

QUILT MAKING

By Students from the Swami Dayananda
AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Yelahanka, Karnataka



The project started with the girls being encouraged to dab, smear and paint. Under the aegis of the Art for Development Programme, AIM for Seva roped in Ms. Jayashree Poddar, director, Himatsingka Seide who curated a quilting project for the girls residing and studying at the Swami Dayananda AIM for Seva Chatralayam for Girls, Yelahanka, Karnataka.



The students were taught the basics of art and introduction to painting on fabric. The designs created were then shortlisted and it was decided to craft quilts from the art work. Post design digitisation, it was printed on fine luxurious soft cotton satin (60's count) from Himatsingka Seide and quilted with a 200 gsm poly filling.

The fabric is colour fast and machine washable and comes with a cotton *mulmul* cover and a little matching bag! These are stunning quilts with each quilt design signed by the child artist.

These quilts come in 2 sizes - infant and toddler, selling at Rs. 2,900 and 3,900. It takes three weeks to make them.

In the past, the girls from the Yelahanka Chatralayam painted portraits and collages that were exhibited at the College of Fine Arts, Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath. The Yelahanka students are also well versed in hand painting techniques having hand-painted and embellished *diyas* for Diwali and picture frames with different techniques including mosaic.

VADAM MAKING

By Students of Dharmapuri and Sembangudi (Girls) Chatralayams

The students residing and studying at the Dharmapuri Chatralayams and Sembangudi Chatralayam (Girls) in Tamil Nadu learnt an important culinary skill during the lockdown. A heritage product from south India, the specialty of these *vadams* is that they are handmade and sun-dried.

In terms of preparation, the traditional and time-tested methods were employed. The *vadams* were sundried in terraces for a week on plain white cloth. Through such initiatives, AIM for Seva hopes to improve the skill base of children from rural India. This in turn would open up avenues for self employment in the food, beverage and catering sector for enterprising students.

