

**Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival Oxford Junior and Penguin Books India
presented an interactive session by Leila Seth On her book ‘We the
Children of India: The Preamble to Our Constitution’**

Kolkata, 12th January, 2013: Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival 2013 and Oxford Bookstore Junior in association with Penguin Books India hosted a special interactive session for children with Justice Leila Seth around her book ‘We the Children of India: A Preamble to Our Constitution’. Since its inception, Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival has focused on young readers and this event was dedicated in loving memory of Mr. Jit Paul, patriarch of Apeejay Surrendra Group whose statue adorns the Apeejay House lawns and who made the city his home in 1940s. The lifelike statue of late Jit Paul gazed benevolently down upon the young audience as he was one to whom the welfare and education of children was of prime importance. The session witnessed participation from young children between the age group of 10-13 years.

Through the book ‘We, the Children of India’ Leila Seth introduced a simpler version of the Preamble to the Constitution for easy understanding of young readers, familiarizing them with the concepts of democracy, secularism, sovereignty, in a cogent manner which they could grasp and comprehend. The author threw light on the importance of development of every child as a responsible citizen. The one hour interactive session was an important, enriching and a learning experience for the children and teens.

Leila Seth

Leila Seth is an eminent judge and played a major role in the removal of gender bias in the Indian legal framework. She is the first woman judge from the Delhi High Court, and played a key role in making gender-related amendments to various Indian laws. She is also the mother of the world famous author Vikram Seth. Leila Seth has written and released her autobiography, On Balance, which chronicles her initial struggles in life, experiences with the law, her marriage, and her personal life. Her book We The Children Of India - The Preamble To Our Constitution is especially meant for children, and the author ensures that the young readers get a good grasp of what the Preamble to the Indian Constitution is all about.

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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