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Kissa-O-Kalam : The Speaking Pen
(An annual workshop on Creative Writing for Children in Hindi & English)

PRESS RELEASE

Sahitya Akademi, the National Academy of Letters, New Delhi, announces its fifth edition of **Kissa-O-Kalam: The Speaking Pen**, an annual workshop for children on creative writing in Hindi and English, to be held from **3 June 2024 to 7 June 2024 (Monday to Friday)** at Sahitya Akademi, Rabindra Bhavan, 35, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi – 110001. The theme of the workshop this year is **Desire, Dream, Discover: Imagination and Creative Writing**. Children in the age group between 9 and 16 years can participate in this workshop.

The inaugural edition of this initiative was launched in May 2017. So far, it has successfully completed four editions. The workshop had to be halted for a few years during the pandemic. The astounding success of the four editions has encouraged Sahitya Akademi to announce the fifth edition.

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 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 70 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.

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