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The Somaia Storytelling Festival

Schedule



31st January, 2026

Somaia Vidyavihar University, Mumbai

Open & Free For All

Schedule

31st JANUARY

Morning Showcase | Opening Ceremony



Sakarben Auditorium, Somaia 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 Somaia
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, Somaia 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 Somaia

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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Morning Showcase


 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

- 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- 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
 - Shrivani 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

Schedule

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 pm Vaishali Shroff - Evolution and Revolution by the Narmada River

