

**THE NEEV
LITERATURE
FESTIVAL 2023**

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

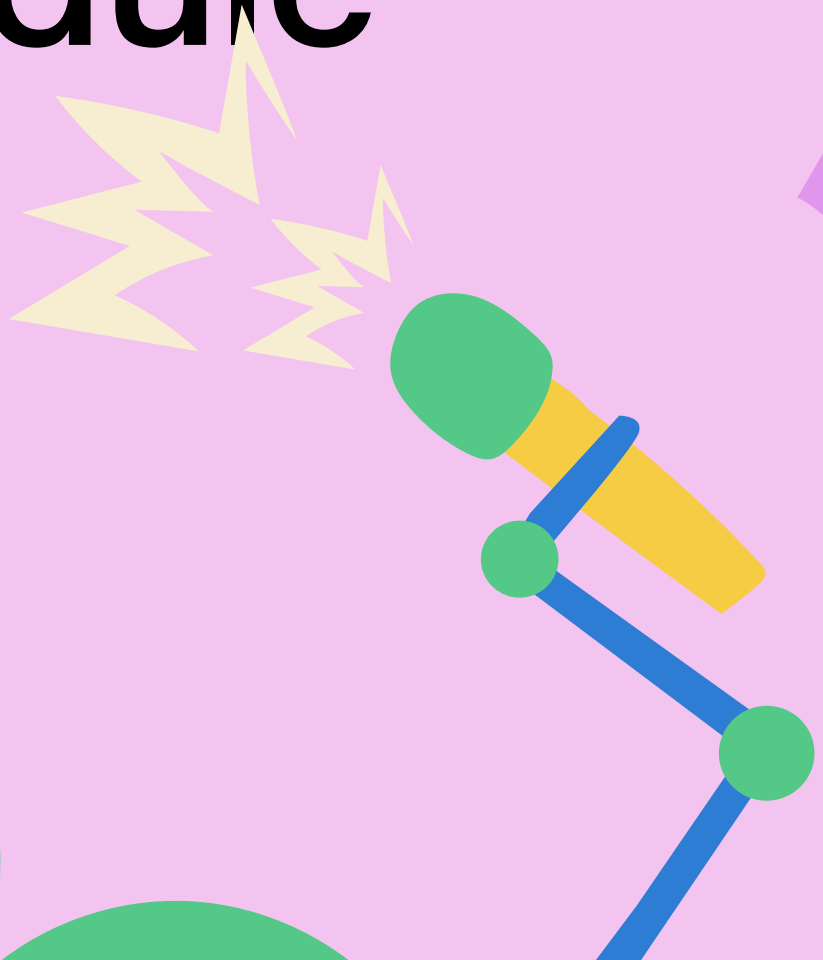
**Festival
Schedule**



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**Sessions for
Parents and
Educators
Schedule**



**THE NEEV
LITERATURE
FESTIVAL 2023**


Day 01

October 7



Stage 1

Kathashala

9 am-10 am



Performance by Kapil Pandey

May the Folk Be With You - A

Tale of the Missing Barbers

A kingdom is rapidly losing its hajaams (barbers). But every time a hajaam visits the King for His Highness' hajaamat (barber's services), he never returns home. What could the matter be? Is there a barber-hating ghost residing in the palace or is our King up to no good?

Duration: 45m

NBA Student Chair and Co-Chair

speaks about their journey with the NBA this year

Duration: 10m



10 am-11 am



Introduction by NLF volunteer

Duration: 5m



Post-Pandemic Parenting

Research is now emerging on the emotional and psychological effects that the pandemic has had on children and adolescents, pointing to a surge in conditions such as ADHD, impulse control, heightened sensitivity, and social inabilities.

What is the spectrum that parents and educators see, and how might we traverse this healthily?

Listen in on the conversation between **Dr Prमित Rastogi**, Medical Director at STEPS Center for Mental Health and award-winning author and **Shabnam Minwalla**, whose YA novels have featured protagonists fighting their own emotional and psychological battles, moderated by **Dr Tanu Shree Singh**, an assistant professor in Psychology, community libraries advocate, and the author of multiple books including *Keep Calm and Mommy On*

Duration: 40m

Q&A: 10m

11 am-12 pm



Introduction by NLF volunteer

Duration: 5m



Ecological Mindspace

Award-winning author-illustrator **Robin Page** and evolutionary ecologist **Kartik Shanker** are both spurred by their love of wildlife to create books for children to transmit this fondness to young readers.

What are the conversations that educators and parents may have, the books they may share, and the experiences that they may provide, to spark a love for Science in children?

Duration: 40m

Q&A: 10m

12 pm-1 pm



Introduction by NLF volunteer

Duration: 5m



**Changing Times,
Changing Values**

Navigating adolescence and emerging from it unscathed may be every parent's dream for their child but how much of this is realistically possible? What are the pressures that young people find themselves surrounded by today and what are the ways in which they may navigate these?

Bestselling award-winning author and educator **Renée Watson**, whose books speak to issues at the intersection of race, gender, and class; film director **Ashim Ahluwalia**, whose popular Netflix series *Class*, depicts the social and emotional politics at play in an elite Indian school; award-winning author **Jane De Suza** whose book *The Midnight Years* looks at the issues that adolescents face and couches them with inputs from a practising psychologist, hold forth in a conversation moderated by anthropologist and author **Dhooleka Raj**

