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**Mumbai** : The first edition of the Maker Mela, received a tremendous response, with over 100 plus Makers participating; as well as a series of workshops from Building your own Solar Mobile Charger, to Android Rooting Screen print, Paper Quiling, Cake Baking, Pottery to 3D printing.

Thousands of visitors came from across the nation to be a part of this magnificent celebration of art, craft, engineering, science and individuals with the (DIY) mindset at Maker Mela, came to showcase their thoughts, innovation and ideas. Maker Mela, is an imitative of Somaiya Vidyavihar. The 100 plus Makers are from across India, from Chennai to Kashmir; from the rural Sakarwadi to Mumbai.

Distinguished speakers such as, Jamshed Godrej, Chairman & Managing Director, Godrej & Boyce, Mr. Kunaal Kapoor, Actor and founder Ketto, Padmashree. R. V. Hosur Scientist, TIFR were few of the speakers who created quite a stir with the audiences as they shared their own inspiring journey and motivated the students during the two day innovation extravaganza at Maker Mela.

The Maker Mela witnessed a diverse range of makers from the youngest, being a 12 year old boy to a 64 year old senior citizen, Mr V.J Karve, who's spent 30 years on researching on transportation and created various projects for innovation I transport such as a cycle for the handicapped.

Speaking on the grand success, Gaurang Shetty, catalyst RIDDL said "We are very humbled with the response we have received and are already looking forward to making the second edition even more grand than the first. We are positive that the platform has created opportunities to accelerate the Maker Movement in India"

In true Indian fashion, colour and music, arts and crafts, science and technology, mingled and merged, and in that diversity, the art of science stood next to the science in art.

Maker Mela 2015 – a beginning, that makes waiting for the next one exciting.

