

Art lovers ahoy!

An art summit, an art bookshop and shows par excellence — it's a great week, and Damini Purkayastha tells you why

The first Art Summit

It's paint, canvas and action this week for Delhiites as India's first Art Summit kicks off in the Capital. With over 35 galleries from India and abroad participating, there are 400 artworks, ranging from paintings to sculpture, photography, installations, drawings, videos and prints, on show.

The international galleries are Art 18/21 from Norwich, UK, Emerging World Art from London, Rob Dean Art, London.

While the Emami Auction

House showcases some big artists, young talent finds a platform at the stall hosted by Ashok Art Gallery. The fair opens today in Pragati Maidan at 2 pm in Hall No. 8 and No. 9 and goes on till August 24.



An all-art bookstore now in the city

Delhi-based Vadehra Art Gallery launches the city's first bookstore dedicated singularly to art books. The store, launching on August 29, also has a presence in the lounge of the Art Summit.

The store will have a wide collection of Indian and international books, magazines and catalogues. A whole range of visual art oriented memorabilia will also be available here. A

reading room will allow students and art lovers a chance to refer to a detailed collection of books, catalogues from auctions and fairs, art journals and international art magazines. At D-42 Defence Colony.

Wednesday's Women

Looking for something different to do mid-week? Next week, you have it easy — drop into Gallery Space on Wednesday for the second edition of Video Wednesdays. This week's Video Art has been made by four women artists — Hemali Bhuta, Koumudi Patil, Rohini Devasher and Sharmila Samant.

The videos range from documenting installations to exploring the artistic possibilities of video feedback. Though thematically different, each of the artworks explore life-altering issues. The longest video is Sharmila Samant's *Shanghai Tales* (2006), a 13-minute work that explores how children are affected by the demolitions in Mumbai. At Gallery Space, New Friend's Colony.





Experimental artistry

Marking the 10-year celebrations of Khoj, an 'artist-led, alternative forum for experimentation and international

exchange', is a show titled *Filament*. Presented in collaboration with the Vadehra Art Gallery, *Filament* showcases nine artists selected from six years of the Peers Residency held at Khoj. Aastha Chauhan, Aditi Kulkarni, N Bidyut Singha, Pradeep Mishra, Prathap Modi, Rakhi Peswani, Rohini Devasher, Sandip Pisalkar and Surbhi Saraf are the chosen artists. At D-178, Okhla Industrial Area, Phase 1, till September 5.

The self and the artist

Explore the relationship between an ever-changing metropolis and the artist in *Metropolis & the Self*, a group show of works by seven artists. Morphing images, opening doors, arid wastelands, construction sites and towers are some of the images that strike you. The artists exhibiting are Apurva Desai, CF John, Debraj Goswami, Pratul Dash, Murali Cheeroth, TM Azis and Veer Munshi. At S-221 Panchsheel Park, till August 30.



The notes of art

Artist Sandhya Singh pays tribute to Ustad Bismillah Khan in her latest exhibition, *Remembrance*. Through her use of the shehnai, Singh celebrates the musician's excellence. Singh's paintings, fluid

colours that seem to come alive to some rhythmic sound, are magical in their testimony to her admiration for the great musician. Singh, a respected artist, has had exhibitions across the world. On at 1/71 Angad Bhavan, Nehru Place, till August 22.