Duration: 40m

Q&A: 10m

1-2 pm

Lunch

**THE NEEV
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Day 02

October 8



Stage 2

Kahani Manch

1-2 pm

Lunch

2-3 pm



Introduction by NLF volunteer

Duration: 5m

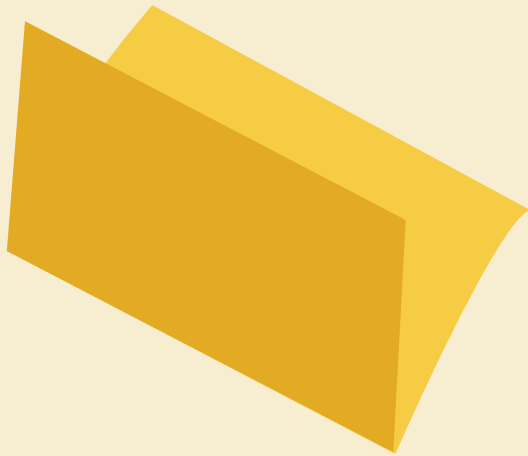


Books as Connectors

Books are a medium to grow tolerance, open minds, and seed stories that can create far-reaching impact on the world. Nurturing a reading habit gives young people practice at life, and helps them recognise as well as appreciate our shared humanity, according to the Newbery Medal-winning author **Linda Sue Park**. She touches on the work and projects that reading has spurred young people to take up, and the roles that parents and educators may fulfill in nurturing similar mindsets among children and young adults today.

Duration: 40m

Q&A: 10m



3-4 pm



Introduction by NLF volunteer

Duration: 5m



The Future of Talk

Where language came from and where it's going. As educators, writers, and parents, we can't stick to the tried and tested anymore. We need to adapt our own ways of thinking about language and learning.

Award-winning author

Jane De Suza presents insights from her forthcoming work, *The Talking Book*, on how technology and social change will shape not just the way we talk in the near future, but even who we are.

Duration: 40m

Q&A: 10m

4-5 pm



Introduction by NLF volunteer

Duration: 5m

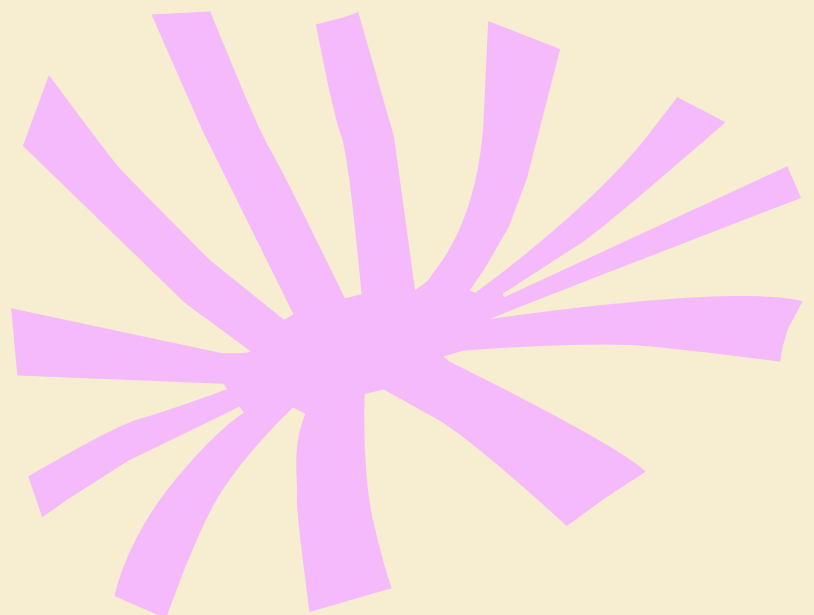


A Librarian's Dream

Librarians from different geographies mine their experience to share a set of the best initiatives that they have undertaken to grow readers in the course of their work. What exactly did they do? What were their results like? Listen to **Ann Lazim**, a librarian who has retired from CLPE in the UK; **Nadine Bailey**, teacher-librarian, American School of Dubai; and **Katie Day**, teacher-librarian, Tanglin Trust School, hold forth in their conversation with **Dalbir Kaur Madan**, founder, One Up Library

Duration: 40m

Q&A: 10m



5-6 pm



Introduction by NLF volunteer

Duration: 5m



Poetry that Speaks to Multiple Identities

As an ardent lover of poetry and libraries, award-winning writer **Renée Watson** has always felt seen by the books she read, and the verses of poetry she encountered. How has this shaped her? How do books speak to young adults of multiple identities, those who see themselves as readers and those who don't? What might parents and educators do to foster a love for poetry in their children?

Duration: 40m

Q&A: 10m

6-6.30 pm



Performance by Kapil Pandey in Hindi



May the Folk Be With You:

The Heroes We Worship

What does it take to become a Hero? What makes us worship our Heroes? What can worshipping do to our Heroes?

Duration: 30m



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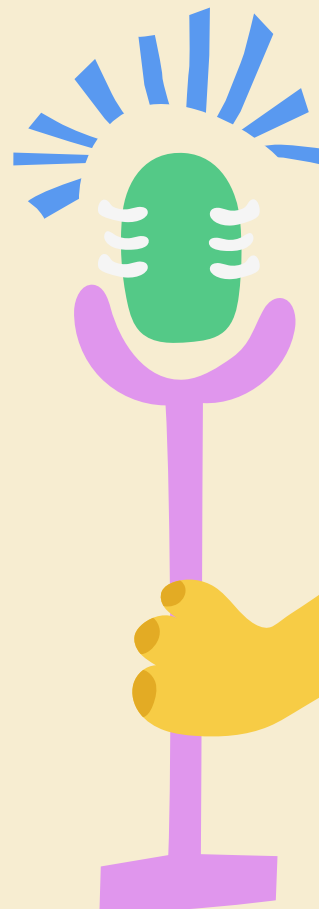
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Schedule of Sessions for Older Children



9-12 years

13-18 years



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Stage 1

Kathashala

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 AI

AI 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 mindscape, 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



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

6 to 7.30 pm



Motley presents “Beastly Tales”, a collection of fables for our times - poems and short stories by Vikram Seth and James Thurber



