

Put the colours back in corals and learn about this amazing seascape with an interactive virtual workshop with Aunty Rachana

– Coral reefs are one of the richest ecosystems of our planet that provides communities around the world with food, livelihoods and protection against environmental threats. Although Coral reefs are one of the most beneficial species of ecological importance, many people are still unaware of their origin.

– Following the successful launch of Avid Learning's Coral woman Book, **Playydate**, **Rachna's FunClub** and **Avid Learning** present an interactive virtual workshop – led by *an Educator, Storyteller and Founder of Rachana's Fun Club* **Rachna Narwekar**. This fun-filled workshop will include hands-on activities on creating exciting and imaginative art that represents Corals and Coral Reef, storytelling and book reading from the recently launched, Children's illustrated book, **Coral Woman**. This book tells a fascinating life story of Uma Mani, A homemaker and artist who, in her 50's, found the courage to dive deep for the first time into the land of corals that fascinates her. It traces her journey in becoming a certified diver in her 50's and how she dedicated her art to creating awareness about marine conservation.

Avid Learning created this book under its most coveted '**Sustainability Now: Conversations for Greener Future**' with an aim to engage the youth and inspire them to be part of the sustainability debate. This book is published by **HarperCollins Publishers India**, is written by *Author, Curator and Founder, Peek A Book – Festival of Children's Literature* **Lubaina Bandukwala** and is illustrated by *Illustrator and Artist* **Sanket Pethkar**. This book was conceptualised around *Filmmaker* **Priya Thuvassery's** mesmerising and revealing short film by the same name.

It is also the timeliest story of India's coral reefs and the dangers that they face, which in turn impact marine life and the coastal communities that they shelter.

Workshop Highlights:

- Hands-on activities on creating art that represents Coral Reef.
- Storytelling session from Coral Woman book.
- Know more about Corals and Coral Reefs
- Experiment with easily available materials to create your own artworks

Date: Saturday, 13th November 2021

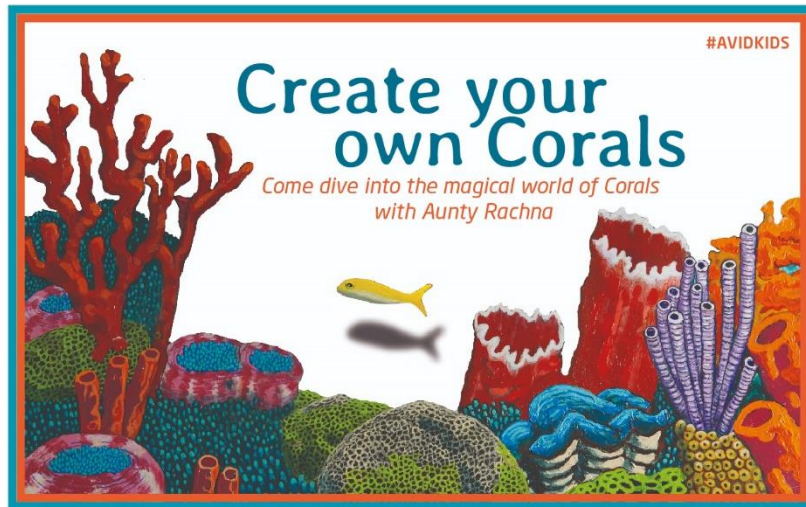
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Age Group: 6 to 9 years

Fees: Free

Register: www.playydate.in or 8591409386

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This educational children's book aims to spread awareness about corals and coral reefs and the danger that they are facing across the world. It is Conceptualised and supported by Avid Learning, published by HarperCollins Publishers India, written by Author, Curator and Founder, *Peek A Book - Festival of Children's Literature* **Lubaina Bandukwala** and illustrated by *Illustrator and Artist* **Sanket Pethkar**.

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About the Faculty

Rachna Narwekar, the mother of Rea and Ridhima, has been an educator since the year 2001. Endured by the world of children's education, she went on to do a Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education in Mumbai and worked with mainstream nursery schools and NGOs for six years before opening Rachna's Funclub in Cuffe Parade, South Mumbai. After having her first baby and taking a two-year sabbatical,

Rachna discovered that she was running out of places where she could constructively spend time with her daughter, especially in South Mumbai. Rachna transformed her building garage into a space where she would creatively engage with her daughter. Soon the garage became a comfort zone for her friends' children too. This idea sowed the seed for Rachna's Funclub - An Experiential Learning Centre & Library. A professional storyteller with vast experience in the children's recreational space, Rachna today runs a very successful Library & Activity centre. Children of all age groups are excited to participate in the interactive and exciting activities conducted by her and her team. Rachna also runs a training program for teachers of a local Balwadi. Her aim and mission are to get the system to work productively. Bringing unique experiences to children has always been her focus, which is why she started an Event management company in 2017. Events ranged from prominent author readings, workshops, activities and health and wellness for children. In 2020, with the advent of the COVID world, Rachna made the pivot to online teaching, building curriculums and providing courses to children worldwide. Her holistic and innovative approach to teaching and learning is her USP.

Partner Information

Rachna's FunClub

Rachna's Funclub is a one-stop shop for holistic learning for all ages! Currently, they run successful classes online across various learning categories ranging from English Fluency and Vocabulary building to Toddler Activity classes and Pre-reading and writing camps.

Instagram handles below

@rachnasfunclub

@rachnanarwekar

Playydate (@playydate_) is a platform that helps parents discover extra curricular classes and skill based activities for children across age groups. From STEM sessions to Music and Art, Playydate offers multiple options across camps, workshops and FREE classes for each learning category.

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