

# AURA 2024 SEASON II

## International Photography & Art Exhibition

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**Nazrul Tirtha**  
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# WHO WE ARE

"EVERY CHILD IS AN ARTIST, THE PROBLEM IS  
HOW TO REMAIN AN ARTIST ONCE WE GROW UP."

By Pablo Picasso

Welcome to the enchanting world of Retro Kolkata Magazine, the premier magazine in India dedicated to celebrating art and culture. Nestled within its pages, you will discover a vibrant tapestry of creativity that transcends borders and embraces diverse artistic forms.

We believe in the transformative power of art. Our mission is to cultivate a new, kaleidoscopic world of artistic expression through the process of acculturation. We strive to ignite a spark of inspiration within every individual, empowering them to pursue their dreams and embrace their artistic passions.

With our expansive coverage of photography, fashion, music, painting, and even martial arts, Retro Kolkata Magazine serves as a captivating one-stop shop for all things artistic. Through in-depth features, interviews, and thought-provoking articles, we aim to provide a platform that nurtures artistic talents, fosters collaboration, and sparks dialogues within the creative community.

Our dedication to promoting artists extends beyond geographical boundaries. Retro Kolkata Magazine works on a global scale, bridging the gap between cultures and showcasing the universal language of art. By featuring artists from around the world, we strive to create a rich and diverse artistic landscape that encourages cross-cultural understanding and appreciation.

As we embark on our artistic journey, we remain committed to preserving Indian traditions and heritage. Through our initiatives, we seek to celebrate the rich tapestry of Indian art forms, paying homage to our roots while embracing the ever-evolving world of creativity.

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THROUGH THE LENS, WE CAPTURE  
FLEETING WHISPERS OF LIGHT THAT  
TELL TALES THE EYES ALONE CANNOT  
SPEAK.

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# AURA 2024

Season II



## International Photography & Art Exhibition



Nature has proven to be one of the most treasured muses known to man. It provides endless inspiration to visual artists, where they can bring life to nature by their creativity. Nature in art is glorified for its sublime and picturesque manifestation on canvas and on camera. It is cherished for its intricacy and beauty.

Some philosophers including Aristotle lauded that art can mimic nature. It embodies as a true reflection of the artist's inner soul. Aristotle even once wrote that "Art not only imitates nature but also completes its deficiencies". Art is the missing voice of what nature lacks to speak. Photorealism to abstraction, nature is depicted in every art style.

To bring the life to nature by creative touches of Artists and Photographers, we are going to organize the second season of 'AURA 2024; an International Art & Photography Exhibition and Award Ceremony' in the lap of nature at the most prestigious Art Gallery of Kolkata, 'Nazrul Tirtha', Newtown, Kolkata 700156, India, where the Photographers and Artists will be selected from around the world and their excellent artworks will be exhibited from January 13, 2024 to January 21, 2024, with national media coverage. We intend to hold a live painting session on nature and wildlife conservation on the second day of the exhibition.