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Day 02

October 8



Stage 2

Kahani Manch

10 am-12 pm



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

9 am-10 am



Performance by Kapil Pandey in Hindi

9 to 9.45 am



May the Folk Be With You

A Story Quadrangle

A Chaudhary, a Chaudharyin, 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



Performance by Kapil

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

Duration: 10m



12 pm-1 pm



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

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, *The Yoga Sutras for Children*

Duration: 45m



Venue 3

Kitab Ghar

4-4.45 pm

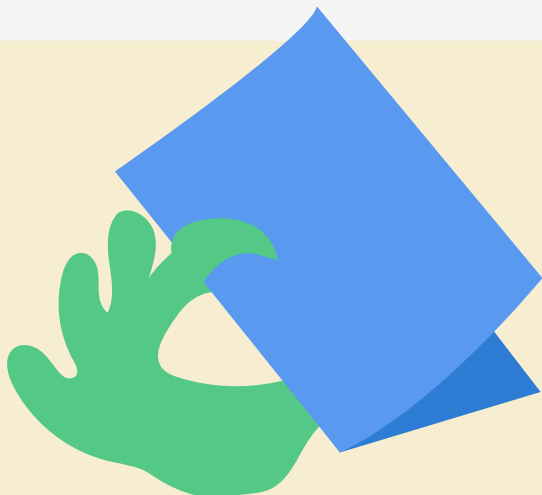


For 9-12 years

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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Sessions for Young Children



For **5-7 years**
and **6-8 years**



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Stage 2

Kahani Manch

Stage on the Grass Field

9 am-10 am



Introduction by NLF volunteer

Duration: 5m



For 6-8 years

Books for Readers of All Hues

What are the ingredients that go into creating a book that speaks to children from different cultures? Hear **Jyoti Rajan Gopal**'s take on it with her book, *My Paati's Saris*

Duration: 40m



Performance by Goshtarang in Hindi: Pu Bu

A lighthearted take on body functions

Duration: 10m

10 am-11 am



Introduction by NLF volunteer

Duration: 5m



Interactive Session by Geeta Ramanujam

For 5-7 years; 6-8 years

Join **Geeta Ramanujam** Master Storyteller as she regales with the story Gaegul the Green Frog from her book *Tales from the World*

Duration: 40m



Performance by Goshtarang in Hindi Gudiya

A poem around the persona of a doll, symbolizing innocence, loyalty, and a comforting presence

Duration: 10m

11 am-12 pm



Introduction by NLF volunteer

Duration: 5m



For 6-8 years

Interactive Session by Chatura Rao

Spotlight on Small Moments

Often it's the little things that lead to big discoveries, leading to unusual and unexpected friendships that arise from these moments. Interact with the author **Chatura Rao** to understand how she does this in the book, *The Sweet Shop Wars*, and more of her work.

Duration: 40m



Performance by Goshtarang in English Glibbeish Gibberish

This composition invites viewers to join a world of delightful chaos and creativity, celebrating whimsy and joyful abandon

Duration: 10m

12 pm - 1 pm



Introduction by Neev volunteer

Duration: 5m



For 6-8 years

A Coming Together of a Community

Explore the author **Sadaf Siddique**'s inspiration for her wordless book *My Street* that shows how the people of a locality, from different communities and classes, come together to help a child in his moment of crisis.

Duration: 40m



Performance by Goshtarang in Hindi Bade Aalsi Bhaluram

A poem that humorously depicts the lazy and mischievous Bhaluram, who spends his day creating conflicts, making people call him "Taaluram" instead.

Duration: 10m

1-2 pm

Lunch

Venue 3

Kitab Ghar

11 - 11.45 am



For 5-7 years

Book Launch of *The Great Cookie Chaos* written by Jessica Shaw and illustrated by Pauline Gregory
Presented by **Daffodil Lane Books**

Explore this adaptation of an international book around the theme of counting, with insights on vocabulary and team work for readers to dwell on. **Sanya Podar**, writer and publisher, Daffodil Lane Books, will introduce readers to the book with a reading and activity session

2-3 pm



For 6-8 years

Introduction by NLF volunteer

Duration: 5m



Ordinary Childhoods, Extraordinary Lives

Translating great lives with remarkable events into an interesting story spanning a few pages requires skills that the author **Mamta Nainy** has honed with the Magic Makers series. Interact with the author on her personal journey of making a book in the series titled *Roshan's Road to Music*.



Performance by Goshtarang in English Moin and the Monster

Moin forges a bond with his very own monster, leading to fun times for everyone involved

Duration: 10m

3-4 pm



Introduction by NLF volunteer

Duration: 5m



For 6-8 years

Green Comfort

Are there green spaces that you've been to that are your favourites? What is it about them that appeals to you, like they did to Avi from **Tanya Majmudar's** book, *The Monster Who Could Not Climb A Tree*. Find out more from the author.

Duration: 40m



Performance by Goshtarang in English Indian Weavers

Cycle through life's key stages with the garments that weavers weave

Duration: 10m

4 pm-4:45 pm



For 6-8 years

Book Launch of *Mahalaxmi Goes to Mysore* (hOle book) by Niyatee Sharma

Presented by Duckbill Books

In a story that portrays innocence, authenticity, and kindness in young children, follow two friends Ira and Mahalakshmi as they work to solve a problem. When Mahalaxmi can't join the class trip to Mysore, Ira knows she has to find a way. What does she do? Find some clues with the author **Niyatee Sharma** with a reading from the book followed by an activity.

Duration: 45m



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Stage 1

Kathashala

9 am-10 am



Performance by Goshtarang in Hindi Birthday Chocolate

Tutul wants to gift her friend a chocolate as a birthday present but her parents are busy. What will Tutul do?

