

A Delhi hotel art fair explores traditional textiles and jewellery

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By designer Jyotika Jhalani

The rooms and floors of the Taj Palace hotel will soon be turned into an exhibition space for *Artix*, an art fair.

From 25-27 August, the luxury hotel will showcase exhibits focusing on the art, embroideries, textiles, and jewellery of the country, including Banarasi saris, jamdani work and *meenakari* and *kundan* work. Proceeds from the show will be given to charity.

Fashion entrepreneur Malvika Poddar, who's the owner of designer store Carma and one of the three people behind *Artix*, says, in a press note: "For its first edition in India, *Artix* can provide a platform for galleries to educate young collectors by showcasing a diverse range of artwork, spanning from textiles to jewellery. We plan to expand this occasion throughout India, allowing more opportunities...".

Among the participants are jewellery and textile designers like Abha Dalamia, Jyotika Jalani, Archana Aggarwal, Dia Colour and Lodha Jewels by Alok Lodha. Famous artists such as F.N. Souza, Sanjay Bhattacharya, S.H. Raza, Manu Parekh and K.K. Hebbar will occupy the arts section. Private collectors appearing on the show include Saloni Doshi, Priya Paul and Lekha Poddar.

