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WORKSHOPS • STORYTELLING • DRAMA • ART & CRAFT

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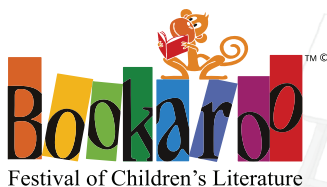


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ABOUT BOOKAROO

Based in New Delhi, Bookaroo Trust is committed to bringing good literature to children and spread the joy of reading. Promoting book-related events, Bookaroo works in tandem with writers, illustrators, storytellers, theatre people, publishers, editors and schools.

Bookaroo is a winner of the Festival of the Year Award at the International Excellence Awards in the 2017 London Book Fair. The festival that began in 2008 has, since, travelled to 17 cities (in India, Malaysia and Sri Lanka) and has completed 45 editions in 15 years, focuses on 'Reading for Pleasure'.



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ABOUT D.P. DHAR MEMORIAL TRUST

The DP Dhar Memorial Trust is a non-profit trust established in memory of Late DP Dhar, a prominent figure known for his commitment and dedication to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The trust aims to honor his legacy and continue his vision of strengthening the socio-economic fabric of the state through empowerment and self-reliance.

Recognizing education as a vital tool for achieving these goals, the trust took a significant step by setting up the first CBSE school in the Kashmir region in 2003. This initiative was made possible through a partnership with the prestigious Delhi Public School Society, which brings its expertise and experience in providing quality education.

By establishing this school, the DP Dhar Memorial Trust seeks to provide accessible and high-quality education to the students of Jammu and Kashmir. It strives to create an environment that fosters academic excellence, character development, and overall growth of the students. Through its educational endeavors, the trust aims to contribute to the upliftment and progress of the region.

Overall, the DP Dhar Memorial Trust stands as a testament to the vision and values of Late DP Dhar, working towards the betterment of Jammu and Kashmir through education and empowerment.

Dear Friend,

It is difficult question to answer. Why does Srinagar attract Bookaroo? So much so that this literature festival for children has visited Srinagar six times already and this is the seventh. Ever since 2011 when the first edition was held, Bookaroo has never missed a visit when the opportunity presented itself.

There are a host of reasons why the Bookaroo caravan stops by so often. The audience, the hospitality, the friendly faces, the location, the support, the joy, the DPS teachers, staff – and, most importantly, the Dhars (Vijay and Kiran Dhar, Vikas and Sunanda have been ardent believers in the festival for 13 years now).

It is not the easiest of tasks to take a festival of this scale many miles out of the comfort of its home base. Obstacles of all kinds crop up, some expected and others that come out of the blue. This year, too, was no different.

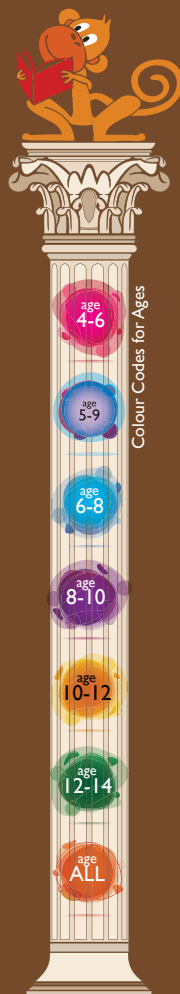
Thankfully for Bookaroo, with obstacles came friends. When we floated the idea of a seventh trip to the Valley, 15 publishers and well-wishers (you can see their names on the cover) of Bookaroo put up their hands to facilitate the journey.

The speakers - all 30 of them - too threw in their lot discussing, debating, examining, responding and fine-tuning sessions, sometimes at the oddest of hours, no questions asked. We had a lot of fun putting together the 58 sessions that you see in the following pages. It was serendipitous at the same time.

One does not sit down to analyse serendipity. One can only thank serendipity. Bookaroo Srinagar is just that..



Venkatesh & Swati
Festival Directors



22nd June, 2024 SATURDAY

Patchakatha



10:00-10:30



Stories to Remember

Sonia Duggal

Let's go on a journey with Daddoo, the toad. Meet a king who loses his moustache and a crocodile who never stops smiling. Enter the world of fun, imagination and adventure with Katha Kahaniyan.

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10:30-11:00



Mister Water's World

Simi Srivastava

Hey there, folks! Here's Mister Water, and guess what? His world revolves around each one of you! Dive in and discover the fascinating science behind him and meet his incredible pals, Alex and Pino. Make a splash together!

