

**'Workshop on Kandil (Lantern) Making' by Mr. Abhishek Satam**  
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*In workshop, the invited speaker Mr. Abhishek Satam, shared the need of going green and how a small step can be taken towards conserving environment by crafting our own Kandil. Indian culture has aspects that are being forgotten, this workshop was an attempt to relive and revive the traditional art of designing Kandil or Lantern at our home with the minimum, simple and easily available requirements.*

### **Introduction**

The aim of this workshop is to relive and revive the old craft of Kandil making & create awareness about pollution that can be prevented by adapting to this old tradition.

At the beginning Mr. Abhishek Satam & Mrs. Harshada Koli Satam presented journey of HarshAbhi their own brand of Kandil and other crafts, various designs of Kandils, etc. They have a very creative collection of Kandils. The unique design of all was Kandil made on the theme of Paithani sarees, a traditional saree of Maharashtra.

Mr. Abhishek further explained the need of adapting back to traditional ways and going green. The lanterns available in the market are costly and are not made up of eco-friendly papers, rather they have plastic. Kandil crafted at home would be very easy to make and will involve very easily available stationary tools and Kandil can be reused for many years.

Mr. Abhishek started giving the live demonstration of making Kandil. He explained each and every tool, papers used. He gave a detailed demonstration, explaining step by step. The speaker made sure that everything used and every step explained was properly understood by the participants. The method shown was for the design of the simplest Kandil that anyone can easily craft at the minimum cost and in 30-35 minutes. The session ended with an interactive questions & answers, the speaker answered all the questions satisfactorily.

### **Key Takeaways**

Mr. Abhishek gave very informative session on Crafting Kandil. The speaker started workshop by explaining the need of adapting to such old methods by giving our own touch of creativity. This workshop was a nice mixture of art & science as it explored a dimension that how simple craft can contribute in conservation of environment. The

speaker has his own renowned brand of crafts and creative designs. Although he explained the very basic and the easiest design of Kandil in the live demonstration, he emphasized on how we can make it attractive using our own creativity. The workshop was concluded with Question and answer session. The speaker gave very important tips through his answers, explaining the basic science and Do's and Don'ts. Overall, it was a very informative workshop where participants got basic understanding of crafting Kandil, we hope this Diwali festival everyone choses to Go Green and craft their own eco-friendly Kandil.