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First Edition

3 DAYS
IN THE WILD

6 · 7 · 8 October 2026
Ramnagar, Uttarakhand



STORIES FROM A LIVING LANDSCAPE

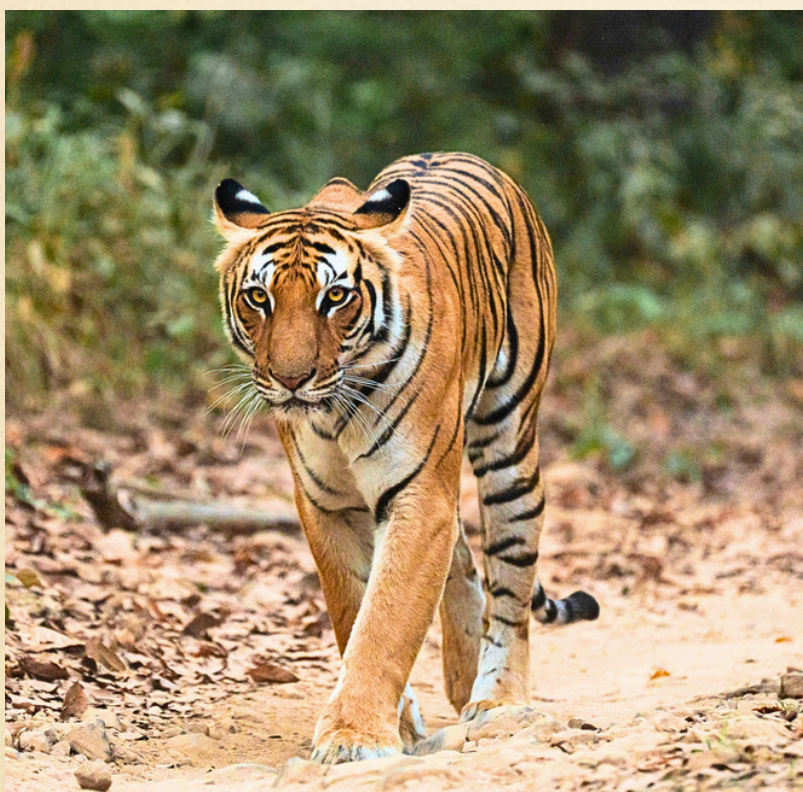
The inaugural Corbett Literature Festival is a three-day residential gathering rooted in the Corbett landscape, bringing together writers, scientists, photographers, historians, conservationists and storytellers to explore nature, wildlife, culture and our relationship with the wild.

Set in the landscape that gave India its first national park, the festival creates space for conversations, shared experiences and fresh perspectives.



THE FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

3 DAYS
20+ SESSIONS
30+ VOICES
3 VENUES
4 CORE THEMES



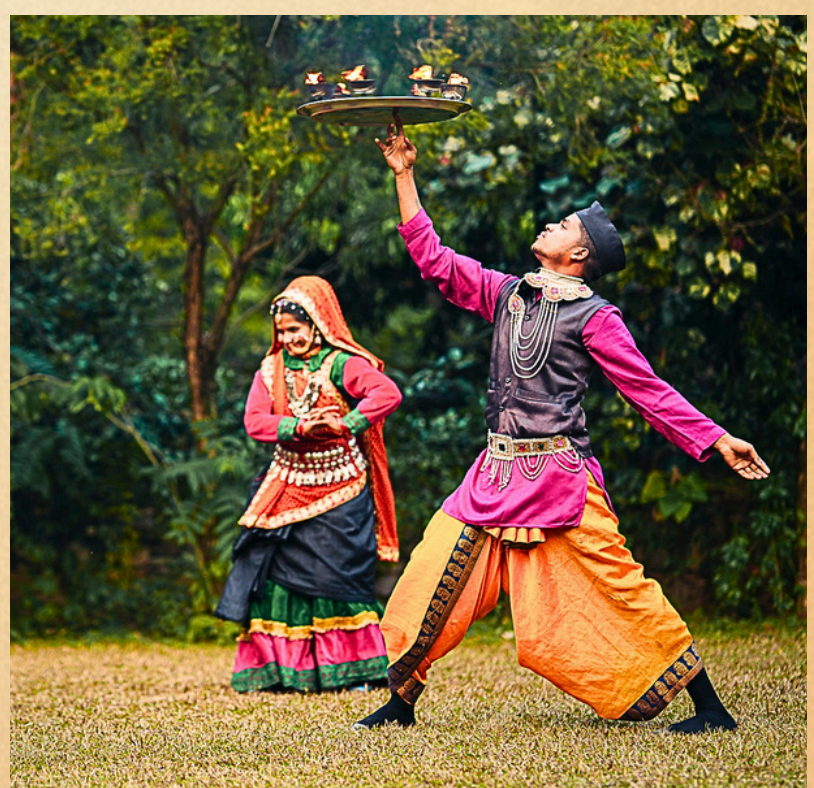
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THE HIMALAYAS



