



Lantern Festival

Also known as the Shang Yuan Festival or the Yuan Xiao Jie Festival, the Lantern Festival is a traditional Chinese holiday that falls during the first month of the lunar calendar, on the fifteenth day. The festival is a celebration of the end of the Chinese New Year celebrations and the start of the new year. It's a time for families to come together and enjoy food, entertainment, and the lighting of lanterns.



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Yes, it was a twirl. We began with sharp heels and ended with comfort slippers, but no one thought to give a miss. This is a lesson to my mom, who decided to stay away, although she would have been the one to give us *wakey wakey* calls each day. From *chai* to coffee to *chai!* Gastronomies taken care of, even a *foodie bazaar* to take away home, all things you already have. (This is the fun of which good *melas* are made of, you wonder why you even thought of spending money to buy something you already got from another *melas* and still haven't found use for!) All the music, dance and song. Somehow managed, because natural strength gave way to enthu-

siasm. Evenings were transporting. Same old *Rajasthani Manganiyars*, but they were just captivating all over again. The fusion music could have been explained better, but I was told, you hear music, you don't explain it. So, I'm from the next generation and don't have to know it all. The art needed longer and a quieter display. Sensitive souls, and expressions need some gentleness of environment. Nonetheless, they were wondrous to behold. Next time, we'll ask for extended time for the arts, if it's economically viable.

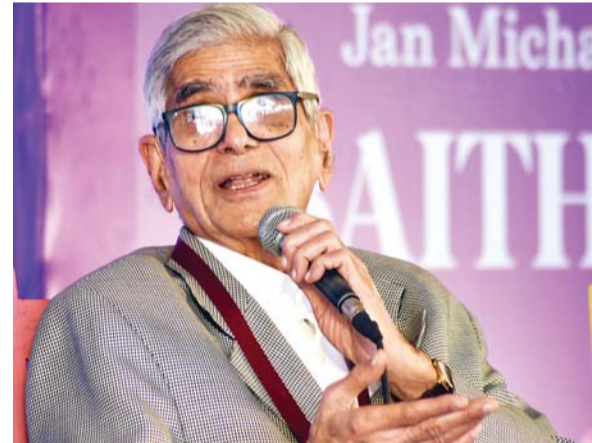
The organizers should be congratulated, they stood their ground in the face of bites from critical media, and some small mishaps, like the bathroom queues. Dear organizers- women need twice the number for the same job, don't ask why, this is the standard arrangement anywhere. The walk away was not their fault, because general

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good behaviour of accommodation is anyway expected from the educated enough to write a book. Sorry gentleman, for *Jaijpur wallas*, we usually behave better. Please accept heartfelt apologies. Please extend us an undeserved consideration of hearing your book, whose description makes one wonder, why we know so little, and worries us to try and know it.

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Tusharika Singh and Jags.



Namita Gokhale, William Dalrymple, Sanjoy Roy, Faith Singh, Apurv Kumar, Sanjay Agarwal and three other members.



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THE WALL

"WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, IF YOU WILL ALLOW THE OVERSTATEMENT."
-FRED ALLEN

BABY BLUES

By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

HAMMIE, ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN THE SCHOOL'S HOLIDAY PROGRAM?
I'M WAITING TO HEAR BACK FROM THE CHOPEOGRAPHER.

BWA-HA-HA-HAAA!

BUT IT'S NOT LOOKING GOOD.

ZITS

By Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman

I FEEL OFF TODAY.
ANK IDEA WHY?

YES, AND IT'S NONE OF YOUR #@!*\$ BUSINESS!!

PLUS, I'M A LITTLE TOUCHY.
IT'S BARELY NOTICE-ABLE.