

JUMPSTART 2017 (INSPIRE TRAINING ORGANISED BY GERMAN BOOK OFFICE)

India International Centre was the venue for Jumpstart 2017- a congress of children's content creation, learning and innovation.

Jyoti ma'am and myself attended the first day of the workshop- 4Aug 2017. The first session we attended was on 'gamification'- developing games with learning outcomes- digitally as well as hands on.

The second session was about 'Dance in Education'. The resource person was Ms. Geeta Chandran, Dancer and Choreographer, presently teaching in Natya- vriksha. She talked about the merit of practice and perseverance and developing this in children of the present generation through dance, through Mathematics and through poetry. At the end of her talk, she performed on a beautiful narration of the metaphor that is 'Nataraj' - the dancing Shiva, and left the audience mesmerised.

It only got better from there because then we attended was the Keynote address by Dev Dutt Patnaik. He spoke about the culture of stories- how they shape our world view and connect with different domains. It was quite an experience, just listening to him- connect mythology to current affairs and interpret narratives.

The standard set by Ms. Chandran and Mr. Patnaik were quite difficult to meet by the panelists of the next session, which was 'Storytelling for Learning Outcomes'. Much as they tried, they could not keep the audience with them.

We (Jyoti ma'am and I) are extremely grateful for the opportunity as it truly broadens horizons and gives perspective.