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11:30-12:00



The Polar Bear and the Magic Brush

Shefali Malhotra

It's all white on the snow-covered mountains except for one day when Something Magical happens! Want to know more?

12:00-12:30



Spice it Up

Sadaf Hussain

Spices have stories too, some spicy and others not so spicy. Join Sadaf to discover how spices can spice up our lives in more ways than one.

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22nd June, 2024 SATURDAY



13:00-13:30



Chand Zameen Pe

Shefali Malhotra

The princess wants the moon. It is not an easy task to fulfil her desire, but can you assist Shefali as she attempts to solve this tough problem? Come along if you think you can.

13:30-14:00



Music Carpet

Canato Jimo

Tale as old as time, song as old as rhyme... Come join Canato as he takes you on a musical carpet ride.

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14:30-15:00



A Bagful of Stories

Simi Srivastava

Discover the magic inside the Scholastic bag, where every story is a gem waiting to be unearthed. Dive into adventures filled with heroes, mysteries and endless wonder. Embark on these captivating journeys and let your imagination soar!

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15:00-15:30



Steam Tales

Usha Venkatraman

What do science and fun have to do with Jack and Alexander T Wolf. Find out with Usha.



22nd June, 2024 SATURDAY

Workshop



10:00 - 11:00



Togetherness

Usha Venkatraman

Look around you. Everyone and everything is connected. Usha tells you how to live in harmony-using props, puppets and music and some special animal characters.

11:30 - 12:30



What Makes You, You?

Zarin Virji

Have you ever been a part of classroom pranks – real or imagined? What makes you different from others? Do teachers and parents really understand you? Let's talk and write about you.

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Adil Shaikh

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Avi Fights a Monster

Tanya Majmudar

How do you handle your emotions? How does being in nature make you feel? Join Avi in an emotional ride as he fights monsters, climbs trees and learns to open up about his feelings.

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Studio

10:00 - 11:00



Uncover India's Art Mysteries

Mamta Nainy

Delve into the mysteries of Indian art, explore diverse artistic periods, different art forms and take a sneak peek into the lives of artists working in different times and spaces, one curious case at a time.

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A Girl and a Dog

Tanvi Bhat

A dog without a home and a girl with a secret superpower. What happens when the two meet? Which superpower would you like to have especially if you had a chance to help our planet and nature?

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Connecting with the World

Archana Garodia Gupta

What is the connection between zero, chicken and plastic surgery? Find out more about these and other fascinating stories as we go back through history with Archana.

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Nothing is Difficult

Pragati Sureka

Hey, how is life? Busy? Are there too many things that need your attention and you don't know where to start? Pragati tells you how to manage difficult situations and communicate in a healthy manner.

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Auditorium



10:00 - 11:00



Storytime

Nicholas Hoffland

Come, let's write a story together. It isn't as tough as you think - once you know how! Who knows, you may love writing stories that others enjoy.

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11:30 - 12:30



Tangle Time!

Mamta Nainy

A blank page has never been more inviting! Join in as we tap into our imagination and turn our tangled words into beautiful art!

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Tulika

13:00 - 14:00



Dino Day!

Team DK

Team DK brings to you a fun session on the most famous reptiles that ever lived on Earth - with activities, quizzes, and videos!

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Crafty Corner

(Limited to 50)

10:00 - 11:00



Colours of Nature

Tanya Majmudar

Why is a red munia red? Why does a bullfrog turn yellow? Why do sunbirds shine? Dive into the hows and whys of colours in the natural world even as you dip your hands into colours and recreate some of the magic of nature.

11:30 - 12:30



Dream Covers

Ulfat Ara

You have seen books. You have seen book covers. Have you ever judged a book by its cover? Here is a chance for you to design and create a book cover that you want.

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13:00 - 14:00



Monsters, Monsters Everywhere!

Isha Nagar

A happy monster, a sad monster, an angry monster or a disappointed monster. Join Isha and create fun monster masks that show how you are feeling. And wear them proudly too!

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Make a Zine in 3 Steps

Garima Gupta

What is a zine, what is zine culture and why are zines such an amazing tool for sharing ideas. Learn all this while making your very own self-published small magazine or ZINE.



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The Doodle Wall

(Limited to 50)

10:00 - 11:00



Cityscapes

Garima Gupta

Imagine a city and describe it. Describe a city and imagine it. Let's draw an image of places we inhabit, that we call home or even a place that we dream of.

