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## One Day State Level Skill Building Workshop

on

**Story Seeds: Planting creativity in Early Childhood Education, Saturday, 5 April 2025**

Organized by

**Human Development Department in collaboration with Indian National Child Care Association (INCCA)**

### Executive Final Report on the One-Day State Level Workshop

<b>Title of the Webinar:</b>	<b>'Story Seeds: Planting creativity in Early Childhood Education'</b> (Story writing and Story Narration Skills)
<b>Level:</b>	State Level Workshop
<b>Day, Date and Time:</b>	Saturday, 5th April, 2025, 09.00 am to 5.30 pm
<b>Organizing Committee:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Organizing Director:</b> Principal, Dr. Mrs. Sandhya Khedekar</li><li>• <b>Advisory Committee Members:</b> Prof. Dr. Nitin Songirkar, Vice-Principal Ar. Sanjay Pabari, Co-ordinator Home Science Faculty Mr. Parag Jhalawat, President INCCA</li><li>• <b>Convener:</b> Mrs. Sangita Kamble, HOD &amp; Assist. Professor</li><li>• <b>Co-convener:</b> Mrs. Priyadarshani Kulkarni, Assist. Professor</li></ul>
<b>Organizing Bodies:</b>	Human Development Department of Home Science Faculty and Indian National Child Care Association of India (INCCA)
<b>Total No. of registered participants:</b>	<b>151 Participants</b>
<b>Internal Resources Generated</b>	<b>Rs. 1,15,400/-</b>
<b>Geographical representation:</b>	Cities of Maharashtra (Mumbai, Pune, Palghar, Boardi, Nashik & Parbhani)
<b>Webinar Official Email:</b>	hd.storyworkshop25@gmail.com

Sr. No.	Title of Sub- theme	Name of Resource Person, Designation and Affiliation	Contact Details: (Email & Cell phone No.)
1.	<b>Session-1</b> Understanding the Power of stories in Preschool Education & Integrating stories with Preschool Curriculum.	<b>Mrs. Dhara Malunjkar</b> , 25+ years' experience, and Award Winning Author and Director of Saket Prakashan, Nashik	<a href="mailto:malunjkardhara@gmail.com">malunjkardhara@gmail.com</a> <b>Mb. No. 9881745608</b>
2.	<b>Session-2</b> Fundamentals of preschool story writing <b>Session-3</b> Types of stories & Gener's <b>Session-4</b> Writing stories for preschoolers- Hands on session <b>Session-5</b> Story Narration Techniques for Preschool Education <b>Session-6</b> Practical Story Narration (Participant presentation)	<b>Mrs. Dharithri Krishnamurthy</b> , 12+ years of Experience as Professional Story Teller and Head of Kathalaya Learning Center, Pune	<a href="mailto:Dharithri_s@outlook.com">Dharithri_s@outlook.com</a> <b>Mb. No. 9890084699</b>

### Summary of One Day State Level Workshop:

The Human Development Department of S.M.R.K.B.K.A.K. Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Nashik, in collaboration with the Indian National Child Care Association (INCCA), organized a one-day state-level workshop titled 'Story Seeds: Planting Creativity in Early Childhood Education' on Saturday, 5th April 2025.

The workshop aimed to enhance story writing and story narration skills among educators. The workshop featured expert-led sessions, interactive activities, and practical demonstrations to empower teachers with creative storytelling techniques for young learners.

The day began with registration and breakfast at 9:00 am, setting a welcoming tone for the participants. The inaugural session commenced with a Eshastavan and University song by the students of music dept. followed by Deep Prajwalan at the hands of dignitaries.

Ms. Sangita Kamble Convenor and HOD of Human development dept. gave the introduction of the program and the dignitaries.

After the introduction all the dignitaries President of the function Dr. Ram Kulkarni, Zonal Secretary of Gokhale Education Society, Chief Guest & Resource Person Mrs. Dharithri Krishnamurthy, Professional Storyteller & Head Kathalaya Learning Center, Pune, Guest of Honour Mrs. Dhara Malunjkar, Author & Director of Saket Prakashan Nashik, Guest of Honour Mr. Chetan Patil, Director & Founder of Joy Little Wonders Preschool, Nashik, Collaborator Mr. Parag Jhalawat, President of INCCA, Nashik, Organising Director Dr. Sandhya Khedekar, Principal, Vice-Principal Prof. Dr. Nitin Songirkar, Co-ordinator Home Science Faculty Ar. Sanjay Pabari and Convenor Mrs. Sangita Kamble, HOD & Assistant Prof. were felicitated.

Dr. Sandhya Khedekar, Director of the workshop, provided a brief introduction, highlighting the importance of storytelling in early education and its role in nurturing children's imagination.

