

Mumbaikars learn to create art from junk



Parents help kids learn how to repurpose junk material

USE AND THROW IS A CULTURE. OUR KIDS ARE GROWING UP WITH SO MUCH BEING SAID ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION AND MINIMALISM AS A SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE, WE FELT THAT IT IS IMPORTANT OUR KIDS KNOW THAT REPAIR AND REPURPOSE IS A POSSIBILITY

— Oindrila Purohit

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USING DRAMA TO DRIVE THE MESSAGE

To show children possibilities of innovative waste management, puppeteers Sahba Bhandula and Rinki Saxena weaved a musical puppet drama — *The Twisted Tale of Trash*. The tale was about two fish friends and their audacious journey to save their coral world from a garbage dumping ship.

“The visuals of beautiful dolphins and fishes were transformed into handmade puppets. We thought of this junk art theatre due to the recent environmental issues

we are facing. It can help educate our young generation to be more conscious and mindful of their responsibilities towards a sustainable future,” says Sahba.

CREATING MUSIC FROM JUNK

Kids as well as adults also participated in a junk music circle, similar to a drum circle, where they created rhythm and beats using PVC pipes. Veena Manoj, who guided the kids to create music from junk, said, “Music and instruments have always been inspired by nature. Humans created music from things that they found around. We drew inspiration from this and created a rhythm circle

that had kids and parents create beat and rhythm from recycled PVC pipes. We wanted kids to see how beautiful and melodious junk can be.”

For 12-year-old music enthusiast Raghu, it was a

nice experience, “It was so cool to create music from pipes you would otherwise not give a second look at. I will put this idea to use when I perform next at functions at school or in my colony.”



Taking the help of theatre to highlight innovative waste management and (top) Children busy at recycling junk

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