

Artistic expressions and distinct narratives at this show in Delhi

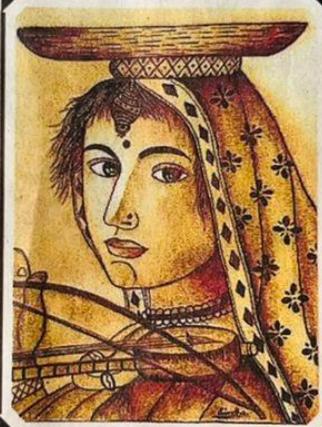


Painting by Delhi-based Reema Aggarwal; (below) Artwork by Bengaluru-based Sindhu V

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Delhi-based Reema Aggarwal, a self-taught artist who painted as a hobby but made it a profession during the pandemic, has eight paintings displayed at the show. "Nature has been a crucial element in all my work... The one painting that is really close to my heart is of Krishna. I made it as an ode to my father who died during the pandemic, as he was Krishna devotee," she says.



Collins Osemeke, a Nigerian artist based in Delhi, is showcasing two of his pieces at the show. "My mixed media work highlights the need for gender equality. The second work, Confrontation, talks about the challenges we face in life and how can one work through it." The artwork has various elements highlighting socio-political challenges in light profile, but on the top of the canvas is a question mark that indicates the need to work on a solution.

Curator Erum Khan shares, "Since I was working on this project before the pandemic, some artists have creatively reflected on these tough times in their work. One of them, Kaustav Mukherjee, was hospitalised due to Covid-19 and he portrayed it on canvas."

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What: Naam-o-Nishan
Where: All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society
On Till: May 12
Timing: 11am to 7pm
Nearest Metro Station: Central Secretariat on Yellow Line

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ART CULTURE

Artistic expressions and Covid tales come alive at this show in Delhi

Exhibition Naam-o-Nishan focuses on the idea of individuality. It has 50 artists from across India, participating in the event that brings together various traditions and indigenous cultures through more than 150 artworks.



artwork, Confrontation by Collins Osemeke, displayed at the exhibition, highlights socio-political challenges in a light profile.

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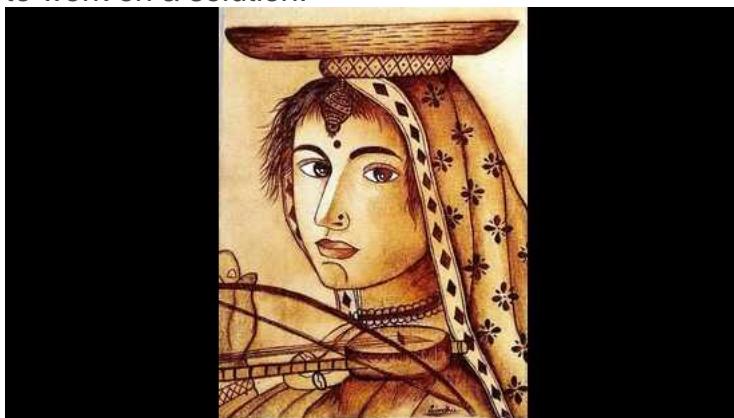


This artwork by Reema Aggarwal — who lost her father during the pandemic — is an ode to her father's devotion for Krishna.

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An artwork by Bengaluru-based Sindhu V.

Curator Erum Khan, who started working on this exhibition before the pandemic struck, says she had to make a tough decision to choose from around 5,000 entries. "Every artist has a unique identity which finds its way in their artwork. And it is this

identity that we are trying to showcase through this exhibition. And since I was working on this project before the Covid-19 pandemic started, there are certain artists who have creatively reflected on these tough times in their work. One of these artists, **Kaustav Mukherjee**, was hospitalised due to Covid and he has portrayed the entire scene on the canvas," shares Khan, adding, "We are hoping that the artists are able to find more avenues through this platform and want to help them get through hard times."

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