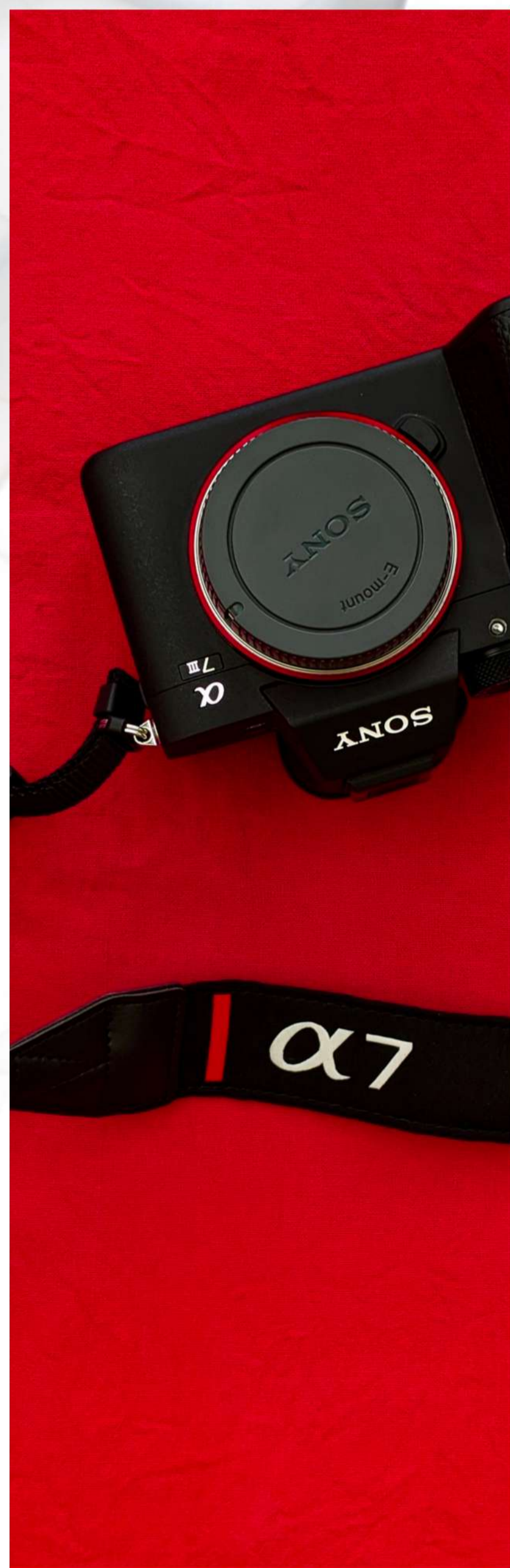


**JANUARY 13  
TO  
JANUARY 21**



**NAZRUL TIRTHA**

**ACTION AREA I, NEWTOWN  
KOLKATA 700156, INDIA**





**ART  
EXHIBITION**

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**PHOTOGRAPHY  
EXHIBITION**

