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MCT
MANJARA CHARITABLE TRUST
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Airoli, Navi Mumbai
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In collaboration with

**SHRI KRISHNA EDUCATION &
CHARITABLE TRUST (SKECT)**

Goregaon, Mumbai

Organizes

ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

**"PUPPETS WITH A PURPOSE:
NURTURING YOUNG MINDS THROUGH SEL**

22nd August 2025

Hybrid Mode

Facilitators

JITINDER WALIA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Bronx Community College's Early Childhood Center
(BCCECC) New York, US

ANDY GAUKEL, PUPPETRY ARTIST & EDUCATOR

Founder and Artistic Director of Atomic Arts,
New York's Hudson Valley, US

ABOUT THE MANJARA CHARITABLE TRUST

Manjara Charitable Trust, founded in 1988 by Shri Vilasraoji Deshmukh, a distinguished administrator and visionary, is a renowned social welfare organization in Maharashtra focused on economic, social, political, and cultural upliftment through quality education.

Initially sponsoring institutions in Marathwada, the Trust now operates across Maharashtra, offering education from kindergarten to postgraduate levels in diverse fields like Arts, Science, Commerce, and Engineering.

ABOUT THE INSTITUTION

MCT's College of Education & Research has been a cornerstone of MCT's vision for nearly three decades, aligning with the needs and interests of the community. Governed by faculty, academic staff, and students, the College started with modest resources but has grown into a prominent Teacher Education institution. Over the years, it has become recognized as one of the leading institutions in the field. The College serves as a hub for local, regional, national, and international communities, embracing diverse perspectives and contributions. It remains at the forefront of educational innovation, shaped by advancements in communication technology and evolving educational practices.

ABOUT SKECT

A non profit organization committed to transform minds to bring change in education transactions and the way it treat and manage the environment for Climate change resilience. To do things differently at SKECT they impart education through internships, training and workshops on various aspects starting from KG to PG and guidance for community oriented research work. They encourage awareness, discussions on new education trends, Education policies, quality in education, and other topics related to environmental sensitivity for water security, food security issues among academicians, researchers, community and others as they believe such deliberations are powerful to explore resources. Their aim is to bring contemporary views and knowledge to create change makers.

OBJECTIVES

- To explore puppetry as a creative and accessible tool for SEL.
- To equip participants with hands-on skills in creating and using puppets.
- To model effective strategies for using puppets in SEL-based storytelling and role-play.
- To inspire the use of puppets as empathetic characters that children can relate to and learn from.
- To integrate puppetry as a joyful and transformative tool for nurturing emotionally intelligent and socially aware young learners.
- To empower educators and caregivers to integrate puppetry into their daily routines.

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

This workshop explores the dynamic intersection of puppetry, imagination, and socio-emotional learning (SEL) in early childhood education. Puppetry offers young learners a safe, creative, and deeply engaging medium to express emotions, explore empathy, and build interpersonal skills. Led by puppetry artist and educator Andy Gaukel, the session will explore themes such as “Puppetry & Imagination,” “Shadow Play: Bringing Stories to Life Through Light and Imagination,” and “Puppets with Heart.” Participants will discover how storytelling through puppets can nurture emotional expression and perspective-taking. Educators and caregivers will gain practical tools for using hand-made and shadow puppets to foster meaningful, age-appropriate conversations about feelings, relationships, and responsible decision-making.

OUTCOMES OF THE WORKSHOP:

By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- Understand the role of puppetry in SEL,
- Recognize the connection between puppetry and behavioural development,
- Create and use hand-made and shadow puppets,
- Facilitate SEL conversations through puppet play,
- Incorporate puppetry into daily educational practice,
- Reflect on educator and caregiver roles in SEL facilitation,

MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Paper plate or plain white paper
- Colourful paper
- Colourful markers or crayons
- Child-safe scissors
- Glue stick or tape
- Popsicle stick or craft stick
- Paper sandwich bag
- Optional: yarn, buttons, stickers, or decorative extras
- A pencil
- A flashlight or phone with flashlight feature
- black paper or transparency sheets for contrast

WORKSHOP LINEUP : 9.00 AM TO 1.00 PM

Puppetry & Imagination: A Creative Introduction for the Classroom

Shadow Play: Bringing Stories to Life Through Light and Imagination

Puppets with Heart: A Family Puppet-Making Adventure

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TARGET AUDIENCE

Pre-primary teachers/ Primary Teachers/Teacher
educators/Caregivers/Parents

REGISTRATION LINK

Registration is compulsory

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