

Festival of Ideas Day 1 - 24th August		
Time	Session	Moderator
10:00 AM	Welcome Address by Dr. Aishwarya Pandit Sharma Director, The Sunday Guardian Foundation	MC: Uday Pratap Singh Megha Sharma
10:05 AM	Idea Fest Introduction Film	
10:10 AM	Idea Fest Inaugural Session	
10:30 AM	Politics of Appeasement with Badri Narayan , Writer Dr. Aishwarya Pandit Sharma , Academic & Author Dr Rakhshanda Jalil , Writer, Translator, Literary Historian	Rasheed Kidwai Author & Journalist
11:00 AM	Spirit of India with Sanjeev Chopra , TedEx Speaker Uday Mahurkar , Information Commissioner	Devika Chopra Ast. News Editor, NewsX
11:15 AM	India's Best & Worst Prime Ministers With Vinay Sitapati , Professor, Law & Politics, Shiv Nadar Univ.	Priya Sahgal Sr. Executive Editor, NewsX
11:30 AM	How Leaders Decide with Neerja Chowdhury , Journalist & Author Sanjaya Baru , Journalist & Author Rasheed Kidwai , Journalist & Author	Suhel Seth Political Columnist & Commentator
12:00 PM	Privacy As Fundamental Right with Neelima Dalmia Adhar , Author Manu Joseph , Author Dr. Saumya Saxena , Legal Historian	Uday Pratap Singh Associate Editor, NewsX
12:20 PM	India's Soft Power with Pushpesh Pant , Historian, Academic & Food Critic Sachchidanand Joshi Author & Member Secy IGNCA	Pooja Marwah Ehsaas Woman, PKF
1:00 PM	Exploring Music, Storytelling & Poetry in Bollywood with Yatindra Mishra , Poet Rahul Rawail , Director	Anshu Mehra Ehsaas Woman, PKF

1:15 PM	Educating a Modern India	Megha Sharma	
	with	Executive Editor, NewsX	
	Lt Gen (R) Zameeruddin Shah , Former Army Vice Chief		
1:30 PM	Road to 2024	Priya Sahgal	
	With	Sr. Executive Editor, NewsX	
	Akhilesh Yadav , Former CM, Uttar Pradesh		
2:00 PM	Lunch		
2:30 PM	The SBI Story	Devika Chopra	
	with	Ast. News Editor, NewsX	
	Rajnish Kumar , former SBI Chairman		
2:45 PM	An Extra-Ordinary Life	Uday Pratap Singh	
	Nawazuddin Siddiqui , Actor	Associate Editor, NewsX	
3:05 PM	India's Risk Analysis	Vineet Malhotra	
	with	Consulting Editor, NewsX	
	Lt Gen (R) PJS Pannu , Fmr Deputy Chief, IDS		
	Sandeep Unnithan , Author & Journalist		
3:25 PM	The Start Button: What Makes A Successful Start-Up	Rishabh Gulati	
	with	Managing Editor, NewsX	
	Deep Kalra , Founder & Chairman, MakeMyTrip		
	Pranjal Sharma , Author of The Next New		
3:45 PM	Ram Rajya	Priya Sahgal	
	with	Sr. Executive Editor, NewsX	
	Amish Tripathi , Author		
4:05 PM	India's Best & Worst Decade	Priya Sahgal	
	with	Sr. Executive Editor, NewsX	
	Ram Madhav , President, India Foundation & Author		
	Manish Tewari , MP Lok Sabha		
4:25 PM	Media Roundtable	Kaveri Bamzai	
	with	Author & Former Editor	
	Smita Prakash , Editor, ANI		
	Ashutosh , Founding Editor, SatyaHindi.com		
	Dilip Cherian , Consultant & Advisor		
	Apra Kuchchal , Hony. Convenor, Raj. & C. India Affairs, PKF		
4:40 PM	Popularity to Public Service	Rana Yashwant	
	with	Managing Editor, India News	

		Ravi Kishan , Member of Parliament	
		Nirahau , Actor & MP	
		Manoj Tiwari , Actor & MP	
5:10 PM	India's Tech Age		Uday Pratap Singh
	with		Associate Editor, NewsX
	Nalin Mehta , Journalist & Author		
	Dr. Teena Kapoor Sharma , National Advisor Public Policy, MSME Ministry, Govt of India		
	Hindol Sengupta , Author & Journalist		
5:40 PM	China Plus One		Joyeeta Basu
	with		Editor, The Sunday Guardian
	Amb. Gautam Bambawale , Fmr. Envoy to China		
	Prof BR Deepak , Sinologist		
	Prof Srikanth Kondapalli , Dean, SIS, JNU		
	Jayadev Ranade , President, Centre for China Analysis		
6:10 PM	Political Overtones in Script Writing		Neelima Dalmia Adhar
	with		Author
	Tuhin Sinha - Author & BJP spokesman		
	Anant Vijay -Author & Snr Journalist		
6:40 PM	Food After Yoga: India's Next Soft Power		Megha Sharma
	with		Executive Editor, NewsX
	Vicky Ratnani , Author & Celebrity Chef		
	Suveer Saran , International Chef and Restaurateur		
	Sourish Bhattacharyya , Co-Editor, The Bloomsbury Handbook of Indian Cuisine		
7:00 PM	Based on a True Story : The Mirror of Cinema		Uday Pratap Singh
	with		Associate Editor, NewsX
	Shweta Tripathi Sharma , Actor		
7:30 PM	Memoirs of a Maverick		Rasheed Kidwai
	with		Author & Journalist
	Mani Shankar Aiyar , Author & Congress Leader		
8:00 PM	G20		Joyeeta Basu
	with		Editor, The Sunday Guardian
	Amb Gautam Bambawale , Former Envoy to China		
	Prof. Madhav Nalapat , Editorial Director, TSG		

8:20 PM	Reimagining Royalty	Anshu Mehra	
	with	Ehsaas Woman, PKF	
	Rani Jaykriti Singh Baria		
	Rajkumari Nandini Singh Jhabua		
	Rajkumari Archana Kumari Badnore		
	Rajkumari Yashasvini Kumari Dhenkanal		