



**manaskriti
school**

Pitara 2022





pitara- imagination

“Literature is the comprehensive essence of the intellectual life of a nation.”

-William Shakespeare

With the vision of inculcating good reading habits amongst children, and building confident speakers who go ahead to become the authors of the new millennium, PITARA 3.0- a literature festival was held at Manaskriti School on 13th November 2022.



Pitara is an initiative where children are given a plethora of activities revolving around literature.

It is an amalgamation of indigenous craft and culture woven into memorable stories for children by renowned authors, illustrators, artisans and craftsmen.

This year, the date was significant as it was also the eve of Children’s day, and what better way to celebrate this day with renowned storytellers, authors, and indigenous craft with lip smacking food for children. Manaskriti showcased the strength of children through some stupendous performances and display of work showcasing the literary work young minds had put together.

Pitara 2022 was declared open with balloons set free by Mr. Siddharth Kaul, President SOS Children’s village, marking this day as the biggest literature festival in city. The event was organized with hundred percent participation of students, parents and guests along with few famous personalities in the field of literature and art which count in Geeta Ramanujan, master storyteller and founder of katalaya, Seema Wahi Mukharjee, Usha Chhabra, Sherin Mathews, Swetcha Pershad , Shalini V. Bansal and Rituparna Ghosh. Pitara was mirrored with the presence of author Namrata Jain, illustrator and designer Taranbir Singh Sawhney and Manash F. Bhattacharya.

Manaskriti school also witnessed the presence of Shri Narender Gupta, MLA of BJP, Shri Rajesh Nagar, Member of Haryana Legislative assembly, Shri N.K Pandey, Chairman & M.D , Asian Hospital who blessed the children with wishes for Children’s day and encouraged them to read more and unleash the power of education within every child.

Meet Our Storytellers



Geeta Ramanujam

Internationally renowned Storyteller, Master trainer, Educator, author and Academician who wears many hats. She is a three times TED X speaker, Ashoka fellow and a pioneer of the storytelling movement in India.

Seema Wahi Mukherjee

Seema is a storyteller, experiential education consultant, and puppeteer who delights in fostering the love of learning through a multitude of formats, including storytelling, puppetry, and toy design. She views tales as a potent tool for bringing about both social and personal change.



Usha Chhabra

Recipient of the Top storytellers award by World HRD Congress, a Rex Karamveer Awardee, a storyteller, an educator with 24 years of experience, an author and a Podcaster!

Shalini V. Bansal

An education consultant- with experience of developing programs and curriculum for early childhood learning. Shalini is also the founder of “The Magic Tree”, a unique parent-child center and reading space, a professional storyteller, trainer and facilitator.



Meet Our Storytellers



Nidhi Sehgal

Founder of The Reading eyes book club where children learn to read stories , tell stories and write stories. She is a storyhealer , life transformation coach , an Educationist and a bodypsycho therapist.

Sherin Mathews

An international storyteller, a psychologist, a master-practitioner in both Classic Code NLP and New Code NLP, working with human and organisational potentials for close to two decades. She believes in the POWER OF STORYTELLING.



Rituparna Ghosh

A story digger, story charmer, story gatherer, story extractor. Rituparna is anything but just a storyteller! A former TV journalist and producer, an international storyteller and a TEDx speaker Rituparna is the Founder of Your Story Bag, a Storytelling, Training, Consulting & Coaching company.

Swetcha Pershad

A life coach for children and storyteller, has worked with more than 2500 children. She has worn various hats throughout the years, including Kathak dancer, theatre performer, MBA, heritage conservationist, homemaker, life coach, and storyteller.



Author Interaction

Children also had the privilege to experience a book through the eyes of its author. Viewing the anecdotes from a different lens expands imagination and develops holistic thinking.



Neera Misra

An author, historian, academician and chairperson of Draupadi Dream Trust. Her book- Connecting with the Mahabharata simplifies the Indian Epic and attends to the understanding needs of adolescents.



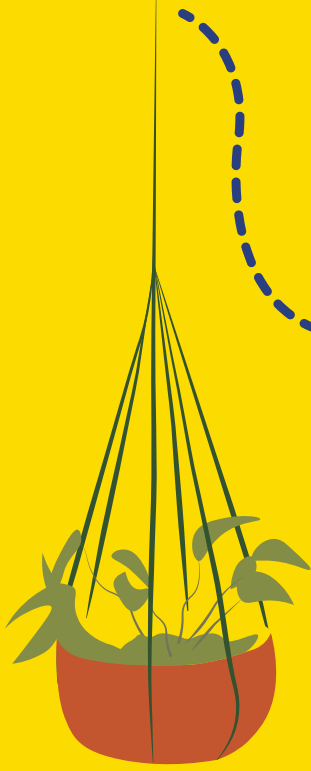
Manash Firaq Bhattacharjee

The author of the poetry collection Ghalib's Tomb, book- Looking for the Nation: Towards Another Idea of India (2013), and Nehru and the Spirit of India. He is also a political science professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi and a poet.



Namrata Jain

The author of Poets of India series- Namaste Kabir, Namaste Rahim and Namaste Tuslidas, curated in a way that simplifies the works of these poets for kids and makes them easy to understand.



**Storytelling by
Ms. Usha Chhabra**



**Storytelling by
Ms. Nidhi Sehgal**



**Storytelling by
Ms. Seema Wahi
Mukherjee**



**Storytelling by
Ms. Swetcha Pershad**

Kahaaniyon ke Kisse

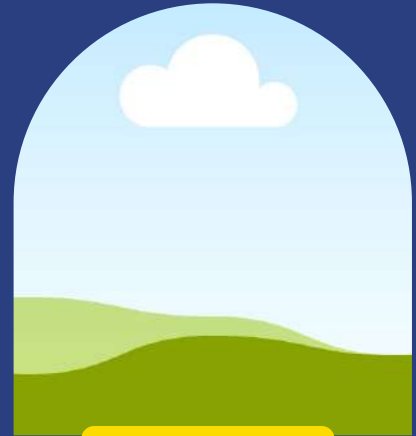
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Meet, Greet and Illustrate



RONIT KAMRA

Jersey Movie Superstar



TARANBIR SINGH SAWHNEY

Illustrator

A walk through the *mehfil*



POTTERY



INDIGENOUS ART



BOOK FAIR



SCULPTING



CHARACTER PARADE

Pitara ki kahaani, bachchon ki zubaani

It was fun being a part of the rainbow story and making those illustrations with coffee. I enjoyed a lot.
- Grade 8 student



I enjoyed very much and also bought two story books. My brother also came, he is 4 years old. He loved listening to stories with puppets.
- Grade 3 student



From the desk of

I envision to take Pitara to a state level platform where we connect children and inculcate in them the habit of reading and actively encourage them to opt for unconventional career choices like being an author. Pitara lays the foundation to enable students to expand their imagination and enjoy the gifts of literature.



Ms Indira Lohia (Founder)








In an age where people are replacing the book with television, computer and smart phones, a literature festival is very important as it brings everyone back to the world of imagination through books. It is fantastic to set a habit of reading at an early age.

Ms. Manisha Gupta (Director)





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