9 am to 9.30 am

NLF Student Co-Chair speaks about her journey with the festival this year

9.30 to 9.35 am

Students from Neev Academy speak about their experience with the 2023 NLF Reading Challenge

9.35 to 9.55 am

10 am-11 am



Introduction by NLF volunteer

Duration: 5m



For 5-7 years; 6-8 years

Join **Muthoni Muchemi** for an interactive storytelling session about ***The Matatu from Watamu that Drove into the Sea*** - the story of a naughty driver who drives carelessly into the sea, damaging Kenya's gorgeous coral reefs and the wonderful creatures who live there. They come together to teach him a lesson.

Duration: 40m



An energizer by Goshtarang

Duration: 10m

11 am-12 pm



Introduction by NLF volunteer

Duration: 5m





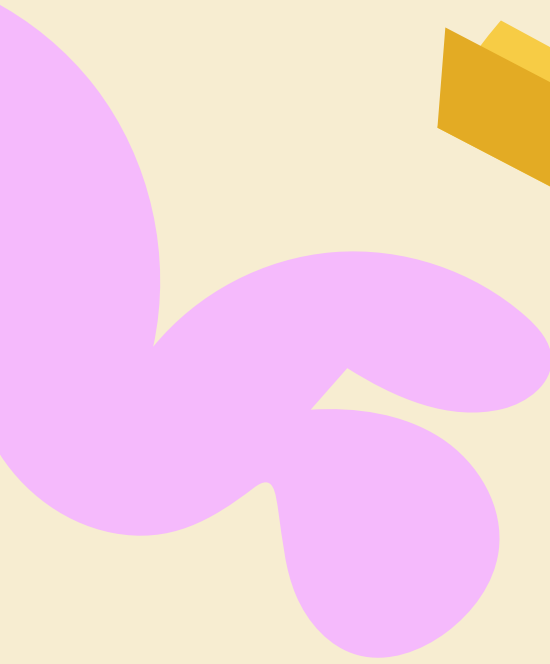
For 5-7 years

Local and Global Childhoods

View the A-Z of diverse cultures from a child's view to understand how we are different but also have shared commonalities.

Akhila Das Blah, co-founder, Indigrow Kids, tells us more.

Duration: 40m



Venue 3 **Kitab Ghar**

11 - 11.45 am



For 5-7 years

Book Launch of *Sringeri Srinivas Keeps his Promise* by **Rohini Nilekani, Angie, and Upesh**

Presented by **Pratham Books Sringeri Srinivas from**

Chikkooru says Hello: The sensational Sringeri Srinivas is back in this brand-new installment of his adventures. In the book, *Sringeri Srinivas Keeps his Promise*, find out what happens to our hero's oh-so-long hair that he vows to cut once scientists find a fix for the Covid-19 pandemic. Interact with the creators of the series, author **Rohini Nilekani**, and the illustrators **Angie** and **Upesh**, to ask them all your questions about Sringeri Srinivas, during their reading and activity session around the book.

Duration: 45m



Performance by Goshtarang in English What If

A playful depiction of the fears, struggles, and uncertainties that lurk at night

Duration: 10m

12 pm-1 pm



Introduction by NLF volunteer

Duration: 5m



For 5-7 years; 6-8 years

Bedtime, without Sleep Signs

Pattu wakes up one night to find Mr Thookam (Mr Sleep) gone! Where oh where could he be? Pattu and her sister set out on a night-time search to find out. Join storyteller **Priya Muthukumar** as she creeps alongside the darkened rooms along side the two lead characters in the book, *Where is Mr Thookam?*.



Performance by Goshtarang of a poem by A Poem by Vi Da Karandikar

Duration: 10m

1-2 pm

Lunch

2-3 pm



Introduction by NLF volunteer

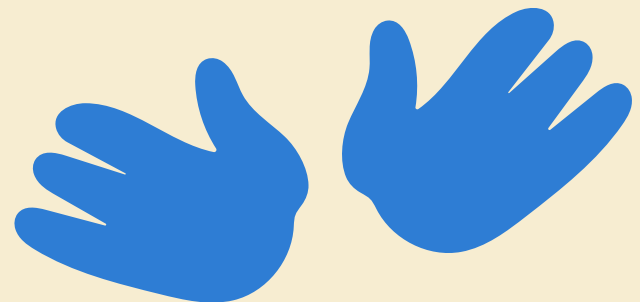
Duration: 5m



For 6-8 years

Small and Big Questions

A little girl's dream about envisioning women as scientists comes true thanks to her encounter with a scientist from ISRO in **Menaka Raman's** newest book, *How to Reach Mars and Other (Im)possible Things*. Follow the author's path as she takes you down the road to the making of the book.





An energizer by Goshtarang

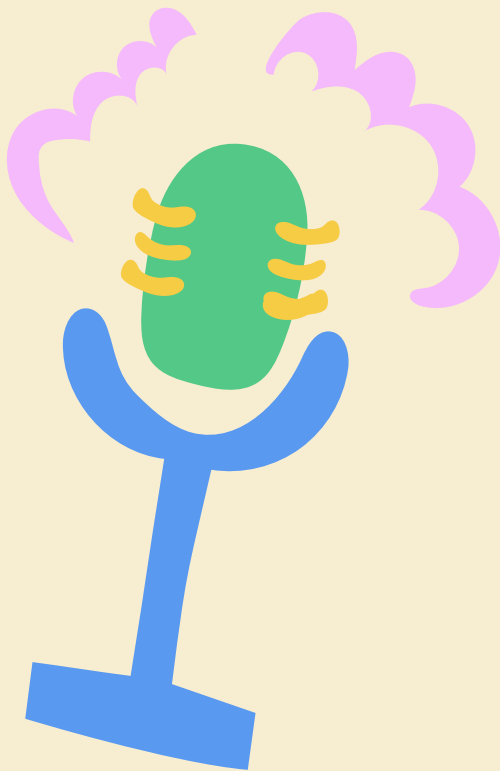
Duration: 10m



Performance by Goshtarang in Hindi Geet ka Kamal

Upset that she doesn't know any songs, a woman sends her husband to market to bring her one. He creates one and gifts it to her. Does she like it?

