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## Press Release

**NEW DELHI, 10 April 2019: Sahitya Akademi, the National Academy of Letters, New Delhi, announces its third edition of Kissa-O-Kalam: The Speaking Pen, an annual workshop for children on creative writing in Hindi and English. The inaugural edition of this initiative was launched in May 2017. The astounding success of the first edition has encouraged the Sahitya Akademi to announce its second term and continue with this third.**

*A first of its kind initiative by the Akademi to sensitize our younger generations to our languages and literatures.*

This initiative, *Kissa-O-Kalam: The Speaking Pen*, is a step forward to encourage and involve our children, our budding authors and thinkers of tomorrow, to participate and enjoy in the world of books and in the creative areas of reading and writing. This 5-day session, in New Delhi, from 20 May to 24 May 2019 (Monday to Friday), is planned with a special focus to help children have fun with reading and writing, to play with language, and to use it creatively as a first step towards the creation of books.

Sahitya Akademi, the National Academy of Letters, established in 1954, is the central institution for literary dialogue, publication and promotion in the country and the only institution that undertakes literary activities in 24 Indian languages, including English. Over the 65 years of its dynamic existence, it has ceaselessly endeavored to promote good taste and healthy reading habits, to keep alive the intimate dialogue among the various linguistic and literary zones and groups through seminars, lectures, symposia, discussions, readings and performances, to increase the pace of mutual translations through workshops and individual assignments and to develop a serious literary culture through the publications of journals, monographs, individual creative works of every genre, anthologies, encyclopedias, dictionaries, bibliographies, who's who of writers and histories of literature.

This workshop is designed specially to get the children to interact as a team as well as individuals, and create something new, on their own, at the end of the 5 days.

**Workshop Title: Exploring Ideas: Looking at Possible Subjects, Creativity in Diversity**

**Dates:** 20-24 May 2019 (Monday - Friday)

**Time:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (3 hours daily)

**Ages:** 9 years to 16 years

**Venue:** Sahitya Akademi, Rabindra Bhavan, 35, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi – 110001

**The workshop has a limited number of 50 seats.**

**Children who participated earlier need not apply.**

The selection process will be as follows:

- i) Filling of Registration Form (last date 15 May 2019, Wednesday);
- ii) A final list of selected children for the workshop will be announced on the Sahitya Akademi website by 5 pm on 17 May 2019 Friday.

Registration Forms can be downloaded from the Sahitya Akademi website. Children who complete the workshop will be awarded a Certificate of Participation.

The 5-day workshop will be conducted by Chandana Dutta, Suvidha Mistry and Vandana Bist.

There will also be a **special 3-hour interaction with Richa Jha**, a children's writer and the Founder-Publisher of Pickle Yolk Books that has many beautifully illustrated and sensitively presented books on its list.

**For further details on the workshop, the registration form and dates, please visit the Sahitya Akademi website: [www.sahitya-akademi.gov.in](http://www.sahitya-akademi.gov.in)**

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