ETCHED IN STONE

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A stone art exhibition kicked off in Chennai last Friday (July 13), providing platform to the sculptors from across the country. The exhibition, organised by a non-voluntary organisation, Isha Crafts, displays pieces made of granite, marble, slate, sandstone and quartzite. The key attraction at the fair was marble fountains and sculptures of Hindu deities carved out of metal and granite.

Vidya Vinothini, a volunteer from the organisation says the aim of the exhibition was to let people buy products usually seen at temples. The focus of the core product line of the exhibition is stone and metal. Temple architecture can be very inspiring.

People who not only live and work in the temples, but also make products for the temple design the products. So, when people come to the ashram and see the temple, they are so touched by that. They want to find out if it is possible for them to take something home — and that is how Isha Crafts came about.

The exhibition displays stone uris (a tranquil pool of water), masks, metal art and twisted metal pieces, delicately engraved trees and snake made from stones or metals. Lifestyle accessories and home decor products, garden art, sculptural and traditional art pieces are also available. Exclusive designs in cushions, stools, bags, natural products, fabric basketry and other organic material along with incenses and rage of body care products are some of the other products. The exhibition ends on July 23.

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