



Traveling leaves you speechless, then turns you into a Storyteller

THE BIRD THAT STILLED MY THOUGHTS

Stop! Said Tushar as the open Jeep raced through the Kanha National park in Madhya Pradesh. The driver halted and there was a sacred silence that echoed through the forest.

Just above us sat a Shikra bird an Indian falcon. Red beady eyes peered at us with a white beautiful printed body in front and a grey smooth back. Above the tree the clouds were trying to protect the sun and it was early morning around 6.30. At a distance a group of Barasingha deer with huge antlers had got into a lake and they were eating the grass that grew beneath the lake. Not a leaf stirred and the smell of the sal trees filled the misty forest.

My mind was quiet. I had no expectation of spotting a tiger but was rather caught in observing every fragment of the forest life. The Shikra bird above seemed to read my heart and reciprocate to my meditative thought. He was observing us. I did not know its name then. To see something without the word or name is so important.

Tushar was quietly clicking so as to capture the image of that beautiful bird. I captured the tilt and head shake in my heart. He moved his tail here and there and after a while darted away. Later Tushar said it is called the Shikra Bird and that these birds have no fear and have a very good sense of judgment. They represent hope strength and guidance in difficult times.

I was humbled as the jeep went through the vast expanse of nature and was totally there with my whole being with no conflict or choice active in my attention and feeling. To “see” the bird still amongst the branches of the tree was meditative and to “see” and “listen” without knowledge is what I felt.

Geeta Ramanujam





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SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

WORKSHOPS

Workshop for **WWW Team at Bosch , Adugodi** on the topic "Soaring High : Power of Women's potential" is a dynamic and in spiring one-day summit designed to empower every woman associate within the organization.

Khel Khel Mein– a special workshop at Kathalaya by Ms. Rajalakshmi, presented this dynamic workshop, She explored how timeless games like Palanguzi ,five Stones and hopscotch can be seamlessly merged with curriculum subjects. Participants from across all age groups made the learning fun and productive It was a playground where tradition met innovation .

Art of Storytelling Workshop for 120 Teachers from 3 campus of **Greenwood high school ,Bangalore**

Tagore Institute ,Domlur on the occasion of their 20th year celebrations invited Geeta Ramanujam to conduct a workshop for their Team.

Seventy teachers from across 40 schools in Indore were trained by Geeta Ramanujam and Ms.Neha in the art of Storytelling, organized by **Arghya Training Academy** which was part of the 'Seekho Learning Series' at Indore .

SPECIAL TRAINING

Guest Speaker for Team **Atmosphere Core Pvt Limited** on Leadership training through Storytelling at ITC ,Martha ,Mumbai.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Invited as keynote speaker on the topic "**Importance of Storytelling in Classrooms**" at Children's Literature Awards organized by **Room to Read, Delhi** .

FOR CHILDREN

Special Storytelling performance by Geeta Ramanujam and Ms.Vanessa for 130 Children on Teachers Day at **Singapore International School, Mumbai**.

"How and Why Tales " book launch at Kahaani box -Koppa Road ,Atta Gallata-Indira Nagar and Neev Literature festival, Yemalur.

Master Storyteller Geeta Ramanujam, was also in an **Online show for-Q shala** a quiz program. Where in intricate questions on her book" How and Why tales" was organised by Komal. The first five winners were awarded books by Penguin publications.

Special performance for Children ad Parents at **Prarthana World School, Bangalore**

Neev Literature festival saw the young and old throng the seats as Geeta Ramanujam started her storytelling session. She enthralled the audience with tales from her book " How and why of Tales".

Story Marathon session for classes 1,2 and 3 by Geeta Ramanujam and Nivedita Kolekar at the **Sahitya-e-Tarannum II Literary Fest** organized by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's R. K. Sarda Vidya Mandir, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

INTENSIVE COURSE

Our **175th Intensive course** had the Listener and the Teller motivate each other.The participants shared their vulnerable sides and leaned on each other's strength to come together as a group.



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***Watch out for our upcoming stories
November – December***

- 8th-10th November** Our 176th Intensive course in Storytelling in New Delhi. For details call 8130286286
- 14th November** Performance for Children at Gomti Book Fair, Lucknow organized by National Book Trust .
- Children's day special performance for Children at National Public School, Indira Nagar and at Acharya Patashala School, Basavanagudi
- 16th –17th November** Invite for 5th Bookaroo Festival, Jaipur for Storytelling performance high school children.
- 22nd –25th November** Our 36th Residential Diploma course in Storytelling at Fireflies Intercultural Center, Bangalore
- 20th November** Invitation to join virtually as a Key Note Speaker at 2nd KT Global Story conference by Enlit Kids Enterprise
- 7th November** **Embracing Imperfection – A Journey through Storytelling and Expressive Art.**
3 hrs workshop for Grown ups at Kathalaya Center, Bangalore
- 14th December** Performance at Bangalore Literature Festival

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