 2024, with Q & A open to all. Don't miss this one, as there may be surprise guests.