



## ZEE JAIPUR LITERATURE FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

The world's largest free literature festival, the ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival, concluded its ninth edition on January 25. The festival recorded an increase of 40 percent in footfalls over five days. Prominent writers and celebrities such as Ruskin Bond, Stephen Fry, Alexander McCall Smith, Don McCullin, Steve McCurry and Shatrughan Sinha, among others, attended the festival as speakers. William Dalrymple, author and co-director of the festival, said, "This has been a phenomenal year; our best ever at Jaipur. For our next edition, we have already confirmed Marina Warner, Alain de Bottom, Ha-Joon Chang, Stacy Schiff, Rodaan al-Galidi and Helen Oyeyemi."

## ANNUAL VINOD DOSHI THEATRE FESTIVAL

The eighth edition of the annual Vinod Doshi Theatre Festival was held at Yashwantrao Chavan Natyagruha in Kothrud, Pune, over February 22-26. The five-day fest is organised every year by the Vinod & Saryu Doshi Foundation and it aims to celebrate the late Vinod Doshi's passion for the arts. Various plays including *Ganapati*, *Blank Page*, *Gandhari* and others were performed. Theatre groups like Theatre Art Research (Puducherry), Tamaasha (Mumbai), The Company (Chandigarh) and others performed in languages such as English, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi and Marathi.

