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**A** THREE day art camp for children was organised by Mukul Madhav Foundation for the children to support the proposed school building of Vidya Jyoti School, a school for differently able learners. Around 100 students participated in this camp which was conducted with assistance



Art camp for children

## Art with heart

from Art India and included clay work and pottery, drawing and painting, candle making, calligraphy and cartoon drawing. The works created by the children will be put on a display cum sale on April 17 at Gera Plaza, Boat Club road, from 11.00 am to 8.00 pm.

The entire amount generated through sale proceedings from the exhibition will be donated to the proposed school building of Vidya Jyoti School.

Ritu Chhabria who conceptualised and put together this project feels, "The art camp for children was not only for raising awareness and funds for a noble cause, but also to make our children sensitive to lesser privileged in the society

Display cum sale of pottery and paintings made by children will help to support the proposed school building of Vidya Jyoti School for differently abled learners

and to instill in them a sense of caring and giving."

The camp had a surprise visit of the artists from Santiniketan, Kolkatta who were in town for an exhibition. They captivated the children with some fascinating demonstrations of drawing and painting. Poornima Pandit, who is spearheading Vidya Jyoti school project says, "Such initiatives will develop empathy towards the special children and help them to lead a life of

self respect and dignity bereft of sympathy." One of the important aspects of the proposed school building will be the creation of a sheltered workshop that will provide an opportunity to students as well as others to work and earn.

*(Those willing to help this project of Vidya Jyoti School can contact Poornima Pandit on 9881149088 or email to chetanpandit@vsnl.net.)*



# For heart's sake...

**An INITIATIVE that aims to empower SPECIAL CHILDREN is definitely worth looking forward to**

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**HERE'S** an opportunity to help handicapped children and do some shopping at the same time. With an exhibition and sale of articles produced during an art camp for special children, scheduled to be held at the Gera Plaza, you can help add some cheer to their lives.

Organised by the Mukul Madhav Foundation, the three-day camp saw participation from about 100 children. They participated in clay modelling and pottery, drawing and painting, candle making and calligraphy. "A lot of children had a lot of fun at the camp. Children as young as 7 years participated in it and went back informed about the need to treat the spe-

cial children as part of the mainstream. In fact, some kids have been calling me back asking if we could continue with the camp for a few more days," says Ritu Chhabria, who conceptualised and put together the camp. "The camp was a huge success and we hope the exhibition-cum-sale will be as successful. We were very lucky to have artists from Shantiniketan amidst us and it was great to see them teaching the nuances of painting to the young artists," she adds.

Around 8 children from the Vidya Jyoti School, a school for slow learners, were part of the camp and sale proceeds from the exhibition will be donated to the school. Volunteers at the camp included Maneesha Shah, Riya Gupta, Reshma Shah, Anita Agarwal, Shefali Bajaj, Natasha Sethi, Nandita Kalma-di, Namita Thapar and Priya Madhok.

*(The exhibition-cum-sale will be held at Gera Plaza, Boat Club Road from 11 am - 8 pm on April 17)*



→ Sharmila Mangwani teaching art to the children



# गतिमंद विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी कला शिबिर

## मुकुल माधव फाउंडेशन : उद्या कलाकृतींचे प्रदर्शन

सकाळ वृत्तसेवा

पुणे, ता. १५ : मुकुल माधव फाउंडेशनतर्फे विद्या ज्योती स्कूलच्या गतिमंद विद्यार्थ्यांनी तीन दिवशीय कला शिबिरात बनविलेल्या कलाकृतींचे प्रदर्शन गुरुवारी आयोजित केले आहे.

गतिमंदत्व मुलांसाठी काम करणाऱ्या या शाळेच्या मदतीसाठी रितू छात्रिया यांच्या पुढाकाराने शिबिर आयोजित केले होते. त्यासाठी आर्ट इंडिया फाउंडेशनचे सहकार्य लाभले. शिबिरात मुलांना मातीकाम, चित्रकला, कॅलिग्राफी, मेणबत्ती तयार करणे याबद्दल मार्गदर्शन

केले. यातील सर्वोत्तम कलाकृतींचे प्रदर्शन बोट क्लब रस्त्यावरील गेरा प्लाझा येथे गुरुवारी सकाळी ११ ते रात्री आठ या वेळेत आयोजित केले आहे. या प्रदर्शनातून जमणारा निधी शाळेच्या मदतीसाठी दिला जाणार आहे. विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये आत्मविश्वास निर्माण व्हावा, यासाठी ही संकल्पना राबविली, असे मत छात्रिया यांनी व्यक्त केले. या प्रदर्शनमध्ये सुमारे शंभर विद्यार्थी सहभागी झाले होते. या शिबिरात शांती निकेतनमधील कलावंतांनी आवर्जून भेट

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## Kids put on creative caps

**W**ATCH out for kids putting their artwork on display and for sale at Gera Plaza on Thursday. And, the proceeds from this event would go for the cause of special children. Ritu Chhabria, who conceptualised the art camp, suggests that it's not being done only to generate funds, but also to make children sensitive towards the lesser privileged sections of the society. Keep the good work going, kids!



The children enjoy painting at the art camp