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### Press Release

Sahitya Akademi, the National Academy of Letters, New Delhi, announces its third edition of **Kissa-O-Kalam: The Speaking Pen**, an annual workshop for children on creative writing in Hindi and English. The inaugural edition of this initiative was launched in May 2017. The astounding success of the first edition has encouraged Akademi to announce its second term and continue with this third.

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 have fun with reading and writing, to play with language, and to use it creatively as a first step towards the creation of books.

This workshop is designed specially to get the children to interact as a team as well as individuals, and create something new, on their own, at the end of the 5 days.

#### **Workshop Title: Exploring Ideas: Looking at Possible Subjects, Creativity in Diversity**

**Dates:** 20-24 May 2019 (Monday - Friday)  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (3 hours daily)  
**Ages:** 9 years to 16 years  
**Venue:** Sahitya Akademi, Rabindra Bhavan, 35, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi – 110001

*The workshop has a limited number of 50 seats.*

*Children who participated earlier need not apply.*

The selection process will be as follows:

- i) Filling of Registration Form (last date 15 May 2019, Wednesday);
- ii) A final list of selected children for the workshop will be announced on the Sahitya Akademi website by 5 pm on 17 May 2019, Friday.

Registration Forms can be downloaded from the Sahitya Akademi website. Children who complete the workshop will be awarded a Certificate of Participation.


The 5-day workshop will be conducted by Chandana Dutta, Suvidha Mistry and Vandana Bist.

There will also be a **special 3-hour interaction with Richa Jha**, a children's writer and the Founder-Publisher of Pickle Yolk Books that has many beautifully illustrated and sensitively presented books on its list.

**For further details on the workshop, the registration form and dates, please visit the Sahitya Akademi website:**  
[www.sahitya-akademi.gov.in](http://www.sahitya-akademi.gov.in)

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