Duration: 30m



Venue 3 Kitab Ghar

3 to 3.45 pm



For 6-8 years

Book Launch of *What the Dark Sounds Like* by **Aparna Kapur and Krishna Bala Sheno**

Presented by **Pratham Books**

A World of Wonder At Our Door: What does wonder feel like? What does confusion taste like? What does magic look like? Go forth on a journey of the senses with the gorgeous picture book *What the Dark Sounds Like* written by **Aparna Kapur** and illustrated by **Krishna Bala Sheno**. Be a part of a book reading and activity session with the author and the illustrators.

Duration: 45m

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Masterclasses Schedule

For **9-12 years**
and **13-18 years**



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Day 01
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Venue 4

First Floor Classrooms

Students learn something new and get the opportunity to implement their learning firsthand

10 am-11 am



For 9-12 years

Drawing from History

Understand an illustrator's process in adapting stories from real-life into art and drawing from historical research as the illustrator **Priyanka Tampi** did while creating the artwork for the book *Roshan's Road to Music*

Duration: 45m



Neighbourhood Depictions

What are the details that one may include in a composition to draw one's neighbourhood and the aspects that stand out? Find out with **Habib Ali**, illustrator of the wordless book *My Street*, and **Canato Jimo**, art director, Pratham Books, the publisher of the book.

Duration: 45m



For 9-12 years



For 13-18 years



For 16+ years



Familial Bonds

Books move away from stereotypes to tell true stories of different families that ring true for particular readers. Give a thought to your truth, of how you would like to represent your family in a picture book, with author and publisher **Richa Jha**, who does this so well with books such as *Giggi and Daddy*, and *Aai and I*



For 13-18 years

India in 25 Lives

Award-winning author **Devika Cariapa** picked 25 individuals, each of whom has contributed to shaping the country's landscape in some way, for her book, *India through People: 25 Game-Changers*. How did the author go about this process, and how did she distill entire lives into a few pages? Apply her insights to your own process.



Story Symbols

Eminent artist **Venkat Shyam** delves into the significance of particular motifs in Gond art and the meaning that they create when used together. Try your hand at it with his expert guidance.

Duration: 45m

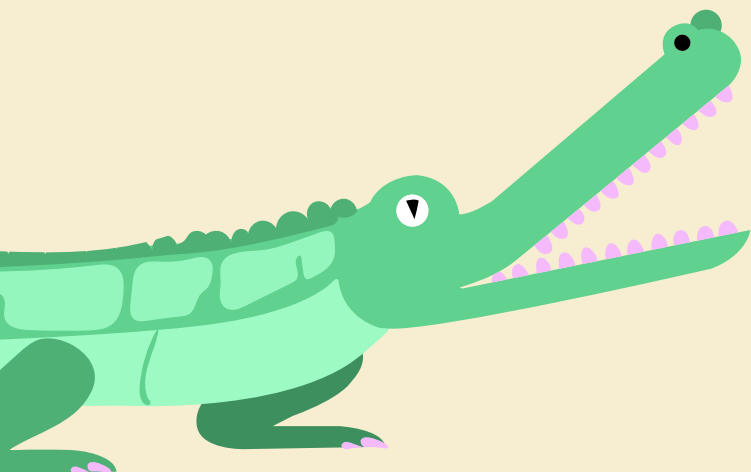


For 16+ years

No Holds Barred

What is it like to create a show that sets out to be a tell-all of life in an elite private school in India today? With commentary about caste, parental involvement, social media controversies woven into the main plot of a popular Netflix series, how much does one tell and just how much does one hold back? Join the conversation with film-maker **Ashim Ahluwalia**, who created the series, and **Sneha Iype Varma**, co-founder, NLF and Nirvana Films, to find out.

Duration: 45m



11 am-12 pm



For 9-12 years

Illustrating Nature

Learn the art of capturing whimsical and yet true-to-life nature illustrations with **Sucharita Sengupta Suri**, through her work as the illustrator of Ruskin Bond's *The Enchanted Cottage*

Duration: 45m



For 9-12 years

Behind the Scenes of Brilliance

Did you know that the mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan was very fond of puns, and laughed at his own jokes? Find out more about his life, the times that he lived in, and the craft of writing a biography for children, with writer **Arundhati Venkatesh**, the author of the book *Ramanujan: From Zero to Infinity* from the *Great Minds at Work* series.

Duration: 45m





For 9-12 years

Breaking Biases

Interact with the author

Divya Anand to discover how she dismantles stereotypes and expands worldviews through her books such as *Misfit Madhu*.

Try your hand at creating a character similar to Madhu, but of your very own.

Duration: 45m



For 13-18 years

Growing Historical Awareness

The events of the past help put into perspective the resultant effects on the next generation.

Hannah Lahlanpuii examines the impact of the 1960s insurgency in Aizawl on the lives of her characters, rooted in her family's personal experience, demonstrating how writers weave first-hand accounts into their writing, as she does with *When Blackbirds Fly*

Duration: 45m



For 13-18 years

Beyond the Single Story

History teaches us to view famous individuals, such as the Rani of Jhansi, in a particular light because it's a single version of their story that gets told and retold. How do we learn to look beyond the single story to understand what the individual's true motives and beliefs may be? Discover more with **Devika Rangachari**, author of *Queen of Fire*.