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11:30 - 12:30



Nature and Harmony

Masood Hussain

Explore nature in all its forms in this art workshop. From flowers and animals to natural sciences and the environment, Masood will take you on a colourful trip of awareness.

13:00 - 14:00



Feathered Friends of the Forest

Niloufer Wadia

Birds of different colours, shapes, sizes and calls. How many can you draw to fill a Bookaroo forest?

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A Space Trip to Remember

Canato Jimo

Be an astronaut for a day and visit the sun, the moon, the planets and the stars. Are you game?

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How are we Feeling Today?

Pragati Sureka

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Happy, Angry, Sad or....? What's the secret to a healthy mind? Come, join Pragati to find the answers in this interactive, fun storytelling session. Parents too can pick up a skill or two.

11:30 - 12:00



Lyrical Ladishah

Shazia Arshid

Clap your hands and tap your feet with Shazia in this lively session as she performs the traditional Kashmiri art form of Ladishah.

12:00 - 12:30



Caribbean Caper

Canato Jimo

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Do you know what a Calypso is? You will need to shake a little, clap a little And, of course, sing a little too. And there is a Calypso for you.



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13:00 - 13:30



Mysterious Jungle Adventures

Shefali Malhotra

Are you bored, just like the prince in this story? There is an adventure in the offing. Come, join him. But wait! Are you also ready to solve a mystery?.

13:30 - 14:00



Earth Care Tales

Usha Venkatraman

Celebrate the forests, the oceans and the marvellous creatures that we share our precious Earth with. Usha brings to life multi-cultural folktales from around the world.

14:30 - 15:00



Hands that Weave Magic!

Mamta Nainy

Get ready for some armchair travel. Take an imaginary trip to a village in Kota, Rajasthan, to get a glimpse of a weaver's family and the beautiful sarees they make.

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15:00 - 15:30



A Splash of Fun

Sadaf Ashaq

Get ready for a 'Splash-tastic' time with Hugo, the baby hippo. Watch her going for her first swim and dive into excitement, making waves as well as unforgettable memories!



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Workshop



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10:00 - 11:00

Birds Around Us

Tanya Majmudar

Have you ever seen the birds around you? Do you know what they are? Come learn the basics of identifying birds in this fun session.



11:30 - 12:30

A Kamishibai Story

Shefali Malhotra

The emperor is wearing new clothes. Or is he? Listen to this exciting tale as Shefali uses just paper cards and pictures to bring the characters to life.



13:00 - 14:00

Just Imagine!

Niloufer Wadia

What would you look like if you had to draw yourself? What colour would you paint yourself in? Would you have only 2 eyes? Would you like to have a tail? Or horns? Or some magic powers? Let's find out. **(Limited to 60)**



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14:30 - 15:30

Weaving Written Words

Sonia Duggal

Dive into the world of words where imagination takes flight! Discover the amazing things words can do and learn to write with confidence. Get ready to have a lot of fun and let your creativity soar!



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Chasing History

Archana Garodia Gupta

What would you do if you found yourself in a whole new world in the past? Join the feisty and funny History Hunters on their adventures in the thrilling worlds of Chandragupta Maurya, Chandragupta Vikramaditya and Akbar.

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13:00 - 14:00



Guess Who's Come to School?

Zarin Virji

Adi is unlike most other 13-year-olds and so are his hobbies. He loves to read but always about this animal that most people fear! Let's not spill the beans yet. Join the session to know more..

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What's the Secret?

Anupama Jain

Why do some stories stand the test of time? Is it because of the inherent human values like love, friendship, hatred or villainy? Is there a secret sauce? Find out with Anupama

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Auditorium



10:00 - 11:00



Listen and Learn

Anupama Jain

Stories of yore are treasures shared across generations. Listen to those amazing old sagas and learn to spin your takes around them.

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What Food Tells Us

Sadaf Hussain

Meet the brother-sister bunny duo, Phudku and Chamki. Listen in as Sadaf tells you how they team up to bake a cake with secret ingredients like patience. Phudku and Chamki also know how to make carrot soup.

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Write a Story

Nicholas Hoffland

Think up a story. Write up a story. A story that others will enjoy. Is that all there is to it? Find out with Nicholas in this interesting session.

