

Puppet workshop entices children

TO introduce the art of puppetry in children, a puppet making workshop was held in Koramangala on April 19. The event titled 'Toy Story: Take home a different Pet-Puppet', was aimed at providing the children a peek into the world of puppets.

This workshop was conducted by Cilre, an organisation founded by Ananthi and Gowri. They have been working with children for the last three years. They work with children to make learning available, engaging and relevant, and provide exposure to children on a variety of topics in an engaging way.

The organiser of the event, Ananthi Balakrishnan called puppetry as an art of transferring motions and emotions to inanimate objects. "We started the session with an activity in which the children enacted emotions based on a situation given. Children expressed anger, irritation, and happiness among others. We made stick puppets expressing each of these emotions followed by a dance with the puppets," informed Ananthi.

The puppetry session also included storytelling, where children listened to a story about different creatures that live in water. The storytelling was set as a plat-

form for making puppets. "We made a hand puppet using gloves to make turtles, and decorated the same with beads," explained Ananthi. They also made a rod puppet of crocodile. "Children were so immersed in finishing the work that the workshop of two hours was extended for half an hour more," said Ananthi.

