

# Tarini Chandrashekhar

WRITER. COMEDIAN. STORYTELLER. DANCER. THEATRE PRACTITIONER. VOICE OVER ARTIST.

## Artist Description

Tarini Chandrashekhar is a former data scientist, with an educational background in Computer Science and Data Science, who has turned into a full-time writer, comedic poet, dancer, and storyteller. She engages in the collaboration between theatre, music, science and humour while designing narratives.



# Achievements

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## School-level

- Winner in District-level debates and declamations.
- Rank-holder (State-level 5th, 97.4%) in Grade 10 ICSE and Merit list holder( 94.3%) in Grade 12 ISC.
- Poster presentation on 'Earth Day' at IIT Kanpur.
- Visharad(Diploma) in Bharatnatyam.

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## College-level

- Graduated BE(Information Science,BMSCE) with 9.18/10 GPA, and graduated M.Tech(IT, IIIT-B) with 3.24/4 GPA.
- Secured a degree in German(B1) from Goethe Institute.
- Gold medalist in 'Contribution to Community life in IIIT-B (Alma Mater).
- Acting and writing for plays involving Food Wastage on campus.
- A member of the Student Activities' Council in IIIT-B, instrumental in organising campus Activities and events.

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## Post-Collegiate

- Worked as a data scientist in Aganitha Cognitive Solutions Pvt Ltd, an enterprise AI startup from 2017-19.
- A **published poet**, with a poem published in '**ABHILAAP**', by Inkquills Publishing House.
- Wrote a play '**The Games we Play**' for the kids, focusing on Sports as part of Holistic Education, as a part of *Teach India* campaign.
- A **lyricist** working in collaboration with singer-composer Kartik Raman; worked on writing lyrics for songs on 'Festivals of India', 'Jal Shakti - Water Conservation Anthem', and many more.
- Organised and hosted a **Poetry Workshop for adults**, called 'Hasi To Phasi' in Atta Galatta, showcasing my own and teaching how to write poems.
- Wrote and performed in a **scientific-satire play**, '**The Big Indian Wasp Family**' as a tribute to late Dr. K Chandrashekhara, commissioned by GKVK, Bangalore, as an **active member of Bangalore-based theatre company 'Still Space Theatre'**.
- Founded the **Storytelling Collective 'Alakh Niranjana - Learning through Stories'** and held storytelling sessions, creative writing, and poetry workshops under its umbrella.

# Alakh Niranjn - Learning through Stories



Alakh Niranjn is a storytelling group started by Tarini Chandrashekhar. Alakh Niranjn aims at popularising immersive storytelling for kids' learning, by targeting all three modes of learning all at once, namely

## Visual Aural Kinaesthetic

It would utilize live musical sounds, generated through various instruments, including, but not limited to, some household items, and implement live movement and dance, along with speech, that would motivate the kids to listen and learn, with unwavering attention.

### Goals and Vision

Learning through theatrical storytelling workshops, with the help of different stories, ranging from the importance of life skills to spiritual values. The secret to a concept being solidified as a memory is the manifestation of a distinct emotion.

**Concept + Emotion**

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**Long term memory**

This is our goal with Alakh Niranjn, to design powerful narratives for learning.

### About the artist

Tarini Chandrashekhar is a writer, comedic poet, dancer and an engineer by profession. She is truly amazed by the power of collaboration between theatre, music, and humor.

Having learned Bharatanatyam as a kid, she understands the importance of training the body through movement.



## **Workshop Ideas**

1. Creative Writing - For Kids
2. Poetry and Poetic Devices - For Kids
3. Critical thinking, Problem Solving and Reflection - For Students and Teachers
4. Teaching in the Digital Age - For Teachers and administrators
5. Adaptive Thinking/Lateral Thinking - For Kids and Teachers
6. The Art of Negotiation ( Learning Assertiveness, Empathy, Flexibility, Intuition, and Ethics)- High School Students.
7. Improve Reading and Comprehension - For Students.
8. Using Narratives to learn - For Students
9. Memory skills for age of the Information Overload. - For Students and Teachers.