

Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival presents Way with Words An interactive session with Author and Poet Tishani Doshi

Kolkata, 12th January, 2013: Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival 2013 hosted an engaging discussion for children on prose and poetry with eminent author and poet, **Tishani Doshi**. Presented in association with Penguin India, the session was held amidst the sprawling green grounds of the Apeejay House Lawns in the midst of bustling Park Street. Tishani Doshi spoke at length about poetry writing and engaged in an animated discussion with the young readers present at the occasion.

With the introduction of technically advanced communicative devices, language and literature - more precisely poetry, are slowly losing its charm to the young readers. However, an exciting session with Tishani Doshi proved otherwise. Contrary to this accepted notion, today's youth show quite an enthusiasm towards literature that directly communicates with their emotions. The event started with the young author speaking about the significance of creative expression and how the rhythm or rather the lack of it can contribute in making a creation stand out.

Tishani also highlighted her passion for creativity and art, and experiences with the written words. Reading out from her collection of work, she connected with the young audience aged between 14-17 years in a very special way. The young lot came up with their unique and out-of-the-box observations about poetry and how it served as an outlet for their creative articulation and read out from their varied artistic conception.

About the Speaker:

Tishani Doshi: Tishani Doshi is a noted poet, author, journalist and dancer. In 2006 she published her debut collection of poems 'Countries of the Body' to much critical acclaim. Her latest book is a collection of poems, Everything Begins Elsewhere. She has also authored 'The Pleasure Seekers' a novel and short story 'Lady Cassandra, Spartacus and the dancing man'. She has toured with Chandralekha's dance troupe, travelled extensively and also works as a freelance journalist writing about things as diverse as monasteries and hot springs, cricket and transsexuals for prominent publications.

About Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival (AKLF) 2013:

A Community initiative by the Apeejay Surrendra Group, the annual literary festival hosted since 2010 in Kolkata is the first international literary festival in Kolkata, a city celebrated for its intellectual depth and cultural heritage. An array of special curated discussions, performances and some of the finest literary events are scheduled for the fourth edition from 9th- 13th January, 2013. A noteworthy literary and cultural representation from across India and overseas will be seen at the Festival, amongst the finest minds from

India and overseas. Prominent personalities attending will be Ramachandra Guha, William Dalrymple, Shyam Benegal, Pavan Varma, Yasmin Ali Bhai Brown, Amit Chaudhuri, Leila Seth, Manil Suri, Ruchir Joshi, Onir, Urvashi Butalia, Shobhaa De and Tishani Doshi and several others. Events are scheduled at significant cultural and heritage venues across Kolkata like National Library, St John's Church, banks of Hooghly, Lascar Monument, and at India's finest and most loved 92 year old iconic bookstore- Oxford Bookstore, Kolkata. Amongst the many highlights is Festival's collaboration with the Tibor-Jones South Asia Prize to recognize and encourage new and emerging writers in the South Asian region.

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