CULTURE & HERITAGE



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THROUGHOUT

THE FESTIVAL



Conversations | Panel Discussions | Photography & Art Exhibitions | Book Readings | Regional Music | Local Flavours & Culinary Experiences | Folklore from the Himalayan landscape



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CORBETT



Corbett is not just a destination; it stands at the heart of India's contemporary conservation movement. It also represents the legacy of Edward James Corbett, whose writing showcased India's forests and wildlife to the world.



1936

India's first National
Park established



1956

Renamed Corbett
National Park



1973

Launch of Project
Tiger



2026

A new chapter in
Corbett's legacy



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6th October 2026

THE RIVERVIEW RETREAT

Sessions: Day 1

TIME: 3:00 – 3:15 PM

KEYNOTE

Namita Gokhale

TIME: 3:30 – 4:20 PM

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JIM CORBETT

Stories, Stewardship & the Living Landscape: Celebrating the wild spirit of Corbett through its stories and ensuring legacy.

Nirmal Ghosh in conversation with Akshay Shah & Stephen Alter

TIME: 4:30 – 5:30 PM

GARHWAL- KUMAON KE TAANE-BAANE

Music, Memory & Tradition: A journey through the music, folklore and traditions that continue to shape Uttarakhand's cultural & literary landscape.

Dr Kalyan Singh Rawat · Dr Madhuri Barthwal · Namita Gokhale

Miteshwar Anand - Moderator

TIME: 5:40 – 6:20 PM

READING & RESTORING THE LANDSCAPE

Unpacking the ecological history of damaged habitats to rebuild, restore, and coexist with living landscapes.

Vijay Dhasmana · Sanjay Kumar · Dr Asad Rahmani

TIME: 6:30 – 7:20 PM

“KABHI MAIN CYCLE KE UPAR, KABHI CYCLE MERE UPAR”

Stories from the Forest Frontline: From tracking wildlife on foot to handling high-stakes conflict, a candid look into the grit, resilience, and daily lives of the men and women on the frontlines of forest protection.

Dr Sonali Ghosh · Dharampal Negi · Dr Dushyant Sharma



7th October 2026

AAHANA
RESORT & SPA

Sessions: Day 2

TIME: 6:00 – 7:30 AM

NATURE WALK

Slowing down to read the land: A guided morning walk exploring the birds, flora, insects, and lesser-known marvels of the Corbett ecosystem.

Vijay Dhasmana · Rocky Singh · Rajesh Bhatt · Kunwar Singh · Suresh Singh · Himanshu

TIME: 11:00 – 11:50 AM

JEEVAN DAAYI HIMALAYA

Nature, People & a Changing Landscape: Exploring the intricate connections between Himalayan rivers, forests, mountains and the lives they sustain.

Dr Shekhar Pathak · Dr Durgesh Pant. Sushil Bahuguna — Moderator

TIME: 12:00 – 12:45 PM

PAHADI BHADDU

Tales, Traditions & Culinary Heritage: A slow-cooked journey into Uttarakhand's rich foodways, regional ingredients, and time-honored folklore.

Dr Pushpesh Pant. Session hosted by Ayu Tripathi

TIME: 12:45 – 1:45 PM

KUMAONI LUNCH

A celebration of Kumaoni flavours and the traditions that surround the table.

TIME: 2:00 – 2:50 PM

WITH A CAMERA IN TIGERLAND

The wild, seen through the camera lens of F.W. Champion and the lenses of our experts.

Akash Das · Anup Sah. Avni Tripathi — Moderator

TIME: 3:00 – 3:50 PM

WILD NEIGHBOURS

Living with Wildlife in Urban Landscapes: Exploring what it means to share our increasingly urban landscapes with wildlife.

Rocky Singh in conversation with Neha Sinha & Sanjay Gubbi

TIME: 4:00 – 4:50 PM

THE CONSERVATION IMPERATIVE

Protection, people and coexistence in the Corbett landscape.

