

## Debjani Bhaduri (2026)

Around 14 years ago by sheer accident Debjani discovered a beautiful artform, Storytelling. Stories have the power to bring transformation, to communicate effectively, and to instill values better than facts and figures. Storytelling can bridge differences and create bonds between minds. Hence using stories and the skill of storytelling she has embarked on a journey of training professionals and young adults.

### Workshops for Corporates and Others for Skill Development

Conducted sessions for corporates such as HCL (2012), Shell (2013), Wirecard (2017), and Infosys (2019) for the employees day special.

Conducted special sessions for "A Joyful Environment at the Workplace" for OFS Technology at Ascendas (2016, 2017).

Conducted a session on women's empowerment at Bank of India (2016).

Jointly led leadership trainings at Indian Bank multiple times (2016-2017).

Jointly conducted a workshop for 200+ adults at Chennai Storytelling Festival on "Ways to Craft One's Life Story" (2016).

Led a workshop at All India Montessori Conference held at Kalakshetra (2016).

Conducted a workshop for employees of IT teams of FORD on "Upping Synergy Quotient through Sharing Our Stories" (2018).

Conducted workshop for physiotherapists of SPARC, Rehabilitation center on "Using Stories to Heal and Engage During Therapy" (2018).

Led a workshop for the employees of R.R Donnelly on "Let's Not Judge or Label Others Without Knowing Their Back Stories".

Led a workshop on "Using Stories to Create Empathy and Develop Problem-Solving Skills" at Mind Cafe for psychologists (2019).

Have been a Softskills coach of the boutique Salesforce company, Orbit Innovations, for 10 years.

### Experience as College Faculty

Served at National institute of fashion technology, Chennai, as guest faculty for two semesters (2020 and 2021). Was invited to teach the course of "Narrative and Storytelling" in the Department of Fashion Communication, using stories to articulate designs.

Working with college students as a Facilitator: Led sessions for undergraduate students on "Ways to Shed Inhibition and Express Oneself Freely by Innovatively Ideating and Moving".

Delivered talk at National Orientation program for Science teachers on "Ways to Use Stories as a Context for Teaching Science".

Conducted workshop for 100+ college students on "Ways to Use Stories for Personal and Professional Success" (2019), and in Chennai Storytelling Festival (2019).

Trained college students with Blink Foundation at Loyola College (2015) on "Ways to Use Stories to Bring Positive Thinking".

Was an active part of Government of Tamilnadu 's project for schools and for colleges in curating the stories and training the teachers, professors and students. Her video on storytelling has been selected as a specimen for district schools of Tamilnadu.

Featured trainer for faculty development programme at Thiruvalluvar University and Madras University.

Delivered motivational talk to 800 scholars organized by Thiruvalluvar University.

### Teacher Training Workshops

Conducting workshops for teachers and professionals on "Using Storytelling as a Joyful Teaching Methodology" since 2015 at various schools in and around Chennai, Pondicherry, Cuddalore, Vellore, Bangalore, and Kerala.

Workshops on "Mindfulness and Expressive Methodology to Rejuvenate Mind and Spirit".

Trained the teachers regarding "Ways Storytelling Can Help to Manage the Classroom".

Workshops on "How Teaching Can be an Interesting Process Using Various Theatre Games".

Workshop on "Art-Integrated Teaching in the 21st Century".

Led several workshops on "How Phonics Can be Made Interesting to Learn".

Trained 3500 teachers so far.

### Other Areas of Expertise

Theatre in Education.

Clowning and masking.

Currently working with a group of schools as their Communication coach, developing the English language skills of children using storytelling and theatre.

Coached children to present plays on stage on scripts adapted, contemporarized or totally self written.

### Performances in Storytelling Festivals and Literary Festivals

1. Performed multiple times at Chennai Storytelling Festivals since 2014.
2. Performed as a featured teller along with world renowned tellers from different countries at Under The Alamaram, international storytelling Festival (2017).
3. Performed as a featured teller at The Learning Festival at Pondicherry organised by Azim Premji Foundation in collaboration with Education department of Puducherry (2018).
4. Performed in Bangalore International Storytelling Festival (2019) for adults.
5. Kolkata Storytelling festival (2020) for children.
6. Performed at International Festival conducted by Federation of Asian Storytellers, 2021.
7. Performed at Marrakech International Storytelling Festival.
8. Performed at Indonesian international Festival 2023.
9. Hindu Lit Fest 2024, Chennai.
10. Performed as a featured teller at the Udaipur Tales Festival 2025.

### Publications

1. A folktale from Sikkim, self retold and adapted has been published in the second Edition of FEAST's compilation of Folktales: "Royals, Wise and Otherwise" (2019).
2. Another legend popular amongst Lepcha tribe of North East of India self-developed and retold has been published in FEAST anthology (2021).
3. Self composed Bengali poems and articles have been published in Nikhil Bharat Banga Sahithya Sammelan (Chennai chapter).

### Organisations

Member, Chennai Storytellers.  
Member, Federation of Asian Storytellers.  
Member, Applied Theatre India.

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