**GRAND FELICITATION  
CEREMONY**

**JANUARY 21, 2024**





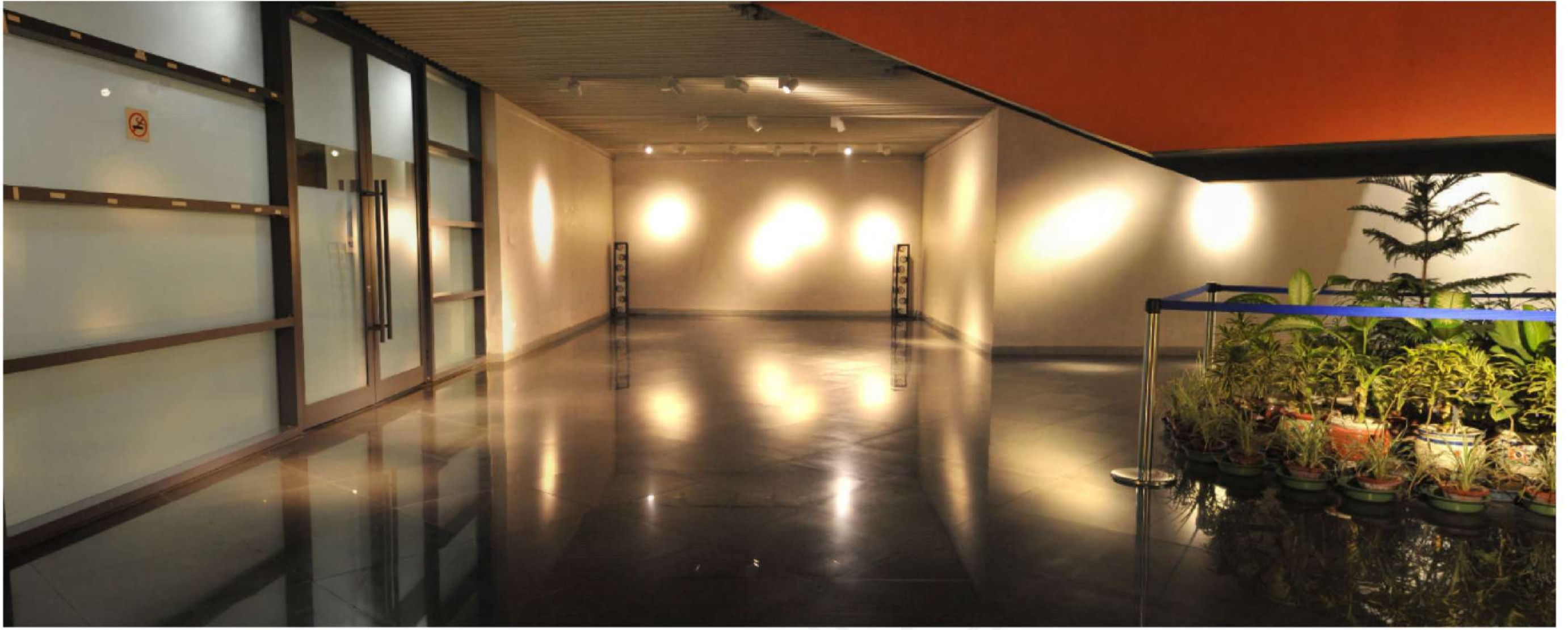
# ABOUT THE VENUE

## NAZRUL TIRTHA

Nazrultirtha was established in May 2014 as a cultural centre in remembrance of Kazi Nazrul Islam, the rebel poet of Bengal. Besides having an exhibition on the life and time of the poet and a digital archive on the invaluable documents of his literary activities, this cultural centre is now known for a state of the art public library having 15000 books and facilities of digital reading, on its second and third floor, three cinema halls to screen movies, two huge art galleries for holding photography & painting exhibitions, a fascinating open air theater which can accommodate 200 people at a time. Also, on the fourth floor, an AV studio as well as Radio New Town studio that is broadcasted through apps, cultural and international events through the world wide web. As a cultural centre with cine attraction, hundreds of people throng the corridors of Nazrultirtha and enjoy the architectural and cultural ambience of the building. A rendezvous for art loving people, Nazrultirtha has also an attractive souvenir shop and a multi-cuisine restaurant on the ground floor to spend time with your loved ones for having sumptuous foods.



# GALLERY IMAGES







International Art  
Exhibition

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International Photography  
Exhibition

**JANUARY 18**  
**JANUARY 19**  
**JANUARY 20**

Grand Felicitation  
Ceremony

**JANUARY 21**

Amazing works of Artists and Photographers will be selected from all over the World and their Photographs and Artworks will be exhibited at the most prestigious Gallery of Kolkata 'Nazrul Tirtha', Kolkata, India.



# AURA

## 2023 SEASON I

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In a world where digitization has nestled itself in every corner of our lives, it is comforting to discover that the allure of traditional arts, particularly photography and painting, continues to draw interest and inspire creators from around the globe. From June 16 to June 18, 2023, this enchanting dance of imagery and imagination found a vibrant platform in the 'Aura: International Photography and Painting Exhibition', held at the distinguished Arts Acre in Newtown, Kolkata. This magnificent event, a result of the cohesive collaboration between Retro Kolkata Magazine and t2, was a testament to the unifying power of artistic expression.

Over the three days, Aura 2023 bloomed into a rich, vibrant garden of visual experiences, embracing artists from no fewer than 35 countries. The diversity of the artists brought with it a depth of creativity and perspective rarely seen on such scales, showcasing the varied and vibrant hues of human perception and imagination.

What was most extraordinary about the exhibition was the blend of photography and painting, two mediums that, despite sharing roots in representation and expression, have followed increasingly divergent paths. At Aura 2023, these two art forms entwined, complementing and contrasting in equal measures, to create an aesthetic experience that was both visually stunning and intellectually stimulating.

The photographs on display ran the gamut from deeply personal portraits to breathtaking landscapes, each evoking a sense of wonder, thought, or emotion. The paintings ranged from modern abstraction to meticulous realism, all of which demonstrated the enduring power of the brush and palette. The dual format of Aura 2023 affirmed the idea that regardless of medium or technique, the pursuit of beauty, emotion, and understanding remains at the heart of artistic expression.

The response to Aura 2023 was overwhelmingly positive, and rightly so. The exhibition had an inviting energy, a celebratory atmosphere of shared passion, and admiration for the craft of the participating artists. Each room in the Arts Acre pulsed with the life of the art it contained, hummed with the whispers of appreciative audiences, and reverberated with the silent dialogues between observer and observed.

Visitors were mesmerized, drawn into the depth of the works, touched by their beauty and complexity. This wasn't merely an event to observe, but rather, a place to feel, ponder, and connect with different cultures and perspectives. Many described their experience as a journey - a sensory and emotional exploration, leaving them with enriched souls and a renewed appreciation for photography and painting.

