

Meet the Mentors



Dr Mamta Sagar (Poet and Translator, Founder-Director of Kaavya Sanje)

A poet, writer, academic, and translator, Dr Mamta Sagar is actively involved with international poetry translation projects from the UK, Slovenia, Spain, and Germany and facilitates poetry and translation workshops internationally. Her areas of interest include curating poetry performances and installations, poetry in public spaces, transdisciplinary engagements with text, sound, visual, and performative mediums of art. Dr Mamta Sagar is the Head of Studies, Creative Writing Programme, at Media Arts and Sciences, Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Bengaluru.



Vasu Dixit (Musician and Composer, Lead Vocalist of Swarathma)

Vasu Dixit is a composer, musician, and filmmaker. His craft brings many nuances of art into one space. Vasu is the lead singer of the band Swarathma and also creates music of his own through the Vasu Dixit Collective (VDC). Vasu's open-throated voice, his rich vocal style, wide range, and deep passion is powered by a free-spirited celebration of life, whether he sings with VDC, Swarathma, or on his own.



Surekha (Visual/Video Artist)

Surekha is a visual artist who has been exploring artistic forms through photo-sculptural-installations, video documentation, and archiving for the last two decades. Her art explores how visibility engages with gender, ecology, and socio-political aesthetics. Her work has been showcased at the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, Chemould Prescott Road, Kunstraum Kreuzberg, and Ulrich Museum of Art, among others. She has been a part of visual art collectives, such as Khoj and BAR1, and was a founder-curator of Namma Metro's Rangoli Metro Art Center in Bengaluru.



Shawn Sebastian (Filmmaker, Co-founder of Drokpa Films)

Shawn Sebastian is a filmmaker and an independent journalist. He is the co-founder of Drokpa Films, a production house specialising in development-centred multimedia content. Over the last eight years, Shawn has directed several documentaries and short films for various state governments, nonprofit organisations, and news platforms such as Discovery+ and Associated Press. He was a LAMP fellow in 2011–12 and is an alumnus of St Stephen's College, Delhi, and the University of Hyderabad.