Chief Guest of the programme Mrs. Dharithri Krishnamurthy addressed the participants and focused the need of storytelling for preschool children in early years of their life. Story is completely imaginary world for kids and they travel in a new world when they listen a story.

Guest of Honour Mr. Chetan Patil, extended his regards for the programme. Stated importance of organising such workshops for the preschool educators.

The Collaborator Mr. Parag Jhalawat, President INCCA mentioned that "No technology can replace the role of teacher. He also exclaimed that storytelling and Story narration is a business of billions of rupees. There is bright future for human development students in Early Childhood Education Sector, drama and animation companies for development of teaching tool -prepare stories.

Dr. Ram Kulkarni, President of the function and Zonal Secretary of Gokhale Education Society. He extended his best wishes for the workshop and emphasized the importance of storytelling, illustrating his points with various examples.

The inauguration of the Human Development Department's Consultancy-"Early Bloomers Consultancy Hub: Where Potential Takes Roots" marked a significant moment, at the hands of Chief Guest and Resource person of the Workshop Mrs. Krishnamurthy formally inaugurated it. The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks by Co-Convenor Mrs. Priyadarshani Bhagwat, who expressed gratitude to all speakers and participants.

The first technical session, conducted by Mrs. Dhara Malunekar, focused on "Understanding the Power of Stories in Preschool Education." She explained how stories can simplify complex concepts, making learning engaging for young children. Using examples from her stories, she demonstrated how to incorporate moral values and cultural awareness into stories. She also emphasised on the role of pre-school, teacher and parent in shaping the future and overall development of the children.

Mrs. Dharithri Krishnamurthy, professional story teller and Head Kathalaya Learning centre, Pune conducted a meaningful session on fundamentals of preschool story writing, emphasizing important aspects for creating engaging stories for preschoolers. She highlighted that language should not be a barrier in storytelling, encouraging creativity beyond linguistic constraints. Effective narration techniques, such as expressive voice modulation and gestures, were discussed to hold the attention of young listeners.

An ideal story should have simple, relatable themes, a clear structure, and a positive ending while developing problem-solving skills. Mrs. Krishnamurthy stressed that the moral of the story should emerge naturally from the children's understanding rather than being explicitly stated by the storyteller. The storyteller must be enthusiastic, patient, and interactive, guiding preschoolers to draw their own meaningful conclusions from the narrative.

She explained that stories should reflect contemporary issues relevant to today's world while ensuring fruitful solutions. The session outlined story-building steps: introducing relatable problems, engaging characters, and positive endings, all while allowing children to discover the lesson themselves. The session focused on how storytelling nurtures critical thinking and positivity in young minds.

After a lunch break, the workshop resumed with a hands-on activity where educators crafted their own short stories. Mrs. Krishnamurthy guided them in refining their narratives, suggesting improvements in language and structure. The session on "Story Narration Techniques" was particularly engaging, as participants practiced voice modulation, facial expressions, and gestures to make stories come alive.

She also encouraged the use of AI for story development and leveraging technology to enhance and refine narratives. Emphasizing the need to spark curiosity and capture the learner's attention, she highlighted various tools for effective storytelling—such as puppets, story cards, and different story formats including mythological tales, legends, fairy tales, adventure, horror, and fiction. Additionally, she noted that folk stories serve as a powerful medium to teach culture.

The last session provided participants an opportunity to enact their crafted stories. Mrs. Krishnamurthy and fellow educators offered structured feedback, focusing on narrative flow, engagement techniques, and delivery style.

This experiential learning component enabled teachers to refine their storytelling approach through immediate application and peer learning. The activity significantly enhanced participants' confidence in employing these techniques within classroom settings, equipping them with practical skills to make storytelling more impactful for young learners. The session successfully translated theoretical knowledge into actionable teaching competencies, concluding the workshop on an empowering note for all attendees.

The valedictory session marked the culmination of the workshop, commencing with a warm welcome address by Mrs. Priyadarshani Kulkarni, Co-convenor, who introduced the dignitaries and outlined the proceedings. Dr. Sandhya Khedekar, Principal of the host college, formally honored the esteemed guests, including Mrs. Asha Kulkarni (Educationist and Program President) and Mrs. Dhara Malunjkar (Renowned Author and Director of Saket Prakashan, Nashik), who graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Prin. Dr. Sandhya Khedekar, in her closing remarks, extended special recognition to the Home Science Faculty and Human Development Department for their unwavering efforts in ensuring the workshop's seamless execution and transformative outcomes.

