

Exciting Science Group organises workshop on cyanotype printing

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Pune: A photography workshop entitled 'Historic Photography Process' was organised by the Exciting Science Group (ESG) recently at Venture Center, NCL Innovation Park. The three-hour workshop was conducted in two batches wherein a total of 40 students from various schools across Pune participated.

The municipal corporation schools that participated in the workshop were Hutamta Balvir Shirshkumar Vidyalaya, Shivajinagar, KC Thackeray Vidyaniketan, Daruwala Pool, Vasantdada Patil Vidya Niketan Shukrawar Peth, Swami Vivekananda Vidyaniketan, University Road and Sant Tukaram Vidyaniketan, Sus road. Around 20



YOUNG LEARNERS: Children at the workshop on cyanotype printing on Saturday, at Venture Center in NCL Innovation Park.

students from these school learnt many important techniques.

Art conservator S Girikumar introduced the technique of cyanotype printing process to the students. In

the technique, a photograph is taken using chemical processing.

Gayatri Kshirsagar, coordinator for the workshop, said that the technique does not require a camera to take

photographs.

"The aim of the workshop was to introduce various steps like the preparation of chemical solutions, coating of paper, printing and processing, which are involved in creating cyanotype prints.

"It is the traditional way of taking photographs," said Kshirsagar.

She further added that the kids produced photographic prints by using various plant leaves and chemicals. They enjoyed learning this classically alternative and traditional method to produce photographs.

ESG is a volunteer group of scientists from Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - National Chemical Laboratory (CSIR-NCL) and the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune.