

# Unmesha, literary fest

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**In news-** “Unmesha-Festival of Expression”, a three-day international literary festival with more than 425 litterateurs from 15 countries in attendance, will begin in Shimla 21 June 2022.

## About the festival-

- It is **jointly organised by the Union ministry of culture, Sahitya Akademi and the Himachal Pradesh Department of Language and Culture**, and is part of the series of events under the ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’.
- It would Be India’s largest Literature festival and it **will feature discussions, paper presentations, poetry readings** and story readings by eminent writers, poets and critics.
- **There will be sessions on tribal literature and LGBTQ writings** and one session on Himachali folk songs too.
- Various cultural performances, including “Krishna Kaaliya” – Bharatanatyam rendition by Sonal Mansingh troupe, Himachali folk dances will be the key attractions during the festival.
- The fest would start with the session on literature and women empowerment to be presided over by Kiran Bedi who will speak on the topic ‘Mere Sathiya ki Maayane’.
- **Prominent personalities from the art and literature, including the winner of the 2022 Man Booker Prize Geetanjali Shree would be participating in the event.**