



Ministry of Culture
Government of India



In its Centenary Year

Victoria Memorial Hall

in collaboration with

Pickle Factory Dance Foundation

cordially invites you to an event featuring
P. Rajagopal and Hanne de Bruin
in conversation with
Rustom Bharucha

Wednesday, 14 December 2022, 5.00 pm
Conference Hall, New Library Building

As part of the programme *Spaces for Dialogue* initiated by Pickle Factory

Entry through East Gate (opp. St. Paul's Cathedral)
No entry and parking of vehicles inside the VMH campus





This conversation will focus on the work and lives of two stalwarts of the *Kattaikkuttu* performance tradition from Tamil Nadu - P. Rajagopal and Hanne de Bruin. It will draw on two pioneering institutions which they have co-founded - the *Kattaikkuttu Sangam* which mobilizes rural theatre companies from across the *Kattaikkuttu* tradition, and the *Kattaikkuttu Gurukulam*, a residential theatre school, that provided quality education and professional training to young people from socially marginalized communities. The conversation will draw on how Rajagopal and Bruin have conceptualized their interventions in the field of *Kattaikkuttu* through creative innovation and critical inquiry in relation to issues relating to caste and gender. It will also focus on the strategic need to sustain grassroots cultural activity in the search for funding and the challenge to arrive at new models of equity and democracy in performance and social practice.