# THE NEEV LITERATURE FESTIVAL 2023

October **7-8, 2023 Neev Academy**,
Yemalur, Bengaluru

# Schedule of Sessions for Older Children

9-12 years 13-18 years







# Stage 1

# Kathashala

**EPDM Lawn** 

2 pm-3 pm



**Introduction by Kapil** 

Duration: 5m



### For 13-18 years

## **Inhabiting Parallel Timelines**

- It takes not just skill, but also meticulous plotting and research to keep the concerns of the past relevant to the present, and have the characters from two eras speak to the reader convincingly. Interact with the award-winning writer **Shabnam Minwalla** to learn her take on the process with her new YA novel. *Zen*.

Duration: 40m



# Performance by Kapil

Ever wondered what makes 'us' fear 'them'?

Duration: 10m

3 pm-4 pm



Introduction by Kapil

Duration: 5m



### For 13-18 years

## Life in the Age of Al

Al governs an abundance of systems that we interact with—some of these we see, and know, while there are others that operate beneath the surface. What are the essentials that young adults need to know about the algorithms that make their way into their mindspace, and the increasing omniscience of generative AI?

Nidhi Sudhan, co-founder, Citizen Digital Foundation tell us more and takes us through the literature surrounding the subject.

Duration: 40m



# Performance by Kapil

It's time to share a big dream, or shall we say, a Khayaali Pulao

Duration: 10m

4 pm-4.45 pm



**Introduction by Kapil** 

Duration: 5m



### For 13-18 years

**Worlds Within and Apart** 

Award-winning filmmaker and author **Devashish Makhija** and award-winning author

Chatura Rao are in conversation about the place that the tribal holds in our lives today. What might a loss of their rights signify for the forest and concrete world? What are the efforts being made to amplify their voices?

Duration: 40m

4.45-5.15 pm



Performance by Kapil Pandey
May the Folk Be With You
Ganga's Curse

Follow the path of a mythical story, told from a contemporary standpoint, and see where it leads

Duration: 30m

5.15 to 5.45 pm



2023 Neev Book Award Announcement Ceremony by the Neev Book Award jury

Duration: 30m





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# Stage 2

# Kahani Manch

**Grass Field near the Athletic Track** 

9 am-10 am



# Performance by Kapil Pandey in Hindi-May the Folk Be With

You-A Story Quadrangle
A Chaudhary, a Chaudhrayin, a
Princess and a Prince - you'll
need more than one story to break
their vows and vices. Can you
handle that?

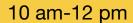
Duration: 45m

# NLF Student Chair speaks about her journey with the festival

Duration: 5m

Manognya Reddy, a student of Grade 10 ICSE at Neev Academy, presents her musical accompaniment composition as a background to a short story from mythology

Duration: 7m





# Introduction by Kapil

Duration: 5m

# 2023 NLF Reading Challenge - Grand Finale Quiz

Student teams from Shiv Nadar School, Faridabad, Fountainhead School, Surat, Pep School V2, Bangalore, and Neev Academy, Bangalore compete in the finals

Till 11.45 am



### Performance by Kapil

Did you know that quizzing can lead to complications?
Be careful quizzers!

Duration: 10m





# Introduction by Kapil

Duration: 5m



# Performance by Kapil

There's a deep connection between Yoga and Basant. Let's find out!

Duration: 10m



## For 9-12 years

## Mind-Ninja with Roopa Pai

The Yoga Sutras for Children

Decode a 2000-year-old text with bestselling author **Roopa Pai** as she interprets Maharishi Patanjali's work, and the insights it holds for children to become calmer, clear-headed and more confident versions of themselves. The author explores this more in her new book,

Duration: 45m



# Venue 3 Kitab Ghar

4-4.45 pm



### For 9-12 years

**Book Launch** of *Uncontrollable* by **Varsha Seshan**Presented by **Penguin Random House** 

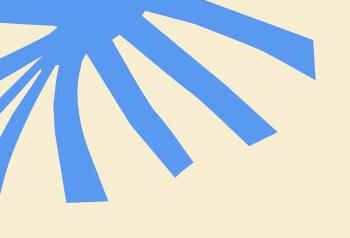
A Middle-Grade Magical

Mystery: Explore parallel worlds, time travel, vortexes, an evil machine, with a set of children who quest justice, with author Varsha Seshan's brand new book, Uncontrollable, a fantasy novel in verse. Twelve-year-old Rohini must uncover a string of secrets to fight an evil government and save her mother. Find out more with the author through a reading and activity session at the book launch.

Duration: 45m









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