Duration: 45m



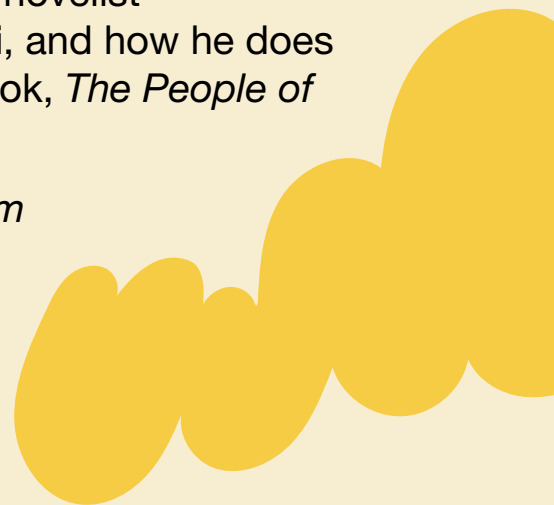
For 13-18 years

Visualising History

Connecting the dots between historical facts over time, and depicting these in a visual format holds advantages over using plain text. Find out more with graphic novelist

Nikhil Gulati, and how he does this in his book, *The People of the Indus*

Duration: 45m



12 pm-1 pm



For 9-12 years

Blending the Light and the Dark

Learn from the author **Soumya Ayer** on how to balance sombre topics with a touch of light humour in one's writing, as she does with *The Ghost of Malabar*

Duration: 45m



For 9-12 years

Returning to a Favourite Fictional World

Sail along the river of story with the award-winning writer **Anita Nair** as she disembarks at the fictional land of Kaikurrusi in her new book for children, *Bipathu and A Very Big Dream*. This was also the setting of her debut novel for adults, *A Better Man*. How did she build this world from her observations and impressions of her home town? What would your version of your own Kaikurrusi be like?

Duration: 45m



For 9-12 years

Vaccine for Smartyants

Smartyants the cat is in a suit of armour and then dressed as a detective on a mission to understand how vaccines fight germs in the body. Work with the award-winning author **Anushka Ravishankar** to frame a few pages of your version of Smartyants' next big adventure.

Duration: 45m



For 9-12 years

Literary Keepsakes

In a fire emergency, what is the one object that you would choose to take with you? Award-winning author **Linda Sue Park** builds on the same idea in her book, *The One Thing You'd Save*, a collection in verse inspired by the Korean poetry form sijo.

Duration: 45m





For 13-18 years

Creativity in Animation

Explore how creativity fuels animation, and the techniques that may best serve an idea, with master practitioner and National Award-winning animation film maker

Suresh Eriyat, a pioneer who has contributed to the growth of the animation industry in India over the years

Duration: 60m



For 13-18 years

Adapting Stories for the Stage and the Screen

How do writers make their readers or viewers care for the characters they create for the page, the stage, or the screen? Author **Adithi Rao** has done it all. Here's your chance to learn how she goes about it.

Duration: 60m



For 16+ years

Layers of Reading

What are the insights that the close reading of a text brings forth that a surface-level reading does not? Discover how meaning comes from a relationship between form and content with expert Language and Literature educators

Colin Kelman and **Anu Ruhil Barua**

Duration: 45m

1-2 pm

Lunch



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Venue 4

First Floor Classrooms

Duration of each Masterclass: 45m


2-3 pm




For 9-12 years

Creature Chronicles


Find out what writers and illustrators do to make their animal stories exciting, and keep their readers hooked, with the award-winning author and illustrator duo **Bijal Vachharajani** and **Rajiv Eipe**. Their books for this theme include *Help! My Aai Wants to Eat Me* and *Dugga* respectively. Create an animal stories comic of your own guided by the experts.



For 9-12 years



For 13-18 years



For 16+ years



For 9-12 years

Taut Histories

Imagine living through a movement of resistance against a foreign power. Would you toe the line or want to do your part for the cause?

Author **Tanu Shree Singh's** new book, *The Letter to Lahore*, examines this era through Luxmi's eyes. Try your hand at walking down the path of history to see the stories that you return with.



For 9-12 years

IoT for Children

Internet of Things (IoT), Robotics, Extended Reality—the Young Techies series by **Shalini Sathish** and **Raam Baranidharan** looks to develop an understanding of these technologies among children, in a way that is fun for them. Know more from the authors of the new book, *Robotics and Other Super Cool Technology*





For 13-18 years

The Language of Nonfiction

The author **Vaishali Shroff**'s most recent work of non-fiction, *Taatung Tatung and Other Stories of India's Diverse Languages*, looks at the history of India's linguistic diversity, and where we are at today. Join the author to decipher what the language map of India looks like, and how to write engaging non-fiction.



For 13-18 years

Re-Reading, ReTelling

Certain epics and classics pave the way for new perspectives with retellings that are built on the foundations of the original. Hear from the award-winning writer **Samhita Arni** on how she approaches this. Work with the author to explore how you could get started with your own retellings.



For 13-18 years

Snipping Words, Moulding Tales

Just what does a children's book editor do? Get a firsthand account from **Sudeshna Shome Ghosh**, publisher, Talking Cub, on how editors trim manuscripts, spot gaps, shape stories, and discover new voices. Step into an editor's workspace for a brief while yourself.



For 13-18 years

Bringing Pages to Life

Put together the components that make up your everyday to create a visual narrative. Explore with master illustrator **Priyankar Gupta**, who has drawn the visuals for one of the stories in the new graphic novel *Unknown Heroes of the Freedom Struggle*, the process of creating a one-page comic strip.

3-4 pm



For 9-12 years

Interviewing Animals

In the book *Creature Features*, 25 animals explain why they look like they do. Almost always, there is a reason animals may have an unusual feature, like a huge nose, strange horns, or even a tail that looks like a face; most reasons involve survival. Explore the acclaimed author **Robin Page**'s take on the book. Pick an animal you are interested in and give it a go.



For 9-12 years

Building Thrilling Eco-Fiction

Animal conservation gets a leg up with *Ambushed*, writer **Nayanika Mahtani**'s middle-grade adventure novel. Learn how the author's work with an NGO that helps educate the children of poachers to open their minds to alternative livelihoods inspired the book.