The success of Aura 2023 is not solely measured by the number of attendees or the sales of art. Its real achievement lies in the connections it forged between cultures, artists, and art enthusiasts. It is a triumph of shared human experience and expression, a testament to the enduring relevance and appeal of photography and painting in our increasingly digitized world. It is an event that reminds us of the power of art: to inspire, to provoke thought, to transcend borders, and to create an aura of shared humanity.

As we look back on Aura 2023, we cherish the memories and appreciate the enormous creative effort behind it. The event was a grand success - not just for Retro Kolkata Magazine and t2 - but for the global art community. As we look ahead, we eagerly anticipate the next chapter in this international celebration of artistic brilliance. In the enchanting dance of colors and images, Aura 2023 has painted a vibrant stroke in the annals of global art history.



# AURA

2023  
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## Countries Participated



India



Indonesia



USA



UAE



UK



Ukraine



Turkey



Sweden



Spain



South Korea



Russia



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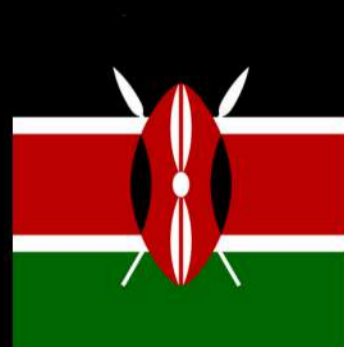
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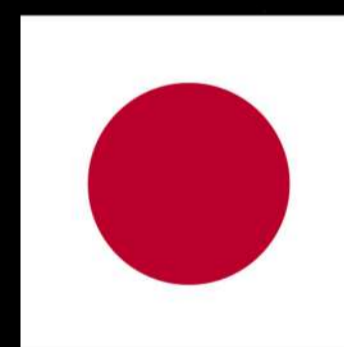
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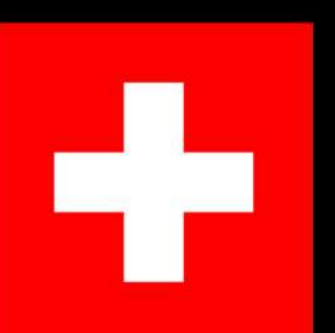
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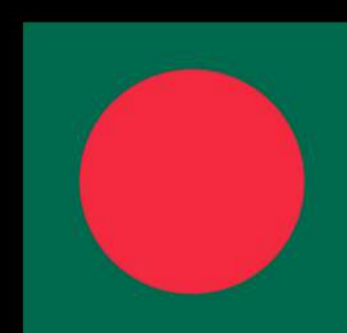
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# MEMORIES

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#### AURA INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY AND PAINTING EXHIBITION BY RETRO KOLKATA MAGAZINE IN COLLABORATION WITH t2 WAS A VISUAL TREAT

**A**rts Acre in Newtown became the epicenter of a remarkable artistic extravaganza as Retro Kolkata Magazine in collaboration with t2 presented Aura International Photography and Painting Exhibition. This grand event transcended borders, bringing together an awe-inspiring collection of photographs and artworks of artists from over 30 countries. Held from June 16 to 18, the exhibition was a testament to the power of art in bridging cultures and evoking emotions. Visitors were enamoured by the unique

camera shots and brushstrokes of artists from countries like Switzerland, Indonesia, the USA, Brazil, the UAE, the UK, Ukraine, Turkey, Sweden, Spain, South Korea, Russia, Poland, the Philippines, Pakistan, New Zealand, Kenya, Japan, Italy, Israel, Iran, Germany, Argentina, Bangladesh, the Republic of San Marino and India. Each artwork on display offered a kaleidoscope of perspectives, from the serene landscapes of Switzerland to the vibrant expressions of Indonesian culture, and from the storytelling captured by American artists to the

rhythmic energy of Brazil.

Among the featured photographers were renowned names like F. Dilok Yurdakul, Dhir Jakharia, Navin Kumar Vatsa, Anjan Ghosh, Aparupa Dey, Mou Aysha, Priyanshi Bachhawat Nahata, Sergey Gorskikh among others. In addition, the exhibition will feature an extraordinary array of artworks from talented artists including Constance Regardson, Elizaveta Poluyanskaya, Usharanjan Mondal, Bijay Rakshit, Syed Ashar, Sanjay Ghosh, Manika Barman, Rintu Roy Chowdhury, Sudipta Seti, Ranjana Sarkar and many

others.

