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## AGENDA

08: 30 AM Registrations

10:00 AM Opening Keynote - Dr Annurag Batra, Chairman & Editor-in-Chief, BW Businessworld & Founder exchange4media Group

10: 15 AM Keynote Address - Why Successful Partnerships are Driven By A Sense of Ownership, Trust and Intent, Not by Clauses in a Contract

Anil Singh, Founder & Managing Director, Procam International

Keynote Address - Demand vs. Capacity: Why India Needs More Purpose-Built Exhibition Infrastructure to Compete Globally 10:45 AM

Description: Exploring the widening gap between rising industry demand and the limited number of world-class exhibition centres

M.Q.Syed, Founder and Chairman Managing Director, Exhicon Group of Companies

11:00 AM Panel 1 - Experiential Strategies That Build Brand Trust

Description: How meaningful experiences, not marketing messages are becoming the new drivers of brand trust

**Dhruv Dhavar**, Founder Inextis Events **Sushma Gaikwad**, Co-Founder, Wizcraft MIME and Ice Global

Chetan Chitkara, President, Experiential Business, The Max (Tribes Communication)

Amit Gujral, Marketing Expert (Ex-CMO JK Tyres)

Alok Chander, CMO, HFCL Ltd

Chehneet Kaur, Sr. Correspondent, exchange4media

11:45 AM Keynote Speaker - Have Events changed the landscape of political campaigning

Description: A look at how large-scale events, rallies and narrative-driven spectacles have transformed political campaigning in the country

Lalitt Gattani, Chief Executive Officer, Showcraft Global (Showcraft Productions Pvt.Ltd.)

12:00 PM Fireside Chat - Why Experiential Matters Now?

Rabindra Narayan, Founder, MD & President, GTC Network

12: 20 PM Panel 2 - How Tech Innovation Is Transforming the Event Landscape

Description: From registration to storytelling, how event planners are embracing tech to scale creativity

Ruchin Kohli, Founder, Occasion Xperts Pvt Ltd, VP, North, EEMA

RJ Simran, Veteran Radio Jockey & Media Professional

Parag Anand, Director, Benson Trophies

Nanni Singh, Chief Executive, ShowCase Events (Moderator)

1:00 PM Keynote - Isha Chaturvedi, Partner - Cold Love Ice Creams, Operator F&B vertical - Favcy Venture Builders

How Live Events Are Fueling Tourism, Jobs and City Economies 1:15 PM

Description: Tracing the real impact of concerts/ live events on urban economies and why cities are now competing to become event

destinations

Rajeev Jain, Founder & Director, Rashi Entertainment Ltd

Rajat Uppal, Business Head, BAE, ABP Network

Shaju Ignatius, Chief Evangelist, Live Events, Laqshya Media Group Ruhail Amin, Sr Editor, BW Businessworld & exchange4media Group

1:45 PM Lunch

























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2:15 PM Panel 3 - Beyond the Big Fat Wedding: The New Rules of India's Wedding Market

Description: What's changing in budgets, expectations and the way couples plan their big day

Rituraj Khanna, CEO, Q Events

Saurabh Singhal, Director, GKS EVENTS by Girdharilal Kedarnath & Sons

Rajnish Rathi, Publisher-Editor, Wedding Affair Magazine

Mohamad Ghous, Director Amsa Group Manvi Gandotra, Founder 1Plus1 Studio

Tejwannt Singh Lamba, Founder, Van Vivaha Expotainment Pvt Ltd

Lalit Jain, Founder, Lakshurious

Rachit Jain, Founder, Meri Bhakti, Director, Rashi Entertainment

Ojasvita Trivedi, Editorial Lead, BW Businessworld

3:00 PM Blueprints for Impact: Safer, Greener Events

Siddhartha Chaturvedi, Founder & CEO of Event Crafter and Chair of EEMA's Health, Safety & Environment Committee

Making Experiential Find Its Way In Mainstream Media 3: 15 PM

Manish Porwal, Managing Director, Alchemist Marketing Solutions Group

Manoj Adlakha, Founder and CEO, RedBeryl Lifestyle Services Private Ltd 3:30 PM

Panel 4 - Stagecraft and Soul: What It Takes to Hold a Room in the Age of Distraction 3:45 PM

Description: A deep dive into the evolving performance skills, audience insight, and presence required in today's hosting

harth Kannan, Youtube Sensation, Trending Host & Face Of New Media

Ravin Kundu, Emcee and Public Speaker

chali Arora, Global Emcee & Presenter, Moderator, Actor, Content Creator

Krishna Verma, Anchor, Singer Anurima Mitra, Anchor, Scriptwriter

Ridansha Arora, Emcee

**tnika Vyas**, Model, TV Presenter, Influencer <mark>litya Malik</mark>, Emcee, Visual Experience Creator, Script Writer

RJ Amar, Anchor/RJ

Ojasvi Kapoor, Correspondent, Loudest.in (Moderator)

Keynote - India 2030: The World's Fastest-Growing Experience Economy 4: 30 PM

Description: What's driving exponential growth in events, live entertainment, weddings and brand activations

Sabbas Joseph, Co-Founder & Director, Wizcraft Group

4: 45 PM When Learning Becomes an Experience, and Knowledge Becomes a Brand

> Sudhakar Rao, Director ICFAI Group Arun Samuel, Chairman and Managing Director, Wings Brand Activation Pvt Ltd

5: 15 PM The Indian Concert Boom: What's Fueling Demand and What Comes Next?

Rahul Shaw, Chief Experiences Officer, NDTV

Awards Inaugural Address - Dr Annurag Batra, Chairman & Editor-in-Chief, BW Businessworld & Founder exchange4media Group 7:00 PM

7:15 PM 7th Annual BW Applause Awards Ceremony



5:00 PM

















