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GOOD CAUSE

Art with a heart

As part of the 'Art and Culture for Life' movement, *Veer Kathakar*, a group of like minded artistes, is holding a rally on July 5 in the City. The rally, which aims at creating awareness among the public about the different types of traffic violations, starts at 4 pm at National College, Basavanagudi and goes on till Freedom Park. Students of various institutions like Jain University have supported the cause and are taking an active part in the event.

More than 500 students are expected to take part in this initiative by *Veer Kathakar*, which will be led by theatre personalities like A S Murthy and Gauri Dutta, Sufi musician Hari Krishan Pahawa, and television artistes Ravi Kiran and Kitty.

The students will be showcasing various art forms along the way and have already drawn sketches depicting how people abuse traffic



TALENTED Students of CMS College with the artistes.

rules. They have even composed jingles to create awareness. Students from the fifth to the tenth standard of BET Convent will perform a dance drama, and students of *Abinaya Taranga*, headed by Gauri Dutt, will also perform art pieces.

"Through this movement, we want to sensitise the youth towards issues concerning society. For this particular rally, we have taken up traffic problems like honking which cause noise pollution. This is an effort to

take art forms closer to the public, thereby using art to bring forth positive changes in the social behaviour of people," says Sushma Veer, one of the organisers. Karnataka Televisions Artist's Association has also pledged its support to this initiative.

The students of CMS College are all geared up to be a part of this initiative. "We have formed singing, dancing, theatre and creative writing teams for this purpose. Two students,

Maneesha and Varsha, have been trying to garner public support for this cause through their blogs. Art forms are not meant just to enthral public. They can also be used as a means to create awareness. The City has given us everything and now it is our turn to do our bit to make it a better place for living. If we do it in the right way, we can definitely make our voices heard," says Kavya, a student from CMS. **DHNS**