Dipankar Ghosh in conversation with Dr Rajesh Gopal & Praveen Pardeshi

TIME: 5:00 – 6:00 PM

FRAME BY FRAME

Extraordinary encounters in the wild: An immersive visual journey through the extraordinary encounters and conservation philosophy of acclaimed nature photographer Dhritiman Mukherjee.

Presenter - Dhritiman Mukherjee · Moderator - Puneet Bali

8th October 2026

THE GOLDEN TUSK

Sessions: Day 3

TIME: 6:00 – 9:30 AM

JUNGLE SAFARI

An early morning journey into the wilderness of Corbett.

Chargeable for respective resort guests

TIME: 12:00 – 12:45 PM

CORBETT: SEEN & THE UNSEEN

A powerful visual journey into the wild, revealing the beauty, fragility and stories of the natural world.

Ajay Suri in conversation with Vikramjit Singh Bal

TIME: 1:00 – 1:50 PM

WILD HISTORIES, LIVING LANDSCAPES

Natural history, conservation and stories from landscapes shaped by both wildlife and people.

Abhilash Khandekar in conversation with Raza Kazmi, Deepankar Aron & Dr Manoj Kumar

TIME: 3:00 – 3:50 PM

TREADING LIGHTLY: TOURISM IN FRAGILE ECOSYSTEMS

Rethinking our relationship with nature and how we can create meaningful experiences while preserving the places.

Anirudh Lakhotia in conversation with Janhavi Prasada & Narendra Bhandari

TIME: 4:00 – 4:50 PM

RIVERS OF FAITH & FOREST

Exploring how the Ganga and Ramganga sustain both sacred traditions and vital wildlife habitats, and what modern development means for their future.

Ramesh Bhatt · Chinmay Shah · Dr Anjali Capila ·

Sumantha Ghosh — Moderator

TIME: 5:00 – 5:50 PM

THE WILD WORD

Writing Nature in Fact & Fiction: Exploring nature in fiction and non-fiction, and how writing shapes our understanding of the wild.

Gargi Rawat in conversation with Prerna Singh Bindra, Stephen Alter & Richard Kerridge



BEYOND THE SESSIONS

Conversations over Dinner



LOCAL EXPERIENCES



GALA DINNERS



BOOK LAUNCH



NATURE WALKS

FOREST HAAT



FOLK MUSIC



POETRY



SAFARI*

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VOICES

FROM THE WILD



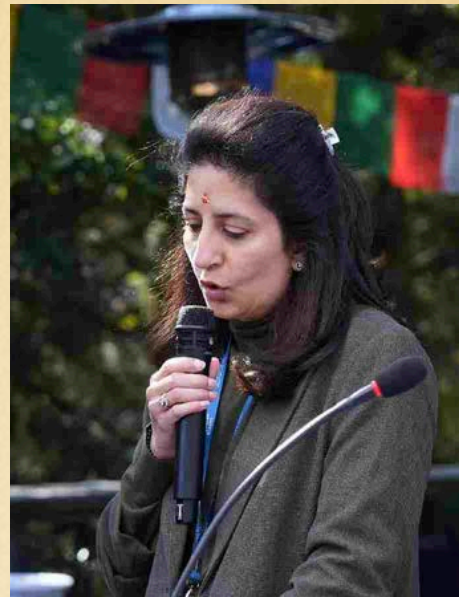
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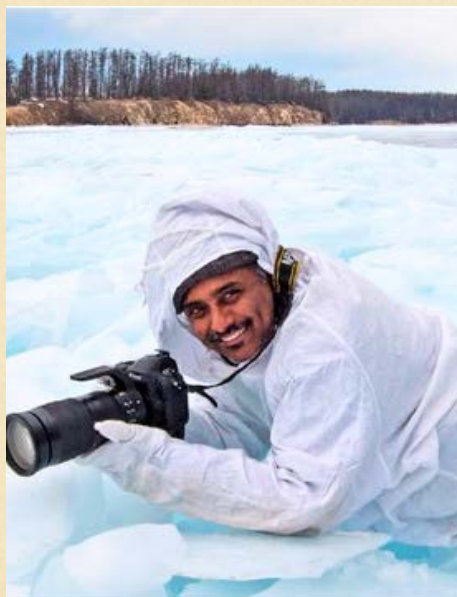
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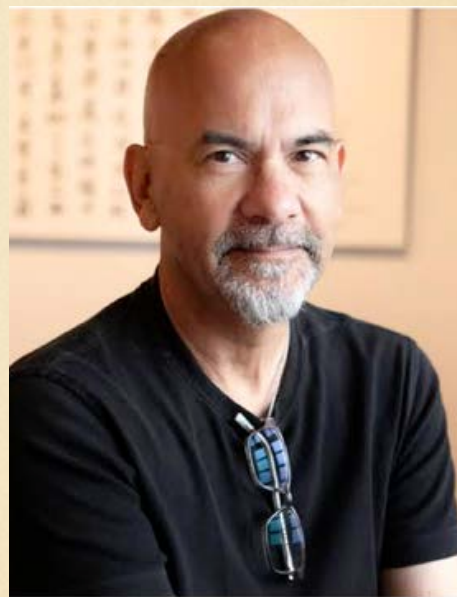
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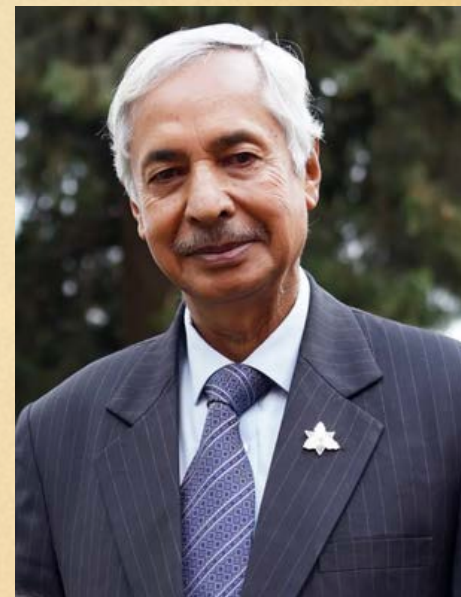
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*JOURNALIST &
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AWARD-WINNING
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*AUTHOR &
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SANJAY GUBBI

