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## Exploring storytelling in varied forms

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**Hyderabad:** The Aga Khan Academy Hyderabad hosted the 'Hyderabad IB PYP Network Literature and Theatre Fest' at its campus recently. Over 100 students from ten schools that included Focus High School, Gaudium School, Meridian School (Madhapur and Banjara Hills campuses), Oakridge International School (Newton and Einstein campuses), Shantiniketan International School, Solitaire Global Schools, Glendale Creative Arts Academy and Indus International School - came together to explore stories and different forms of telling them.

"This is the second year that the Aga Khan Academy Hyderabad is hosting the Theatre



*Children singing as part of the event at the Aga Khan Academy*

and Literature Fest to celebrate reading and love of literature amongst primary school students," said Sreelatha Kumar, Academy Junior

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School Principal.

Students enjoyed a range of activities that allowed them to explore literature and theatre

from different angles: prop making, performance poetry, mime and gesture, storytelling through music and re-telling

picture books through rhyme and action. The activities culminated in a series of performances where each group shared what they had worked on with the rest of the students and faculty from the Academy as well as visiting schools. A range of western and Indian stories, songs and poems were drawn upon, reflecting the Academy's passion for literature from around the world. Students were given a picture book as a token of appreciation for their participation.

The event was inaugurated by author Prachi Joshi Johar who emphasised the importance of opening oneself up to different experiences without preconceived notions. "It is not your profession which will define you, it's the books you read, the places you travel to, and the music you listen to that will ultimately shape your person you become," she said, urging them to dive into literature and stories every chance they got.