



FINE WORKS OF ART: Works of Paritosh Sen (left) and Satish Gujral, to be exhibited at the three-day 'India Art Summit' in New Delhi beginning Friday.

Works of who's who up for grabs

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NEW DELHI: Art connoisseurs in the Capital are in for a special treat as the works of the who's who of the art world will be showcased at a three-day exhibition titled 'India Art Summit' at Pragati Maidan here beginning Friday.

Significant artworks from various galleries of the country will be put up for sale. Works of artists such as Bikash Bhattacharjee, Paritosh Sen, Ganesh Pyne, Satish Gujral, Kartick Chandra Pyne, Somenath Hore and K.G. Subramanyan will be up for grabs at the India Art Summit.

Visitors will also get a chance to register themselves as a bidder for the Emami Chisel Art (ECA) that will offer rare and important works by contemporary and modern masters. This will be a good opportunity for all

those who missed the ECA's debut auction in February this year, where veteran artist M.F. Husain's painting titled 'Tribute to Hashmi' fetched a record-breaking Rs.10 crore and Tyeb Mehta's "Kali III" fetched Rs.4.4 crore.

ECA Director Vikram Bachhawat says: "There is a big need within the art community to understand the difficulties faced by the growing art trade. There are many issues related to fake works and inter-State trading that need to be sorted out. It can only happen if those dealing in art works are united and there are more summits across the country. Moreover, a collector gets a chance to see works displayed by galleries from all over the country. Each gallery has its own set of artists whom it promotes and each visiting gallery will get the best of the available

works from the area they belong to. It will be a feast for the eyes as there will be a large selection of visual art under one roof."

The online bidding would commence on November 3 and continue till November 8. Those interested can collect registration forms during the 'India Art Summit'. The registration forms will provide an opportunity to ECA to identify a bidder and tabulate his/her relevant details before the auction commences.

ECA is accepting works of artists of Indian origin including paintings, sculptures and drawings from galleries, private collectors and artists. Works that have not been shown in any auction for the past five years will be eligible for inclusion. All the selected works will be uploaded to the website www.emamichisel.com.

The last date for submitting

consignments is September 5. A panel of experts will select the works and once the selection process is over, the consigner will be informed.

Focusing on Indian modern and contemporary art, the November auction will include some rare and significant works of art by many major artists such as Satish Gujral, J. Swaminathan, Ganesh Pyne, F.N. Souza, Arpita Singh, Chintan Upadhyay, M.F. Husain, Bikash Bhattacharya, Jayashree Chakraborty, S.H. Raza and Shibu Natesan.

All the works for the auction will be selected by a panel of experts for their value, authenticity and auction viability. The authenticity and value of the works will be endorsed by the artist if he or she is living. Paintings by those who have passed away will be certified by experts on the artist concerned.