

ASEEMA KIDS IN HARMONY WITH ARTISTS AT THIS SHOW - Bandra based NGO is the only one selling its products at the 10 th annual Harmony Art Show.



Bandra-based NGO Aseema is the only NGO to sell products created by their children at the 10 th annual Harmony Art Show, which is on at the World Trade Centre from April 1 to 10. Aseema which works to protect and promote the rights of women and children, started preparing in Feb for the show, sponsored by Reliance.

The exhibition offers a platform to well-established artists as well as aspiring artists to put up their work for sale.

Says Natasha Albuquerque, administrative executive at the NGO, "This is the sixth year we are participating in the show. Our stall is selling a host of products from gift wrapping paper, key chains and greeting cards to cloth bags, bookends, mugs, coasters and dinner sets>"

She explains, "The artwork on products have been created by our kids during the year and especially for the show. We have already got a good response and proceeds will of course go to Aseema."

The NGO is also promoting its proposed rural education centre at Igatpuri at the show. "We hare trying to get help from people in different forms like funding for land fencing, construction of classrooms, developing a playground, staff salaries, etc," says Albuquerque .

**"My artwork has appeared in the form of wrapping paper, paintings and other items"
-10 year old Lakshmi Poonam**

**"I love to draw and paint, which is why I am always eager to participate in the Harmony Show"
-14 year old Sunita Gaddam**

**"When people buy something I've made, I feel like all our hard work pays off"
-14 year old Amir Khan**

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