

KATHA Utsav National Writers' Workshop 2024

Grand Finale - Chennai, India

Guidelines

Please read through these guidelines carefully

DO's

Confirm Attendance in Advance and register participation.

Arrival at the venue: Please arrive by **8:00 am** for a smooth registration process.

Essential Items: Please carry the following:

- School ID card
- Basic stationery: Pen, Pencil, Notebook, Coloured pencils / crayons / pastels, erasers, and sharpeners

Dress Code: No strict dress code is required, so feel free to dress comfortably. School uniforms are NOT required.

Stay Engaged and Curious: Participate actively in workshops, ask questions, and share your thoughts. This is your chance to learn, grow, and connect with others.

Respect Everyone's Time and Space: Keep conversations and activities focused on the workshop. Be mindful of fellow participants and follow the schedule.

Parents / Teachers - Utilize the Special Sessions: Parents and teachers, do take advantage of the carefully curated sessions.

DON'Ts

Don't Leave Early, esp. during the Valedictory Event: Stay for the entire program to maximise each session. Early departures mean missed learning and valuable interaction.

Don't Disrupt or Disturb Others: Maintain a respectful atmosphere. Avoid loud conversations or disruptions that could impact others' experiences.

Don't Ignore Your Health and Safety: Stay hydrated, take breaks if needed, and let a coordinator know if you need assistance.

Avoid Bringing Unnecessary Items: Bring only the essentials. Large bags, extra devices, or valuables that may distract you should be left at home.

Don't hesitate to ask Questions: If you are unsure about anything, ask! Our team is here to help make your experience as smooth as possible.

What to See, Eat, and Do in Chennai

We've created these handy one-pagers to give you a quick and friendly overview of the final destination and tips to help you make the most of your trip. We hope you find these guidelines helpful, but please feel free to explore the internet for additional planning tips. While we've worked hard to provide helpful information, here's a little reminder - we're story enthusiasts, not travel experts, so our suggestions might not always be spot-on 😊

Weather

Chennai enjoys pleasant weather in December, with temperatures ranging from 23°C to 27°C. It is usually very pleasant, with chill mornings, warm afternoons and pleasant evenings.

What to Pack

Lightweight, breathable clothing like cotton dresses

Comfortable walking shoes for exploring the city's parks and markets.

Places to See

Beaches: Marina Beach and Elliot's Beach

Archaeological Site: Plan a ONE day trip to **Mamallapuram** 50km to the south of Chennai

Temples: Sri Parthasarathy Temple built during the 8th Century, Kapaleeshwarar Temple and many more

Santhome Cathedral Basilica: Beautiful Neo-gothic architecture with a museum in the Church

Shopping: T. Nagar is the hub for stunning silk sarees, garments and gold jewellery

Food to Try

Dosas and Idlis: Try these South Indian breakfast staples with coconut chutney and sambar.

South Indian cuisine: Typical south Indian full meals served on plantain leaves

Filter Coffee: The iconic South Indian coffee is a must-try

What to Shop

Art: Tanjore paintings and bronze / brass sculptures

Fashion: The city is known for high-quality traditional Kanchipuram Silk Sarees and Madras Cotton Fabric

Accessories: Explore the many handicraft stores and quaint outlets with handcrafted jewellery

Aromatic Spices & Mixes: Don't forget to explore grocery and spice shops.