For 9-12 years

Cultivating Empathy

In a country as varied as India where a multitude of stories abound, what are the tales that sow the seeds for children to grow kindness, and reap empathy? Find out more from the author

Nandita da Cunha, whose new book *The Dog With Two Names* seeks to do just this.



For 13-18 years

Blurring Boundaries

Award-winning graphic novelist **Nandita Basu** blurs the boundaries between time, class, and gender, through her books *The Piano and Rain Must Fall*. Absorb her process, to inspire your own.



For 13-18 years

Examining Freedom

Art and poetry come together as participants embark on a voyage with award-winning writer and film-maker **Samina Mishra** to define their own interpretations of what freedom means to them



For 13-18 years

Best of Both Worlds

Trained in the Western traditions of art, the famous Bengali painter Jamini Roy evolved a new aesthetic by bringing in elements of Indian folk art. Through her book, *Jamini Roy's Unbroken Lines*, award-winning author **Vinitha R** explores understanding the mind of the artist, his resultant work, and gives readers the chance to engage with his ideas firsthand.

4-5 pm



For 9-12 years

Inverting Stereotypes

In a land where girls aren't allowed to read, Munni teaches herself to do so, and sets out on a world of adventure with her friends. Discover how award-winning author **Venita Coelho** plays with her characters to create unique combinations that you can build into your own writing



For 9-12 years

Depicting Difficulties

If you had to describe a difficult emotion that a person experiences, what would it look like? How would you write about what you see? Author **Sanjana Kapur** details this idea in her book *Who Stole Bhaiya's Smile?* Find out how she approached it.



For 9-12 years

Spotting Patterns

Writers, designers, and poets often spot patterns in the stories around them to inspire their own work. Award-winning author **Priya Narayanan** does this deftly in her book *Srinivasa Ramanujan: Friend of Numbers*. Work with her to understand a pattern that you could reproduce in your own work.





For 13-18 years

Penning a Romance Series

Popular author **Andaleeb Wajid** delves into the making of a romance novel, having released *Jasmine Villa*, a tri-part series following the lives of three sisters published as three books at the same time. How does an author map character journeys and plotlines in such cases?



For 13-18 years

Fresh Views of Creation Myths

Explore new ways to tell ancient stories with **Muthoni Muchemi** based on lessons inspired by a traditional Kamba creation myth, retold as *Sing for an Elephant*. Come prepared to brainstorm and co-create.