The exhibition was graced by eminent artist Subhasprassanna alongside renowned actor and artist Nandini Chatterjee. The event was further enriched by the presence of Mallar Ghosh and Mallika Ghosh, celebrated rhythm maestros, as well as distinguished actor Pritha Chatterjee. Joining them were internationally acclaimed photographers and award winners Anjan Ghosh and Aparupa Dey, along with eminent photographer Jayanta Guha and illustrious reciter Madhuchhanda Taraddar.



Artist Soma Banerjee was felicitated by Hillol Sen (left), founder of Retro Kolkata Magazine, and Chandan Paul, chairman of Retro Kolkata Magazine. Sen said, "Our heartfelt gratitude goes to all the participating artists, whose vision and dedication have made this exhibition a resounding success. We extend our deepest appreciation to t2 for their invaluable partnership, enabling us to create an unforgettable experience for art enthusiasts and connoisseurs alike."



Nandini Chatterjee (left) and Pritha Chatterjee posing with the paintings of the former.



A glimpse of the artwork on exhibit at Aura International Photography and Painting Exhibition



Chandan Paul felicitating artist Nandini Chatterjee

Rajdeep Kumar Roy  
(t2 intern)  
Pictures: Rashbehari Das



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# MEDIA COVERAGES

## The Telegraph

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**TEESTA TRIVENI ART CARNIVAL IN DARJEELING, IN ASSOCIATION WITH t2ONLINE, WAS BENGAL'S FIRST EVER HILL ART FESTIVAL. t2 BRINGS YOU GLIMPSES...**

**T**esta Triveni Art Carnival, Bengal's first ever hill art, photography, and music festival, brought together an unprecedented mélange of artists and musicians from all over Bengal. Celebrating

the all-pervasive power of art, Retro Kolkata magazine in association with t2ONLINE curated a first-of-its-kind extravaganza, in the picturesque hills of Bengal. The four-day carnival took place from November 10 to 13, held across

four beautiful destinations—Peshok, Teesta Triveni, Bishildia, and Silvery Glen. This festival provided a unique opportunity for art fans to meet individuals who are passionate about art disciplines such as music, painting, and photography,

and to combine their love of art with travel for an interesting break. Participants had the opportunity to discover new areas while also enjoying a diverse mix of art and music. It was there to look in all the fun and here's bringing you glimpses.

### DAY 1

The first day began with the arrival at Bara Mangra, Peshok, a picturesque and quiet location in the hills of Darjeeling. The accommodation was in a secluded location amidst the Peshok tea gardens, with a magnificent view of the hills.



(L-R) Madhusankha Tardif, Nagma Farween, Aditi Bhattacharya, Nonfali Chatterjee and Priya Chatterjee posed for t2 during the photo tour.



When we caught up with Priya Chatterjee, Tollywood actor, before the event, she said, "I was asked by my friend Nonfali to block my dates for this event and here I am looking forward to the next three days."



The night concluded with a storytelling session by Sandip Dey, who captivated the audience with his performance.



The evening kick started with bonfire and barbeque, followed by live music performances by Arvind Sundas and Anil Chatterji who entertained the audience with songs like *Puroit*, *Gadabai namkha* and *Yashom murti*.



t2 also spotted some furry animals during the visit.



Sandip Dey, actor and art enthusiast, was spotted playing flute during the live painting session.



Big acres of orange orchards were discovered behind the resort, and going through them was an absolute delight for the participants.

## THE TIMES OF INDIA

### A celebration of artistry



It was a celebration of artistes from different walks of life. The third season of the three-day Kolkata Carnival by Retro Kolkata saw an overwhelming participation of musicians, photographers, designers and others.

The event that took place recently at Nazrul Tirtha was inaugurated by the Governor of West Bengal, Jagdeep Dhankhar, who came along with wife, Sudesh Dhankhar. He enjoyed dance performances by schoolkids, a special percussion performance by Drumscape, in which students played drums along with a glittery fashion show. The festival culminated in music performances by Anny Ahmed, Sudipto Paul, Akib Hayat, Soumyodeep Chakraborty and his band. Celebrities Upal Sengupta, Gaurab Chatterjee, Indrajit Dey and Koushik Chakraborty performed on stage while the audience cheered.