*AUTHOR OF
LEOPARD DIARIES*



**NAMITA
GOKHALE**

*AUTHOR, PUBLISHER,
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ROCKY SINGH

*FOOD SHOW ANCHOR
& BIRD WATCHER*



AKSHAY SHAH

*OUTDOOR EDUCATOR
& AUTHOR*



**DEEPANKAR
ARON**

*IRS, POLICY MAKER &
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**DR. KALYAN
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EXPERIENCE



NEW PERSPECTIVES

Hear from writers, scientists, conservationists, historians and people rooted in the landscape.



IMMERSE IN THE LANDSCAPE

The forest, river, wildlife, local food and music are all part of the festival experience.



VOICES FROM THE GROUND

Hear from those on the frontlines on what it takes to conserve one of India's most iconic national parks.



SLOW DOWN

Three days to pause, reconnect and spend time in nature.



ROOTED IN KUMAON

Discover Kumaoni flavours, folk traditions, music, art and stories from the region.



CONVERSATIONS THAT LEAVE AN IMPACT

Ideas and perspectives that deepen our understanding of nature, culture and conservation.





HOSPITALITY



The festival unfolds across three hospitality partners and venues in the Corbett landscape — **Aahana Resort & Spa, The Golden Tusk and The Riverview Retreat** — each offering a distinct setting to experience the region.

Guests will enjoy curated festival sessions, lunches and festive dinners across the three venues, alongside an evolving programme of folk performances, live music and cultural experiences. Each gathering brings together cuisine, conversation and entertainment in the setting of the forest.

The culinary experience celebrates the flavours of Uttarakhand, with local Kumaani specialities as well as international delicacies, complemented by complimentary beverages served with dinners.

Evenings come alive with regional folk performances and live music creating a vibrant celebration of Uttarakhand's culture against the backdrop of Corbett.



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HOW TO ATTEND?

Check-in 6th October - Check-out 9th October 2026

ACCESS EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH OUR HOSPITALITY PARTNERS.

This is a residential festival, designed as a **three-night all inclusive experience** in the heart of Corbett.

Guests can attend the festival by booking a **3-night festival package** only at either **The Riverview Retreat** or **The Golden Tusk**.

For bookings and further details, please get in touch with our hospitality partners.



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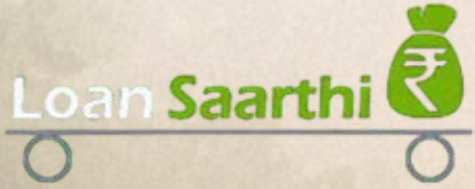
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