

# KATHA Utsav National Writers' Workshop 2024

## Grand Finale - Chennai, India

### Important Note for Parents / Teachers and Children

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We are thrilled to welcome you and your child/children to the KATHA Utsav National Writers' Workshop 2024!

Kindly read this note carefully to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience filled with learning and fun.

#### Location

**MCC-MRF Innovation Park**  
**Madras Christian College**  
Velachery Main Road, East Tambaram  
Chennai 600 059

Location - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/TtG673L7siu5tMXq9>

#### Dates & Times

**28 Dec (Sat):** 8:00 am to 4.30 pm

**29 Dec (Sun):** 8.30 am to 4.30 pm

#### Registration (8:00 am)

- Check name of child against the registered list of finalists
- Collect wrist bands
- Make payment for meals & snacks (amount will be communicated before the event)
- Locate **Mentor Name** and **Workshop Room**

#### Wrist Bands

Parents and children will receive different colour-coded wristbands, which must be always worn. For safety reasons, parents' bands will include their child's name, and children's bands will include the parent's mobile number.

#### Exit Process

**Accompanied Children:** At the end of the day, parents will have to show their wristbands, which will be matched with the child's wristband before exit. Both bands will be cut and collected to ensure safety. In case multiple children are being picked up, multiple bands will be issued, and each one will be collected.

**Unaccompanied Children:** If your child is unaccompanied, please inform the organisers in advance. Once unaccompanied children exit the venue, the organisers are no longer responsible for their safety.

## Meals / Snacks

**CHILDREN:** Because of short meal and snacks breaks, we have arranged for the following Vegetarian food at a subsidised rate (amount will be communicated prior to the event):

1. **Morning Snack**
2. **Lunch**
3. **Afternoon Snack**

**Payment for children's meals must be made during registration.** Payment can be made via UPI or Cash (kindly bring the exact amount as change may not be available). Kindly note that Credit & Debit cards are NOT accepted.

**PARENTS / TEACHERS:** Can purchase meals/food directly from the Canteen / Cafeteria.

## Water

While water is available at the venue, we suggest that you send water in a bottle with children.

## Gadgets

**Children are NOT allowed to use mobile phones or gadgets during the Workshops.** If necessary, they may use the end-of-day session to contact their parents. Organisers are not responsible for the loss of or damage to devices.

## Photography / Videography

Please feel free to take pictures of your child but avoid taking or posting pictures of other children without their parent's permission. Please avoid crowding near the stage during Certificate Distribution at the Valedictory Event. This will disrupt the event schedule.

## Parent / Teacher Sessions

On both days, we will have engaging sessions designed for parents and teachers accompanying children. These sessions will focus on fostering children's reading, writing, and storytelling habits. Experienced mentors will conduct them, so please participate to learn how to encourage and grow your child's love for reading and writing. Please see the AGENDA for information.

## Katha Story Shop

Visit the Katha Story Shop to pick up books from a curated collection for your child. We have a selection of beautifully illustrated and thoughtfully written books that help build your child's critical thinking and curiosity.

## Support

If you have any questions before or during the event, please call the Utsav Helpline - **88007 99353**.

## Agenda (indicative)

### 28 Dec, 2024 (Sat)

<b>08:00 - 09:15</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>09:30 - 11:00</b>	<b>Children's Workshop - 1</b> <b>Parents' / Teachers' Session - 1</b> Hear from Ms. Geeta Dharmarajan, Founder & President, KATHA (2012 Padma Shri Awardee)
<b>11:00 - 11:15</b>	Break
<b>11:15 - 12:45</b>	<b>Children's Workshop - 2</b> <b>Parents' / Teachers' Session - 2</b> Nurturing Minds and Hearts: Choosing the right books for your children
<b>12:45 - 13:15</b>	Lunch
<b>13:30 - 15:00</b>	<b>Children's Workshop - 3</b> <b>Parents' / Teachers' Session - 3</b> Stories to foster life skills for a lifetime: C9 skills
<b>15:00 - 15:15</b>	Break
<b>15:15 - 16:30</b>	<b>Children's Workshop - 4</b> <b>Parents' / Teachers' Session - 4</b> Stories to foster life skills for a lifetime: C9 skills (continued)
<b>08:30 - 16:30</b>	<b>Katha Story Shop</b>

### 29 Dec 2024 (Sun)

<b>08:30 - 09:00</b>	Entry for Children & Parents
<b>09:00 - 10:30</b>	<b>Children's Workshop - 5</b> <b>Parents' / Teachers' Session - 5</b> Thoughts in a Jar: Stories From YOU to Us (@ the Mobile Library)
<b>10:30 - 10:45</b>	Break
<b>10:45 - 12:15</b>	<b>Children's WRITING Session - 1</b> <b>Parents' / Teachers' Session - 6</b> Fun with TADAA!
<b>12:15 - 12:45</b>	Lunch
<b>13:00 - 14:00</b>	<b>Children's WRITING Session - 2</b> <b>Parents' / Teachers' Session - 7</b> Open House
<b>14:15 - 16:00</b>	<b>Valedictory Event &amp; Certificate Distribution</b>
<b>09:00 - 16:30</b>	<b>Katha Story Shop</b>