Following the felicitation, Mr. Parag Jhalawat, President of INCCA and collaborating partner, presented a comprehensive report on the workshop, lauding its resounding success and commending the organizing committee for their meticulous planning and execution. Participant feedback was subsequently shared by two representatives: Mrs. Geeta Rudraksh, Owner of Kidzee Preschool (Parbhani), in her feedback expressed heartfelt appreciation on behalf of all attendees, affirming their commitment to integrating interactive pedagogical strategies and storytelling—emphasized during the sessions—into their preschool curricula. She underscored a collective resolve to evolve beyond conventional teaching methodologies.

Mrs. Dhara Malunjkar, in her keynote address, extended commendations to the organizers for curating an impactful event aligned with contemporary educational needs. Mrs. Asha Kulkarni, in her presidential remarks, highlighted the critical relevance of such workshops for early childhood educators and administrators, particularly under the framework of NEP 2020. She reflected on the engaging nature of the sessions, remarking, "The content was so compelling that I deeply regretted missing the day's deliberations," and affirmed that the workshop's objectives had been decisively met.

Mrs. Urmi Jhalawat, Secretary of INCCA, formally concluded the event with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the contributions of dignitaries, organizers, faculty, support staff, and

participants. Certificates were thereafter distributed to attendees by Mrs. Sandhya Admankar, Assistant Professor.

The session concluded on an optimistic note, with participants and organizers alike expressing renewed zeal to champion innovation in early childhood education.

### Glimpses of the Workshop...



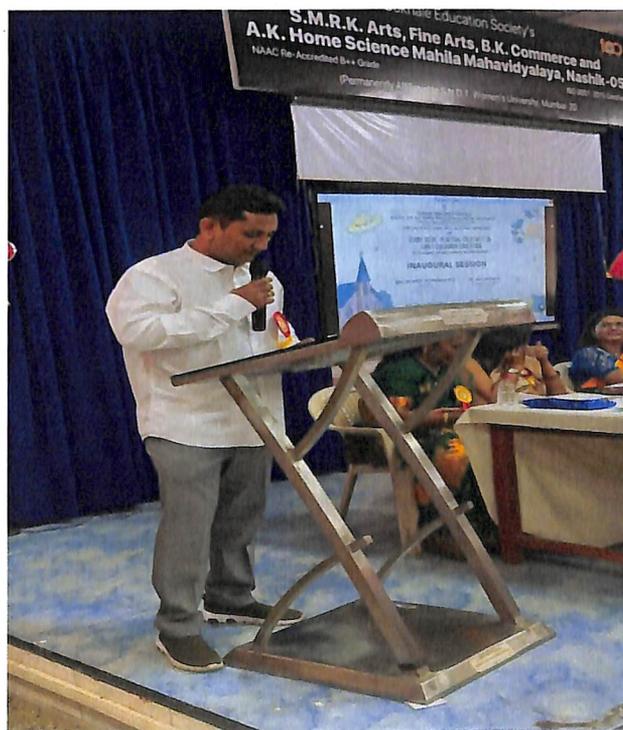
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**Felicitation of Mrs. Dharithri Krishnamurthy Professional Story Teller & Head Kathalaya Learning Centre**



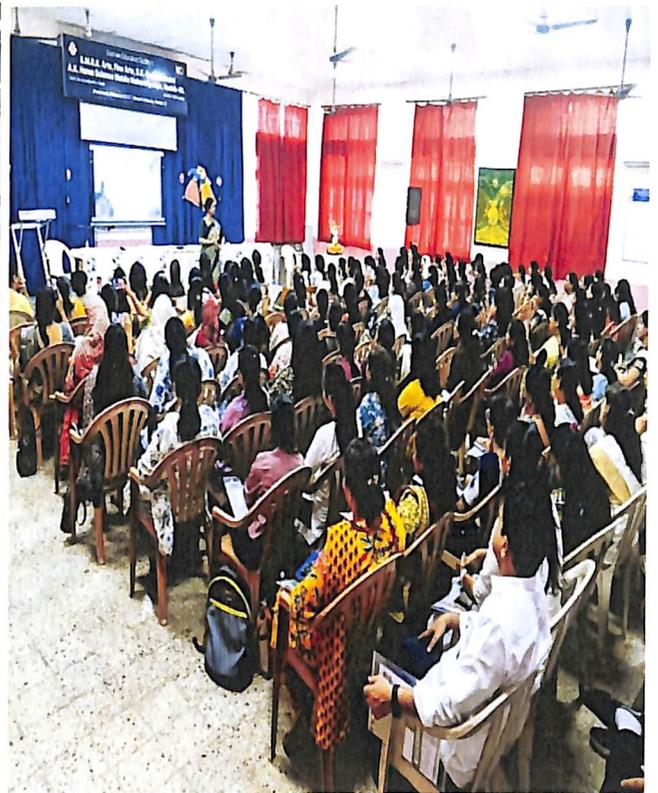
**President of the Function Dr. Ram Kulkarni, Zonal Secretary G.E. Society, Presiding over the function.**



