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The Somaiya Storytelling Festival

Schedule



31st January, 2026

Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai

Open & Free For All



Schedule

31st JANUARY

Morning Showcase | Opening Ceremony

📍 Sakarben Auditorium, Somaiya Vidyavihar University ⏰ 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

9:00 am	Prayer - Arya Gaikwad
9:05 am	Lamp Lighting
9:10 am	Opening Remarks by: Festival Chair - Smt Amrita Somaiya Chief Guest - Inaugural Address Festival Director - Dr Yamini Shah
9:40 am to 9:50 am	Sunita Gangrade - Music Performance
9:50 am to 10:10 am	Raman Ramachandran - Corporate Story
10:15 am to 10:45 am	Rochelle Potkar, Lavitha Kamat, Neeta Doshi, Usawamag - Catharsis
11:00 am to 11:25 am	Ulka Mayur - Tiger Dekha Kya?
11:30 am to 12:00 pm	Akhshay Gandhi - Maati-Kaavad Katha
12:00 pm to 12:45 pm	Sanjay Mahajan & Troupe - Raja Bhatrahari Katha
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Lunch Break

Afternoon Showcase

📍 Sakarben Auditorium, Somaiya Vidyavihar University ⏰ 2:00 PM – 8:30 PM

2:00 pm to 2:25 pm	Savita Moghe - Bharud
2:30 pm to 2:50 pm	Aazaz Khan - Sports Story
3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Smita Sahay - Raza & Bindu
4:00 pm to 4:30 pm	Address by Vice Chancellor - Dr Ajay Kapoor Chancellor - Shri Samir Somaiya
4:45 pm to 5:30 pm	Ranapratap Sengar - Dastan-e-Raj Kapoor
5:30 pm to 6:15 pm	Mahmood Farooqui - Dastan-e-Karn az Mahabharat
6:25 pm to 6:50 pm	Monica Gupta - Inspector Matadeen Chand Par
6:55 pm to 7:20 pm	Sudhir Ranjan Jain - One Second Per Second?
7:25 pm to 8:10 pm	Tina Tambe - Rasanayika: A Kathak exploration of Navarasa
8:15 pm	Dr Yamini Shah - Vote of Thanks Festival Director



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Gargi Plaza, Somaiya Vidyavihar University 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

10:00 am to 11:00 am Maya Somaiya School of Music & Performing Arts - Folk Musical Performance

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

- Manjiri & Group - The Third Eye
- Trisha Ramesh Nanda - Mahabharata Jugalbandi
- Laxmi Subhash Yadav - Kans Vadh: Krishna ki Veer Gatha
- Geetanjali Wani - Abhivachan: Narmada ka Vardaan
- Saloni Shrivastava - Theme-based Storytelling

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Lunch Break

Afternoon Showcase

Gargi Plaza, Somaiya Vidyavihar University 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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- Aradhya Srinivasan - Nrityati Nrityati
- Vandana Manglani - Bindu: Ek Aarambh aur Ant Bhi
- Aayushi & Bhakti - Kali vs Kalki
- Bhavna Mohile & Abhishek Rane - Sword of Self: Rani Durgavati
- Krutika - The Baiga and the Tiger
- Sakshi Chaubey - Shakuntala Act
- Shravani Parte - Amir Khusrau's "Sakal Ban" in Raag Bahar

Late Evening Showcase

Gargi Plaza, Somaiya Vidyavihar University 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Folk Band – House of MAUJ (KJSIM Students)

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Workshops

The Somaiya School Auditorium (TSS), Somaiya Vidyavihar University 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

8:00 am to 9:00 am Sanjay Mahajan - Putli Making

9:00 am to 9:30 am Narayan Parasuram - Goopi Gawaiya Bagha Bajaiya (Storytelling for Kids)

9:30 am to 10:00 am Fiona Fernandez - Circles that Shaped Mumbai (Storytelling for Kids)

10:30 am to 11:30 am Pankaj Patil - Gond Art: Storytelling through Patterns and Colours

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm Smita Sahay - Folk Stories of Madhya Pradesh

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Sanjay Mahajan - Gangaur Folk Dance

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm Goshtarang - Batavni Workshop



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Kitab Khana Sessions

Kitab Khana, Somaiya Bhavan, Fort, Mumbai 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

11:00 am to 12:00 pm Mehak Mirza Prabhu - Once Upon a Time

12:00 pm to 1:00 am Vaishali Shroff - Evolution and Revolution by the Narmada River