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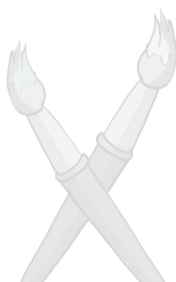
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3...2...1... Zoom

Canato Jimo

Join Canato and have fun creating your own colourful galaxies and universes.

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Creative Chaos

Niloufer Wadia

Let's get a little messy. Cut papers into shapes, get some paint on your hands, create surprise art collages. Here's a fun mixed media exercise just for you. Just jump in.

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Quilt a Quilt

Sonia Duggal

Enter the fascinating world of the 'Africans of India' – as the Siddi Tribes of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka are known. Join Sonia to explore and learn about the Siddis' art of creating beautiful Kawandi quilts.

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DKsaurus!

Team DK

Explore our prehistoric planet with Team DK. Watch as they unravel the mysteries of the dinosaurs, discover new facts about how and where they lived, and find out if some dinosaurs live among us today!



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The Doodle Wall

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10:00 - 11:00



Playing the Role

Garima Gupta

Do writers always cook up characters? Did JK Rowling really know a boy who looked like Harry Potter or did she imagine him? Where does one find characters and how does one draw them?

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What if Dinosaurs Came Back Today?

Isha Nagar

How would dinosaurs feel in the current times? How would you imagine them getting through their day? How would they feel about climate change and pollution levels? Let's unravel their ideas, feelings and actions together!

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Fly Away!

Isha Nagar

What if you were to wake up one day and fly off to a strange land with peculiar birds, talking trees, flying animals and friendly ghosts? Let's explore magical lands together.

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Mera Aasmaan

Tanvi Bhat

What kinds of wonders would you find in the sky, if you flew up and looked beyond the clouds and rainbows? Come create your own *Aasmaan* full of drawings with Tanvi.

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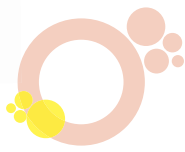
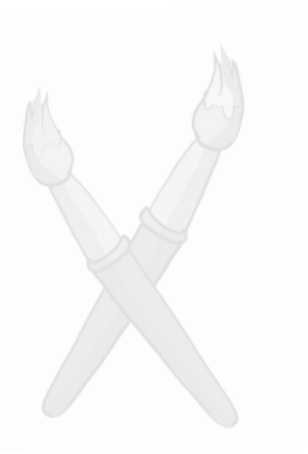


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Face-to-Face



ADIL SHAIKH

Adil, a passionate STEM trainer, loves to teach and learn science with children. He has been spreading the "joys of science" for nine years. He is hoping to take STEM learning across India and make science awesome for all.



ANUPAMA JAIN

Anupama, who writes for both children and adults, is the author of five books and 13 anthologies. She is an acclaimed community builder, mentor, educator, creative writing consultant, multi-award-winning blogger, closet Master-Chef, aspiring Multipotentialite and a Green Thumb.



ARCHANA GARODIA GUPTA

Archana, a winner of the TV Quiz BBC Mastermind India, has been on national television as an expert on Kaun Banega Crorepati. She has a knack for weaving delightful nuggets of information into engaging tales for children.



CANATO JIMO

Art director Canato, who comes from Nagaland, loves to watch picture books come alive. He moonlights as a musician, loves to guzzle tea and pop bubble wraps, and is a recovering stationery addict.



GARIMA GUPTA

Garima is an artist and picture book maker. She likes birds and her dog, Kaju. Garima is currently working on a series of pop-up books about mental health for young readers.



ISHA NAGAR

Isha is an artist, illustrator, designer and a cat lover. Apart from working on award-winning books, Isha can be found swimming into the gigantic waves of colours, with little pauses to sniff new books.



MAMTA NAINY

Mamta, an award-winning children's author of over 30 books, loves travelling but is too lazy to do it, so she mostly makes do with reading. Her favourite place is right in the middle of a book.



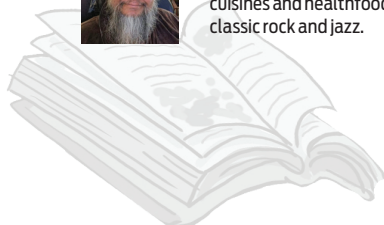
MASOOD HUSSAIN

Masood's imaginative works encompass vivid watercolor paintings, captivating installation art, intricate relief pieces, and striking stone sculptures. He has been the head of the department of applied art at Kashmir University.



