

Carvaan 09

Snake show
Science Experiments
Origami
Story telling
poster making
Dance
Greeting Card Making
Sunderstanding
Fun with Math
Theater
Paper making
Astronomy



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A Brief Report Of Carvaan09

THE Carvaan09, Summer camp was hosted in 14 BMC Schools with the participation of 1473 underprivileged children with the support of 280 community volunteers and over 50 eminent resource persons.

The summer camp was scheduled from 20th April to 25th May covering Bhandup, Kanjurmarg, Vikhroli, Ghatkoper, Powai, Goregaon, suburbs of Mumbai.

This time there were, special summer camps organized at Saibangoda village, a tribal hamlet in which 118 tribal children participated.

During the summer camps children exposed to holistic learning environment focusing on lots of activities and fun. The activities were taken as such Theater, Fun with Science, Fun with Math's, Water Conservation, Recycling and Waste Management, Puppet Making, Mask Making, Day Time Astronomy, Snake Shows, Magic, Sports, Origami, Paper Making, Nature Trail, Warli Painting, Calligraphy, Film Screening. Dance and Music.

The duration of summer camp was for a week. Children were provided materials, snacks and lunch free of cost.



KHATTI MITTHI

Chintan Uppadhyay

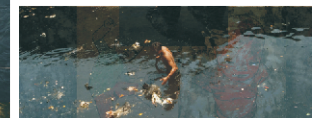


The Carvaan 09 activities were focused on mainly three themes:

1. Global Warming
2. International Year of Astronomy
3. Communal Harmony

Renowned Artist Chintan Uppadhyay did a special session of ART FOR ALL in which over 300 children of the summer camp were participated in the project KHATTI MITTHI, Children were given primary information about the how the city of Mumbai were formed by connecting in to seven islands. And the path of Mithi River and its importance for maintaining the ecological balance of Mumbai in a interactive session mithi river with clean and sweet and unpolluted water. Then children were taken to “Safed Pul” on Andheri Kurla road by bus and shown the transformation of Mithi river in to a big polluted nala. They were astonished to see that the same Mithi river which was clean few kilometers away and how it has become a gutter. This sensitized the fact that how we are party to that by dumping the waste, industrial chemicals and sewage in to it.

Then they participated in the painting along with Chintan on the same. Later all these paintings were exhibited in the art gallery many were amazed to see the talented and fabulous sketches and the ideas the young artist had.



Celebrating International Year Of Astronomy



Celeberating IYA

SPECIAL efforts were taken to propagate the scientific information about our universe, Milky Way. galaxies, our place in the universe, Day Time Astronomy activities to understand sun. Children measured the rotational period of the Earth by simple hands on expriments. They viewed the sun with solar filters and played the Sun magic game with Magic Mirror. Children also made their own telescope to view far distant objects.



Snakes Our Friends And Not Enemy



SPECIAL efforts were taken to educate children about Snakes and how they are helping us by acting as a real pest control. On an average 70000 rats were eaten up by Cobra and Rat snake. Information also given about how to identify poisonous and non poisonous snake and most commonly spotted snakes are non poisonous. Not to get panic and fearful in case of snake bite and the information about the first aid. Emphasis was also done on how hundreds of Cobras were killed every year during nagpanchami due to certain religious superstitious belief of forceful offering of milk.

In some of the camp children also got opportunity to see handle snakes there by eradicating their fear. They were also informed about the Snake help line in case of snake spotting to rescue and not to kill.



Communal Harmony, Love and Friendships

Dr Ram Punyani



THE growing psyche of communal hatredness, violence, division on the basis of language and states in a matter of concern. The current terrorist act, train blast created a state of unrest and disharmony in the society. The summer camp initiatives and effort were undertaken for the children to make them understand the impact of all of these to the young minds and how to combat this were undertaken in has planned sessions. On issues like communal harmony, peace, brotherhood and cooperation, noted peace activist Dr Ram Punyani conducted interactive session of story telling on history, sufisam, and our diverse culture and our interdependence and the secular fabric of our country. Thereby children were educated to follow and practice our constitutional values and ethics.



Theater Of Relevance



THEATER was an integral part of the summer camp. Almost two days were delegated for theater activity. Children were exposed to various theater skills, such as script writing, direction, voice modulation, acting, voiceover etc from their real life situations.

Soon they came with small street play on child labor, effects of poverty, literacy, female infanticide, global warming and communal harmony. They performed in their neighborhood on the last day. The entire experience resulted in confidence building and sensitizing and learning and growing from the various social, cultural and financial obstacle



Heroes of The Summer Camp



CARAVAN 09 was only possible with rigorous efforts and vision of the Navnirmiti's Core team assign for this work.

Our 250 community volunteers from respective summer camp venue worked over months to make caravan 09 in to reality. They were there to visit community, enroll children, bring them to summer camp, feed them and also assist the resource person during the camp .

Eminent resource person around 40, spend their valuable time with the summer camp children and offer their love and solidarity in future too.

The most important thing is that this time Corporate and individuals also participated in Carvaan 09.