### বাংলার শিল্পীরা

'রেট্রো কলকাতা অর্গানাইজেশন' একটি অন্য ধরনের প্রদর্শনী আয়োজন করেছিল সম্প্রতি, গ্যালারি গোলে। পশ্চিমবঙ্গের সব জেলার শিল্পীই আমন্ত্রিত ছিলেন প্রদর্শনীতে। কেড়েছে রবীন্দ্রনাথ ঠাকুরের একটি মাইক্রো আর্ট তেমনই সদ্যপ্রয়াত সঙ্গীতশিল্পী কেকের লাইফ স্কেচ। মাতৃ ও প্রকৃতি নিয়ে পেইন্টিং-ও নজর কাড়ে। ভাস্কর্যের বিষয় হিসেবে ছিল কলকাতার নানা অনুষ্ঙ্গ। সঞ্জয় ঘোষ, বিজয় রক্ষিত, উষারঞ্জন মণ্ডল, বরুণ দত্ত, মণিকা বর্মন-সহ ৪৫ জন শিল্পী অংশ নিয়েছিলেন প্রদর্শনীতে।



### ZEE ২৪ ঘণ্টা

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**ছবি ও গানে KK-কে শ্রদ্ধা 'সামার আর্ট ফেস্টিভালে'**

সাদার্ন অ্যাভিনিউর গ্যালারি গোলে অনর্ধিত হয়েছে শ্রদ্ধানুষ্ঠান।

বিজয় প্রজিবন্দন: 'রেট্রো কলকাতা অর্গানাইজেশন' আয়োজন করেছে 'সামার আর্ট ফেস্টিভাল'। এটি আয়োজিত হয়েছে গ্যালারি গোলে। তিন দিনব্যাপী অনুষ্ঠানে থাকে দেশ-বিদেশ থেকে বিভিন্ন শিল্পীদের ছবি, পেইন্টিং, জালচার এবং আরও নানা আর্ট ফর্ম।



প্রথমদিন উদ্বোধনী অনুষ্ঠানে উপস্থিত ছিলেন মুর তুপমুল বেতা সৌম্য বর্মা, অভিনেতা অরুণ বাহু, অভিনেত্রী শর্মিষ্ঠা চ্যাটার্জি, সোহা ব্যানার্জি, সন্দীপ দে, সংগীতশিল্পী মঞ্জুরা ঘোষ, বাচকশিল্পী ফুল্লারা মুখোপাধ্যায় প্রমুখ। দ্বিতীয় দিনে আয়োজন করা হয় বিশেষ এক প্রদর্শনী এবং লাইভ আর্ট-এর মাধ্যমে ৪৫ জন শিল্পী তাঁকে কেকে শ্রদ্ধা জানাবেন।

সম্প্রতি নজরুল মঞ্চে অত্যন্ত দুর্ভাবনাক্রমে ঘটনা ঘটেছে। সঙ্গীতশিল্পী কেকের প্রয়াণ হয়েছে। একদা শোকসন্তপ্ত সঙ্গীতপ্রেমীরা বিভিন্ন ভাবে তাঁকে শ্রদ্ধা জানিয়েছেন। তেমনই এক সন্ধ্যার সাক্ষী থেকে গেছেন কলকাতাবাসী। গতকাল বেটি সাদার্ন অ্যাভিনিউর গ্যালারি গোলে অনুষ্ঠিত হয়েছে। যেখানে লাইভ আর্ট-এর মাধ্যমে ৪৫ জন শিল্পী তাঁকে চিন্মানে শ্রদ্ধা করেছেন। কেকে-কে শ্রদ্ধা করা হয়েছে সংগীতের মাধ্যমে।



# THE TIMES OF INDIA

## Kolkata artists pay tribute to KK through live art and music



It's been almost two weeks since iconic singer **KK** passed away. His sudden demise hours after a Kolkata concert had left the entire nation in shock and fans still mourn the humble singer's death.



Recently, a group of Kolkata artists joined hands to pay a small tribute to the **Bollywood** singer through their artwork which was a part of a special art workshop during the 'Summer Art Festival' organised by **Retro Kolkata** at a city Gallery.

