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## CITIZENS TAKE PART IN SEASON'S FINALE WITH GUSTO, HOPE FOR ITS RETURN

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Trash-to-toys workshop a hit

One of the activity corners that grabbed the interest of citizens was the trash-to-toys workshop. Adults and children sat in rapt attention and followed their guide as they turned waste material into toys such as hats, miniature windmills, flowers, tiny carpenters and walking sandals. Kamlakar Potdar commanded respect and donned a Gepetto-like hat attracting curious children and their guardians. Potdar was busy showing children how every toy works and the science behind it. The kids too watched in wonder how a simple juice tetra pack can be turned into a windmill and a waste bag into a beautiful flower. "We do shows and take workshops for children and even for colleges and corporates as these activities break the everyday monotony and fire up the creative spark within you," he said. Pavan Iyengar and Dinesh Ojha of Drive, Change and Resource Centre in Baner sat in the middle of a circle as they taught origami tricks, while the participants had fun wearing newspaper hats they had created.

