

Making puppets all the way!



SPOORTHY Theatre for Educational Puppetry, Art and Crafts (SPOORTHY) organised a puppetry workshop for parents and teacher at Lamakaan. The workshop was held as an attempt at introducing the art of puppetry to parents and teachers to explore the option of teaching by the usage of puppets.

Padmini Rangarajan of SPOORTHY, explained that making puppets and performing with them is a very old folk art that entertained people of all ages. "But off late puppets have lost their appeal. Children and even adults used to look forward to puppet shows and enjoy them thoroughly. We are trying to bring them back by conducting workshops like these. We teach parents and teachers to make puppets with items they can find easily in their homes. Despite their aesthetic and cultural value, these puppets can be used as a stimulus to interact with toddlers and also act as a teaching tool for them."

Hyderabadis have taken to the opportu-



nity quite well. People all over the city could be seen participating in the workshop. "It is heartening to see women coming from as far as Miyapur, Hitech City just to participate here. I am happy that they understand the joys of puppetry, and are exploring it. In just a day, most of them have already made their first puppets." Padmini said.