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## A melange of national and international artistes unite at Kolkata Carnival 3

Farah Akhter Published: 12th November 2022 03:23 PM



Season three of Kolkata Carnival organised by Retro Kolkata turned into a cauldron of art and culture. A host of national, international and local artists were in attendance who added an eclectic vibe to the exhibition.

Inaugurated by Governor of Jaganmohan along with first Lady Sudesh Ghankhar, there were engaging workshops as well by renowned photojournalist Akai Shukibafar and Babek Kaanai who are known for their street photography.



### online/events

**Musical saga**  
June 12 | Belghabha  
The third edition of Maitree Concert is all set to rock the stage yet again, and this time with a packed line-up featuring popular Bengali bands like Lajonchandra, The Mithun, Banabata and Mukh-India. Get up for some serious headbanging, and hard core music at Maitree, Mancharhis Saturday, 12 noon onwards. [Book it](#)

**Poet tribute**  
June 11 | EM Bagan  
If you are fond of East Bengal/India poetry and songs, this weekend on the right time to head back to the upper some of the late poet's Ka address and discover unknown new lines. Kolkata's Government has with a view to in an AC car will begin from Science City, 3 am onwards. [+91987482762](#)

**Power of words**  
June 18 | Salt Lake  
Three years of age the biggest exhibition of poetry in the world - Kolkata's Maitree - a large number of poets, artists, writers, and performers will be participating in the exhibition. Head out to Eastern Zonal Centre to be a part of this event. [Book it](#) [+91987482762](#)

**Cool pool**  
June 11 | New Town  
This week summer and you might be looking for some chill zones with friends in a pool after a long work week. First out, for there's a whole lot more to Kolkata. Acquaintance with all set to host a cocktail night and party, alongside an exclusive food theme and DJ night. [Book it](#) [+91987482762](#)

**Chart the week ahead**

**Big laughs**  
June 12 | Park Street  
Kolkata's Wala will be in the city all the way from Punjab, to make you LOL, with his funny tales. The winner of the Great Indian Laughter Challenge 2018 has been praised by Bollywood Akshay Kumar himself. [Book it](#) [+91987482762](#)

**Art for a cause**  
June 18 | Southern Avenue  
One of the largest art festivals in the city, Summer Art Fair is back in a new avatar. This year, starting today, the three-day exhibition at Gallery Gully will witness the participation of 40 artists from different parts of India. This year's theme is to take the art of Bengal to a global platform. The funds raised from the exhibition will be donated to the needy. [Book it](#) [+91987482762](#)

**Fine tunes**  
June 11 | Sector IV  
It's quite unlikely for any social media user to not come across the soulful voice of the singer Saam and his band. And now there's good news as fans have the opportunity to watch him live at the Semboha Pavilion, this Saturday. Be sure to get touched over by a sensational performance. [Book it](#) [+91987482762](#)

**Shop away**  
June 11 | Speed And All Avenue  
The hour's back at the Skating rink and this time with a premium range of suits, footwear, jewelry, and more. The five-day exhibition will feature about 75 stalls that will showcase a wide range of products. Wait no longer and grab this opportunity to get some much-needed retail therapy. [Book it](#) [+91987482762](#)

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# The Telegraph

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## DAY 2

The second day began with a trip to Pashok Tea Estate for sightseeing and a photo tour. The view from the sunset point was breathtaking, and attendees were seen taking photos against the magnificent backdrop of the hills. Winter mist over the tea garden creates an otherworldly atmosphere.



The afternoon was filled with the singing, with workshops on folk and art. There were also workshops on folk and art. There were also workshops on folk and art.



Talented folk dancer Saana Bhattacharya performed on the second day of the carnival at Tonda Tibbet Art Carnival.

## DAY 3 & 4

Next the journey began towards Dakin where the next two stops were Raikhole and Siliguri Gaoan. The third day's destination was Raikhole, a riverside location in the Kalingga hills on the West Bengal Odisha border. The trek to Siliguri Gaoan began on the fourth day. It took roughly 1 hour 30 minutes to get there from Raikhole. This is a small village near Poring in West Bengal's Kalingga district, famed for its mesmerizing beauty.



Jayanta Ghosh, an avid bird photographer, clicked pictures of several species of birds like Plumbeous water redstart and White-capped redstart while trekking in the dense woods.



Arth Wita was on bird watching and trekking took place in dense woods at a high elevation of 4,000ft.





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