



# ST. MARY'S ICSE SCHOOL

KOPARKHAIRANE, NAVI MUMBAI

## CONGRATULATIONS

NAME OF THE EVENT: LITSPARK

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### 'Litspark' held in city school to inculcate reading in children

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**Navi Mumbai:** With an aim to inculcate the habit of reading among children in an age of gadgets and social networking sites, an inter-school literary festival titled Litspark was conducted in Koparkhairane on June 24.

Sampurna Chattarji, noted children's author, novelist, poet and translator, was the chief guest of the event that took place at St Mary's ICSE School.

This was probably the first-ever literary event exclusively held for children of Navi Mumbai.

Principal and host of the event Harjeet Kaur Grover, said, "Our aim is to revive the dying habit of reading amongst children by giving them an opportunity to explore vast treasures of Indian writing and interact with authors, poets and illustrators."

Students, parents and teachers attended this event. Students bought their choicest books from the 'author's corner' and also participated in a book exchange programme.

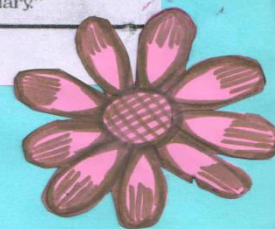


**READ ON:** The event was conducted at St Mary's ICSE School at Koparkhairane

Workshops on various topics and interaction sessions were conducted by well-known authors, poets and story tellers.

Author Anand Neelakantan conducted a session on Retelling of Epics. Dr Monica Khanna, a panel member for the Encyclopedia Britannica hosted a workshop on creative writing and storytelling.

Vedant Singh, a student, said, "We would now onwards put more efforts in searching for good books on Google and read them to enhance reading ,writing and vocabulary."



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## Litspark sets stage to renew reading habits

Staff Reporter / Navi Mumbai

ST. MARY'S ICSE School, Koperkhairane in collaboration with Story Mirror Infotech hosted Litspark 2017, the first ever literary event exclusively for children on June 24.

The objective of hosting the literary festival was to inculcate and revive the dying habit of reading amongst children by giving them an opportunity to explore the vast treasury of Indian writing, and interact with authors, poets and illustrators.

Sampurna Chattarji a noted children's author, novelist, poet, translator was the Chief Guest at the event. Workshops on various topics were conducted by well-known authors, poets, for students as well as parents.

Anand Neelakantan an eminent author conducted a session on *Retelling of Epics*, while Dr Monica Khanna, a panel member for the

Encyclopaedia Britannica, conducted a workshop on creative writing and storytelling for children where they learned new writing techniques. Author Nalini Ramachandran conducted a workshop on the joys of reading and storytelling which made children aware of ways to make

story telling /reading more effective. Workshops were held for parents and teachers as well. Clinical psychologist Salma Prabhu conducted a workshop on new age parenting.

A highlight of the festival was an open mic session where students got an opportunity to recite their poems along with renowned poets. Author's corner was also setup wherein children bought books written by the writers who had come at the venue and got it autographed by them. Another exciting event was the Book Exchange for children as well as parents wherein they brought their books and exchanged them at the venue.



