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### The ArtFest - Rise to Volunteer !

Saturday 15, October-2011 was just a perfect day to Rise.. for TechMighties at Doorstep School, Dattwadi. The event "Art Fest" jointly organized by **The Door Step School**, and volunteers from **Tech Mahindra and Mahindra Satyam**, Pune lit up the lives of the Doorsteps students in a special way. Thanks to those who made it happen!

Diwali is a festival of joys, colors and lights, and that is exactly what TechMighties wanted to do for the students of Doorstep. Around 10 families joined the event along with their kids and participated in Diya Painting and Lantern Making event that we organized with Doorsteps students. Acrylic paints, colorful papers dazzled the eyes of the little ones and it was as though they had forgotten school and homework as Sixty plus students busied themselves with colors and papers to furnish their artwork. Abhijit's camera lens could not do justice and capture every moment, however some can be seen here.

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Without hot Samosas, wafers and sweets, the session would have been difficult as the little minds had come directly from school and were eagerly waiting for us to spend the rest of the day with.

Speaking about the initiative, Mrs. Gauri Ghokale, Doorstep Teacher said, "TechM volunteers have taken great care in managing this event - almost like they would manage an IT project! Right from estimation, rollout and qualitative output! I can confidently say that the diyas and lanterns made here today are far better than the ones sold in the market outside. Next year, we will plan such events well in advance to make more numbers of diyas and sell them in the market."

We are sure TechMighties will be delighted to partner with Dattawadi Centre, and enhance, teach, build the children here.

"At Doorstep we realized that we must volunteer and work with our community in building awareness about education problems we face around us. Through the 'Lantern and diya rise initiative at Art Fest', we appeal to the TechMighties of Pune to join in our efforts and promote quality education as a right for every child in India" added Avdesh while concluding event.

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*It was an enriching experience and kids also loved it. It was good to see the eagerness and talent shown by the kids.*

<sup>0</sup> [Priyadarshini Londhe](#) (31-Oct-2011)

*Very good step taken by Rise...*

<sup>0</sup> [Pradeep Pachankar](#) (28-Oct-2011)

*Good one Bala.. Wonderful thought out of the routine.*

<sup>0</sup> [Karthik Ramanathan](#) (25-Oct-2011)

*gr8, congrats to all those who participated.*

<sup>0</sup> [Makarand Pimpalkhare](#) (24-Oct-2011)

*It was a truly enjoyable experience!!  
would like to be a part of more such event... :)*

<sup>0</sup> [Akanksha Sood](#) (21-Oct-2011)

*Cheers for everyone!!*

*looking forward to more such participations :)*

<sup>0</sup> [Neha Sidola](#) (21-Oct-2011)

*Never Knew this facet of you Bala.. Good work..and good step taken by Rise...*

<sup>0</sup> [Ashwini Chaudhari](#) (21-Oct-2011)

*Good work done!!!Will look forward for more such event.*

<sup>0</sup> [Shweta Srivastava](#) (21-Oct-2011)

*Thanks for this opportunity. Me and my son both enjoyed it.  
Excellent Management.*

<sup>0</sup> [Amruta Ogale](#) (21-Oct-2011)

*It was an experience in altogether to join the kids out there. Full of enthusiasm and energy!was nice to see that they were thrilled to make beautiful diyas and lanterns.. Bala, Will definitely participate in the subsequent events..*

<sup>0</sup> [Priti Damle](#) (21-Oct-2011)

*A wonderful start to volunteerism at Door Step- may it continue for long*

<sup>0</sup> [Vidya Jayakrishnan](#) (21-Oct-2011)

*Wonderful effort Bala! And something different from our routine! Very thoughtful, next time, inform as many of us as possible! :)*

<sup>0</sup> [Jui Bopardikar](#) (21-Oct-2011)

*excellent*

<sup>0</sup> [Avinash Mathur](#) (21-Oct-2011)

*Something purposeful outside the boundaries of matrix, sheets and PPT.  
Good Bala.*

<sup>0</sup> [Sanjeev Verma](#) (21-Oct-2011)

*Good One Bala!... Really a nice step to RISE.*

<sup>0</sup> [Vivekanand Kamble](#) (21-Oct-2011)