NICHOLAS HOFFLAND

Nicholas spends time as a writer, art curator and design guy. As a cook, he mishmashes regional cuisines and healthfood. He loves enabling all ages to enjoy Western and Indian classical music, classic rock and jazz.



Face-to-Face



NILOUFER WADIA

Niloufer has been drawing people all her life, but it was only eight years ago when she began illustrating for children's books that she discovered she can draw buildings, animals, birds and insects - just about anything.



PRAGATI SUREKA

Harvard-educated researcher and clinical psychologist Pragati has five published books on mental health and four in the pipeline. She has spoken at the World Economic Forum on her concept of Emotional Ability Resources for building emotional intelligence and resilience in students.



SADAF ASHAQ

Sadaf, a passionate storyteller and teacher at DPS Srinagar's Learning Resource Centre, holds a master's degree in English Literature. With a love for captivating young minds, she eagerly anticipates enchanting children whenever she meets them.



SADAF HUSSAIN

Chef, author and podcaster, Sadaf Hussain wears many hats! When he isn't chewing on food history or food stories, Sadaf likes to write and speak about culture and myth busting.



SHAZIA ARSHID

Shazia, who teaches Kashmiri, has been instrumental in reviving the love for the language among students. Organising cultural programmes, folk dramas, singing competitions and Ladishah are some of the ways in which she is doing so.



SHEFALI MALHOTRA

Shefali is sometimes an adult running her venture www.bukmuk.com, a child when telling stories to her son, a buzzing bee when irritating her husband and, for most of the time, daydreaming with her imaginary clown nose on.



SIMI SRIVASTAVA

Multiple award-winner, master storyteller for three decades, founder Kathashala Storytelling Institute and Studio, children's author, educationalist, curriculum designer, teacher trainer, story therapist and corporate storyteller.



SONIA DUGGAL

Sonia is an accomplished author, curriculum developer, ESL instructor, and storyteller with over two decades of experience in education. She specializes in creating educational content, teacher training, and conducting writer's workshops.



TANVI BHAT

Tanvi is a children's book illustrator and author who has created books for many publishers. She likes working with watercolours and gouache when making pictures, and scribbling on scraps of paper that she's constantly losing.



Face-to-Face



TANYA MAJMUDAR

Tanya is a children's author, publisher and a project manager. When not working or travelling in forests looking for wildlife, you can find her curled up in bed or sipping coffee with friends.



TEAM DK

Team DK features **Nishwan Rasool**, senior picture researcher and visual storyteller extraordinaire; **Zarak Rais**, an incredible editor who lives and loves children's books; **Shahid Qureshi**, an editor who specializes in talking to children and **Kingshuk Ghoshal**, DK's very own non-stop battery and managing editor of books for kids.



THE HOSHRUBA REPERTORY

The intent of 12-year-old Hoshruha Repertory, a theatre company founded by actor, storyteller, poet and director **Danish Husain**, is to perform high literary texts in an accessible way. Danish was instrumental in reviving Dastangoi, the lost art of Urdu storytelling, which he later expanded into the multilingual storytelling performance, Qissebaazi.



Devendra Singh Kushwa is a theatre & film actor based in Mumbai. Has successfully performed with theatre companies like The Hoshruha Repertory and Rangshila. **Prashant Sharma** is a theatre and screen actor. He has successfully performed in many productions with theatre companies like The Hoshruha Repertory, Actor Factor Theatre Company and Aarambh Mumbai. He also trained with Kalakshetra, Manipur. **Keith Antony Sequeira** is an actor, singer, musician, writer and dancer. He has been a part of many successful theatrical productions including Disney's Aladdin; and has been applauded for his performances in Netflix productions, Tooth Pari, and Yeh Ballet.



ULFAT ARA

An art and craft teacher at DPS Srinagar, Ulfat has been nurturing creativity and artistic expression in young minds for the past 11 years. She encourages self-expression, fine motor skills and an appreciation for various art forms in children.



USHA VENKATRAMAN

Usha is an award-winning storyteller, TEDx speaker, educationist, author, classical vocalist, puppeteer and radio show host, who inspires and transforms through stories. Her stories are an intersection of Indian myths, folklore, feminism and music.



ZARIN VIRJI

The teacher's lens hasn't dulled her child's-eye view of the world, thank goodness! Zarin writes like she prays – straight from the heart, keeping it real with an unwavering hope for a better world.



