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Fatima Bhutto, Mohammed Hanif, David Davidar, Amit Chaudhuri Mirza Wahid . Arvind Mehrotra and Shehan Karunatileka will be among the star attractions of the fourth annual Kovalam Literary Festival being held in IIC Delhi on September 29 and In Kanakakunnu Palace Trivandrum on October 1 and 2.

The festival will also see a slew of young writers including Anuradha Roy, Palash Mehrotra, Rahul Bhattacharya and Kanika Dhillon. Suresh Menon's exciting new biography of Bishen Singh Bedi and Anita Nair's new anthology of poems Malabar Mind will be launched at the festival .

Pakistani writer Hanif will read from his second novel Our Lady of Alice Bhatti being released next month. Extracts from the novel was published in the Granta Pakistan special early this year. Sri Lankan writer Karunatileke will read about his exciting debut novel Chinaman based on the search of a forgotten but brilliant Sri Lankan cricketer called Pradeep Mathew . Arvind Mehrotra will read from his recreation of Kabir's poems.

The festival will conclude on October 2 in Trivandrum with the performance of London-based Tamil fusion rock singer Susheela Raman. Delhi's expat hip-hop and reggae band Ska. Vengers will perform both at the IIC Delhi and in Trivandrum on October . 1 The final programming of the three day, two city festival will be released next week.

The festival is organized by Delhi-based Noctilucent and will be managed from this year onwards by Stark Expo, Trivandrum. The festival is supported by Taj Hotels, Kerala Tourism, ICCR among others.

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