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Book Readings Schedule



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Day 01
October 7



Venue 4

Book Readings

PAS1, Ground Floor

10 am-11 am



For 5-7 years

I Want to Bee by
Anushka Ravishankar

10-10.15 am



For 6-8 years

Tales from the World by
Geeta Ramanujam

10.20-10.35 am



For 5-7 years

A discussion about the wordless picture book *My Street* by
Sadaf Siddique

10.40-10.55 am



For 5-7 years



For 6-8 years



For 9-12 years



For 13-18 years

11 am-12 pm



For 5-7 years

My Paati's Saris by
Jyoti Rajan Gopal

11-11.15 am



For 6-8 years

The Sweet Shop Wars by
Chatura Rao

11.20-11.35 am



For 6-8 years

*The Monster Who Could Not Climb
A Tree* by **Tanya Majmudar**

11.40-11.55 am

12 pm-1 pm



For 6-8 years

Aai and I by **Mamta Nainy**

12-12.15 pm



For 9-12 years

Misfit Madhu by **Divya Anand**

12.20-12.35 pm



For 9-12 years

Ramanujan: From Zero to Infinity
by **Arundhati Venkatesh**

12.40-12.55 pm

1-2 pm

Lunch

2-3 pm



For 9-12 years

Bipathu and a Very Big Dream
by **Anita Nair**

2-2.15 pm



For 9-12 years

The Ghost of Malabar by
Soumya Ayer

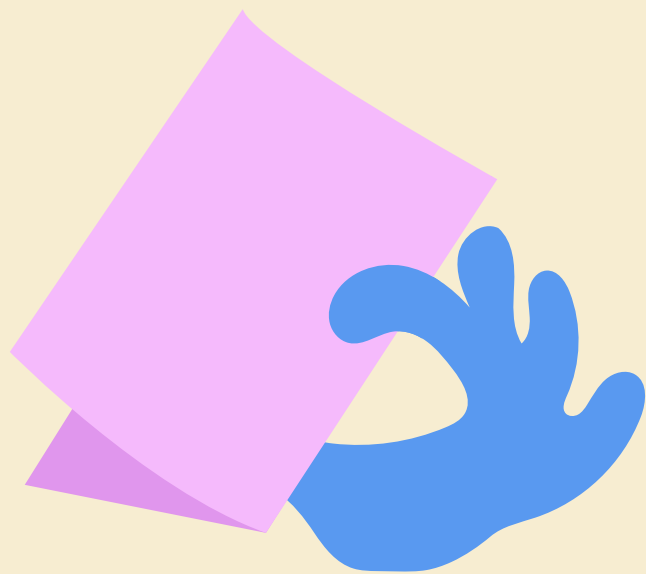
2.20-2.35 pm



For 9-12 years

The Letter to Lahore by
Dr Tanu Shree Singh

2.40-2.55 pm



3 pm-4 pm



For 13-18 years

Nimmi's Crawlful Camping Days
by **Shabnam Minwalla**

3-3.15 pm



For 13-18 years

The People of the Indus by
Nikhil Gulati

3.20-3.35 pm



For 13-18 years

When Blackbirds Fly by
Hannah Lahlanpuii

3.40-3.55 pm



A Book Reading by
Adithi Rao

4 to 4.15 pm



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Day 02

October 8



Venue 4

Book Readings

PAS1, Ground Floor

10 am-11 am



For 5-7 years

A to Z of India by **Akhila Das Blah**

10-10.15 am



For 6-8 years

*How to Reach Mars and Other
(Im)Possible Things* by
Menaka Raman

10.20-10.35 am

11 am-12 pm



For 6-8 years

A Book Reading by
Sudeshna Shome Ghosh

11-11.15 am



For 5-7 years



For 6-8 years



For 9-12 years



For 13-18 years



For 9-12 years

A Book Reading by
Linda Sue Park

11.20-11.35 am



For 9-12 years

The Dog with Two Names by
Nandita da Cunha

11.40 am-11.55 am



12 pm-1 pm



For 9-12 years

Demons and Demonesses of Hindu Mythology by **Priya Narayanan**

12-12.15 pm

2-3 pm



For 9-12 years

The Yoga Sutras for Children by **Roopa Pai**

2-2.15 pm



When the World Went Dark by **Jane De Suza**

12.20-12.35 pm



For 9-12 years

A Book Reading by **Robin Page**

2.20-2.35 pm



For 9-12 years

Help! My Aai Wants to Eat Me by **Bijal Vachharajani**

12.40-12.55 pm



For 9-12 years

A Book Reading by **Renée Watson**

2.40-2.55 pm

1-2 pm

Lunch



3-4 pm



For 9-12 years

Who Stole Bhaiya's Smile?

by

Sanjana Kapur

3-3.15 pm



For 9-12 years

Robotics and Other Super Cool Technology (Young Techies series)

by **Shalini Satish** and

Raam Bharanidharan

3.20-3.35 pm



For 13-18 years

Batata, Pao, and All Things

Portuguese by **Vaishali Shroff**

3.40-3.55 pm

4-5 pm



For 9-12 years

Ambushed by **Nayanika Mahtani**

4-4.15 pm



For 9-12 years

Jamini Roy's Unbroken Lines

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Akela by **Richa Jha**

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PYP Courtyard

11 am-12 pm



Anushka Ravishankar

11-11.15 am



Richa Jha

11.15-11.30 am



Devika Cariapa

11.15-11.30 am



Jyoti Rajan Gopal

11.30-11.45 am



Dr Tanu Shree Singh

11.30-11.45 am

12 pm-1 pm



**Robin Page and
Kartik Shanker**

12-12.15 pm



Geeta Ramanujam

12-12.15 pm



Tanya Majmudar

12.15-12.30 pm



Devika Rangachari

12.30-12.45 pm



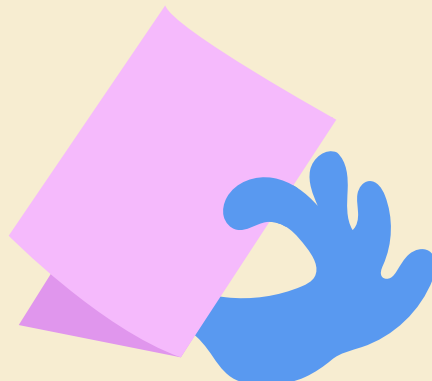
Nikhil Gulati

12.30-12.45 pm



Hannah Lahlanpuii

12.45-1 pm



1-2 pm

Lunch

2 pm-3 pm



Renée Watson

2-2.15 pm



Chatura Rao

2-2.15 pm



Arundhati Venkatesh

2.15-2.30 pm



Divya Anand

2.15-2.30 pm



Adithi Rao

2.30-2.45 pm



Anita Nair

2.30-2.45 pm



Soumya Ayer

2.45-3 pm

3 pm-4 pm



Sadaf Siddique

3-3.15 pm



Shabnam Minwalla

3.30-3.45 pm

4 pm-5 pm



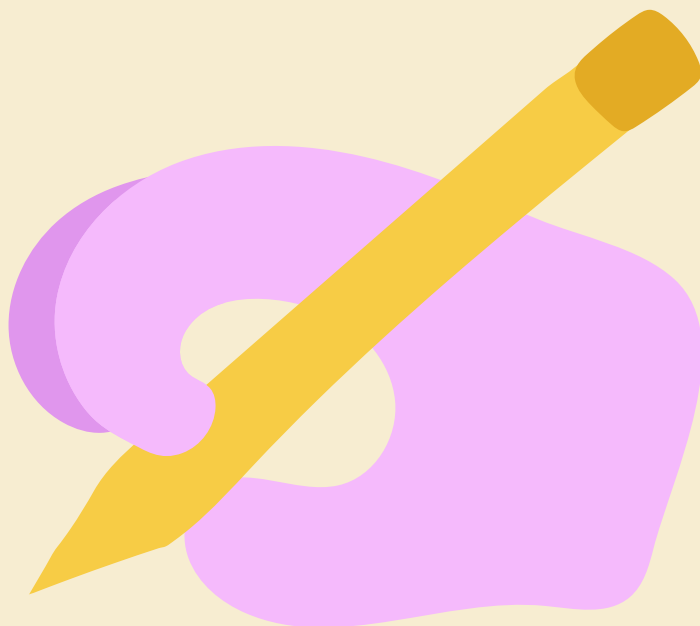
Mamta Nainy

4-4.15 pm



Devashish Makhija

4.45-5 pm



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Menaka Raman

3-3.15 pm



Linda Sue Park

3-3.15 pm



**Bijal Vachharajani and
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3.15-3.30 pm



Sanjana Kapur

3.30-3.45 pm



**Shalini Satish and Raam
Bharanidharan**

3.45-4 pm

4 pm-5 pm



Nandita Basu
4-4.15 pm



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Samhita Arni
4.15-4.30 pm



Vaishali Shroff
4.15-4.30 pm



Samina Mishra
4.15-4.30 pm

5-6 pm



Venita Coelho
5-5.15 pm



Andaleeb Wajid
5-5.15 pm



Priya Narayanan
5.15-5.30 pm



Vinitha R
5.15-5.30 pm



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