

Sunil Janah Photography Pioneer: A Tribute

Kolkata, 12th January, 2013: The National Library & Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies presented *Sunil Janah Photography Pioneer: A Tribute* on the occasion of Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival 2013. The homage to the late Sunil Janah, one of the key figures of Indian photography marked the opening of the “The Asian Neighbourhood”, one of the key themes of AKLF 2013.

Preceded by a lamp lighting ceremony by Shri Gopal Krishna Gandhi, former Governor of West Bengal, Prof. Swapan Chakravarty, Director General, National Library and Prof. Sugata Bose, Gardiner Professor of Oceanic History and Affairs, Harvard University, the session commenced with a special screening of an audio-visual presentation. Specially created for the occasion, the audio visual presentation documented some of the late photographer’s work, from the book “Photographing India.”

An in-depth discussion of the late, and much celebrated photographer’s body of work was led by Panelists Prof. Supriya Chaudhuri, Professor of English and Coordinator of the Centre of Advanced Study at the Department of English, Jadavpur University, and writer filmmaker Ruchir Joshi, with participation of AKLF 2013 delegates from the subcontinent,.

About Sunil Janah

Sunil Janah is one of India's leading photographers and is internationally acclaimed for documenting India's independence movement, its peasant and labour movements, famines and riots, rural and tribal life, as well as the years of rapid urbanization and industrialization.

About Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival (AKLF) 2013:

A Community initiative by the Apeejay Surrendra Group, the annual literary festival hosted since 2010 in Kolkata is the first international literary festival in Kolkata, a city celebrated for its intellectual depth and cultural heritage. An array of special curated discussions, performances and some of the finest literary events are scheduled for the fourth edition from 9th- 13th January, 2013. A noteworthy literary and cultural representation from across India and overseas will be seen at the Festival, amongst the finest minds from India and overseas. Prominent personalities attending will be Ramachandra Guha, William Dalrymple, Shyam Benegal, Pavan Varma, Yasmin Ali Bhai Brown, Amit Chaudhuri, Leila Seth, Manil Suri, Ruchir Joshi, Onir, Urvashi Butalia, Shobhaa De and Tishani Doshi and several others. Events are scheduled at significant cultural and heritage venues across Kolkata like National Library, St John's Church, banks of Hooghly, Lascar Monument, and at India’s finest and most loved 92 year old iconic bookstore- Oxford Bookstore, Kolkata. Amongst the many highlights is Festival’s

collaboration with the Tibor-Jones South Asia Prize to recognize and encourage new and emerging writers in the South Asian region.

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