

An exciting opportunity for children, our future authors



## Sahitya Akademi

Presents

The fourth edition of

### Kissa-O-Kalam: The Speaking Pen

An annual workshop on creative writing in Hindi and English

Dates: 29 May 2023 to 02 June 2023 (Monday - Friday)

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (3 hours daily)

Age: 8 years to 16 years

#### Workshop on

**Embrace, Express: Creative Writing in the Times of Adversity**

Special interaction with Archana Atri

Workshop conducted by Chandana Dutta and Vandana Bist

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

Limited number of seats for 50 children.

**Process:** Fill the Registration Form at the earliest not to miss this fantastic workshop.

Registered participants will be called for an interaction on **20 May 2023 from 2.00 pm** onwards.

Final list of selected participants will be available on the website on **24 May 2023**

For further details and to download the registration form, please visit our

website [www.sahitya-akademi.gov.in](http://www.sahitya-akademi.gov.in)

Or contact: Ms. Payal Vohra (Tel: 011-23387064, 23073002)

Children who complete the workshop will be awarded a Certificate of Participation.

Stationery and refreshments will be provided.



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REGISTRATION FORM

For

**Kissa-O-Kalam: The Speaking Pen 2023**  
An annual workshop on creative writing in Hindi and English

(To be downloaded and filled up)

NAME OF THE STUDENT: .....

AGE: .....

SEX: .....

NAME OF THE SCHOOL: .....

CLASS: .....

ADDRESS: .....

MOTHER'S/FATHER'S NAME: .....

MOTHER'S/FATHER'S CONTACT DETAILS: .....

Last date for registration: **20th May 2023 till 12.00 noon.**

Registered participants will be called for an interaction on **20th May 2023 from 2.00 pm** onwards. The final list of participants will be uploaded on the Sahitya Akademi Website [www.sahitya-akademi.gov.in](http://www.sahitya-akademi.gov.in) on: **24th May 2023.**

Please submit the form along with the registration fee of Rs. 500/- (non-refundable) in cash at the Sahitya Akademi office.

Children who complete the workshop will be awarded a Certificate of Participation. All participants must attend daily in order to receive the Certificate of Participation.

For any other details, please contact: Ms. Payal Vohra at the Secretary's Office (Tel: 011-23387064, 23073002).



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## PRESS RELEASE

**Sahitya Akademi, the National Academy of Letters, New Delhi, resumes its fourth edition of Kissa-O-Kalam: The Speaking Pen, an annual workshop for children on creative writing in Hindi and English.**

*A first of its kind initiative by the Akademi to sensitize our younger generations to our languages and literatures, Kissa-O-Kalam was launched in 2017 and successfully conducted 3 editions till 2019 till the pandemic forced the workshop to close down. The Akademi is delighted to resume this series once again.*

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 29th May to 02nd June 2023 (Monday to Friday), is planned with a special focus to help children enjoy 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 69 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.

The children's summer workshop is designed specially to get the children who participate 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:**  
**Embrace, Express: Creative Writing in the Times of Adversity**

The pandemic years have been brutal to us all, psychologically, emotionally, and socially. Children have been the worst hit because all that they were familiar with shut down without notice and explanation. Their world turned upside down and when it opened up again, things were not the same. This workshop is inspired by the Japanese art of Kintsugi, the art of repairing broken pottery by mending the areas of breakage with melted gold. This art thus becomes a metaphor for healing and changing our perception of what it means to put ourselves back together again after we've experienced a painful or traumatic event. We need not hide our flaws and imperfections, our broken bits, and yet we mend with gold that transforms us with stunning results. This workshop will enable children to talk about adversity and carve a way forward positively through creative writing and expression.

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The 5-day workshop will be conducted by Chandana Dutta and Vandana Bist. There will be a special 3-hour interaction during the workshop with Archana Atri, a champion of children's literature who has been working in the area for more than two decades.

**For further details on the workshop, the registration form, process, and dates, please visit the Sahitya Akademi website: [www.sahitya-akademi.gov.in](http://www.sahitya-akademi.gov.in) Or contact: Ms. Payal Vohra (Tel: 011-23387064, 23073002).**