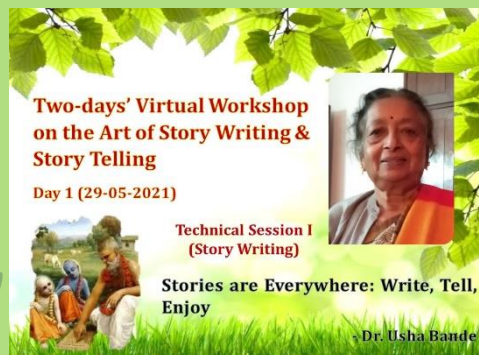


Two days' Virtual Workshop on The Art of Story Writing & Story-telling

Kalp Foundation, Mandi in collaboration with Pratibha Spandan Society, Shimla organized two days' virtual workshop on The Art of Story Writing & Story-telling on 29th-30th May 2021. Story-telling by itself may not be new but it is fast losing its hold due to the recent trends in society. Story-telling is a simple everyday art that has colloquial undertones and contains folk wisdom. Himachal Pradesh has had, till recently, a very vivacious tradition in story-telling. But unfortunately, the invasion of TV and other media and the race in the competitive world has snatched away a big chunk from our story-telling and story-listening passions. This collaborative effort aimed at taking a small step in the direction of reviving story-writing and story-telling. Story writing sessions directed the participants to write a small story on a given plot. These stories would be collected and evaluated later and the results would be declared within a fortnight. The three best stories would be given prizes and segregated for future publication. This will generate and sustain the interest of the participants in story-telling, listening, and writing.

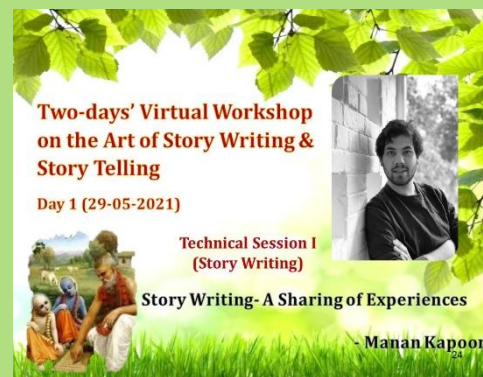
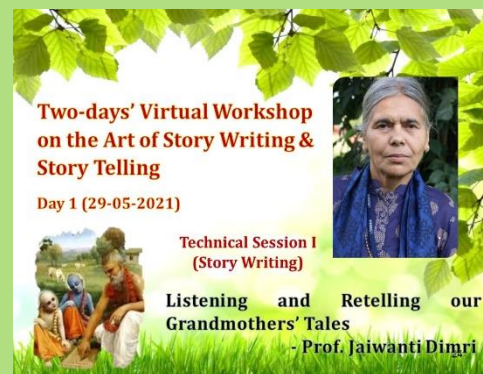
On Day One, there was a Technical Session on Story Writing in which Dr. Sapna Pandit, Associate Professor, Govt. Degree College Nalagarh welcomed the



resource persons and talked about the Workshop. This was followed by a lecture by Prof. Usha Bande, Former Fellow, IIAS, & Retired Principal, Govt. College, Arki, district Solan, Himachal

Pradesh, on Stories are Everywhere: Write, tell, Enjoy. Later, Prof. Jaiwanti Dimri, Retired Professor, Department of English, HPU, Shimla & Former Fellow, IIAS, Shimla talked about 'Listening and Retelling our Grandmothers' Tales'. There was an interactive session where Mr. Manan Kapoor, a budding writer, shared his experiences with story writing.

On Day 2, there was a Technical Session on storytelling, which started with a lecture on "Why Stories?" by Dr. Kamayani Vashisht, Associate Professor Department of English, Govt. Degree College, Sanjauli, Shimla, followed by a lecture on Story Telling as Performance by Prof. Meenakshi F. Paul,



Principal, Department of Evening Studies, HPU, Shimla. Prof. Him Kumar Chatterjee, Chairman, Department of Visual Arts, HPU, Shimla took the participants on the visual journey of storytelling. The concluding message was delivered by Prof. Jaiwanti Dimri.

In all, there were more than thirty participants, including, students, research scholars, teachers, and freelancers from six states of India.