**Guest of Honour Mr. Chetan Patil, Director of Little Joy Preschool, Nashik**



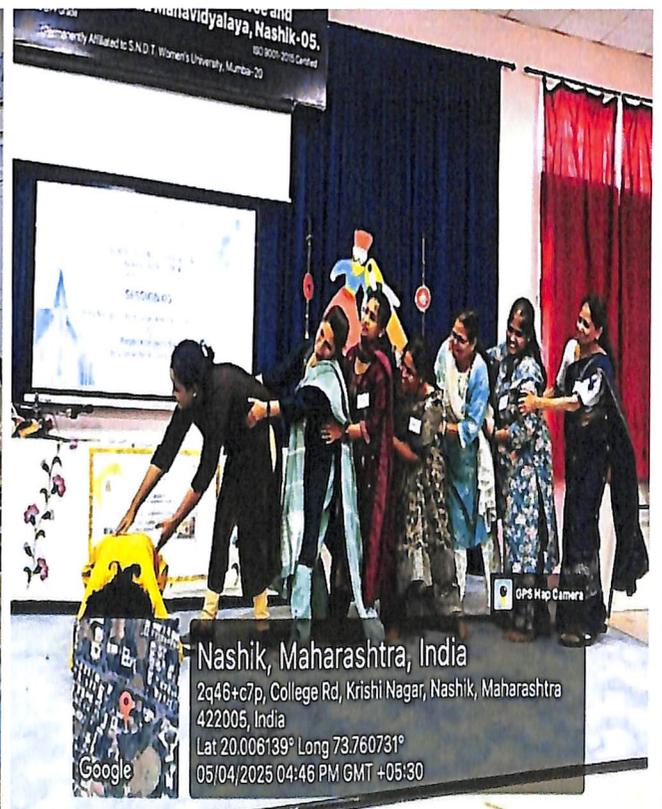
**Guest of Honour & Resource Person Mrs. Dhara Malunekar, Authro & Director Saket Publication Nashik, while conducting session.**



**Resourcer Person Mrs. Dharitri Krishnamurthy, Professional Story Teller while conducting session.**

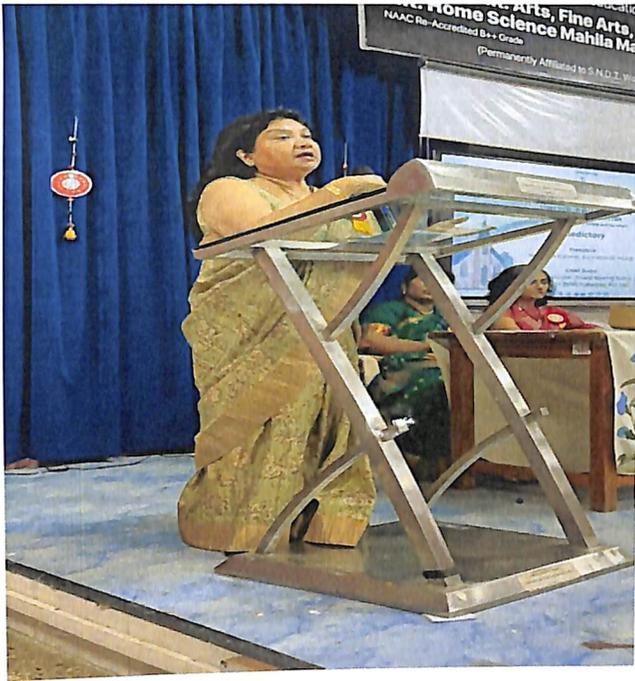


**Hands on Session-Crafting Stories for Preschoolers**



**Practical Story Narration Session**

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**President of Valedictory Function Mrs. Asha Kulkarni addressing the participants**



**Mrs. Geeta Rudrakrash, Owner of Kidzee Preschool Parbhani, giving feedback on the workshop.**



**Mrs. Asha Kulkarni, Mrs. Dhara Malunjkar, Mrs. Dharithri Krishnamurthy, Prin. Dr. Sandhya Khedekar, Mrs. Sangita Kamble, Mr. Parag Jhalawat along with Organising Team and Participants in a group photo at the end of workshop.**

*Sangita Kamble*

**(Mrs. Sangita Kamble)**  
Workshop Convener

*Sanjay Pabari*

**(Ar. Sanjay Pabari)**  
Co-ordinator of Home Science



*Sandhya Khedekar*  
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Workshop Organizing Director & Principal