

PUPPETS PERFORMANCE AT A BOOK FAIR



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During the 33rd book fair, an outstanding performance was given by Sphoorthi Theatre in collaboration with the Educational Puppet Resource Centre (EPRC), Oxford Grammar School, and Aravinda Model School in Himayat Nagar, Hyderabad. Students, along with their teacher Padmini, performed an extraordinary puppet show on February 17.

Two plays were performed by the students, both of which were comedic shows that made the audience laugh continuously for a few minutes, forgetting their surroundings. Audiences and parents who accompanied their children enjoyed every moment of the play and even enquired about how the puppets were made and operated. The

students sang, played music, performed, and played puppets according to the situation, mesmerizing the audience with their great jokes. The guiding teacher, Padmini from STEPARC, is the one behind the play and is a passionate and creative teacher.

The program started with a simple prayer to Lord Ganesha, and the first play was performed by Oxford Grammar School students. The play, "31 Dosas," involved five characters and showcased mouth-watering dosas. Aravind Model School students then performed a small role-play using puppets, named "The Boatman and the Learned Scholar," which featured three characters and encouraged the audience to ponder the scholar's questions. The play ended on a humorous note. We thank the committee members, Lakshmi, Muralidhar, Srinivas, and CA Prasad, for giving the students a wonderful opportunity to bring traditional puppet shows to life on stage.

