ART GALLERIES

It was post 1947, when an artistic infrastructure was developed in Delhi through the efforts of the Delhi Shilpi Chakra (an artist group) and India’s first private art gallery the Imgalleria Gallery.

With the government’s first five year plan (1951-56), India adopted a cultural policy that established the Lalit Kala Akademi and the National Gallery of Modern Art in Delhi. This made Delhi an important artistic centre, a status that had been concentrated for so long, first in Bengal and then in Bombay.

Contemporary Indian art is flourishing and Delhi has an ever changing roster of galleries, paintings and exhibitions. Everything from abstract art to sombre studies of urban life can be found in these exhibitors.

National Gallery of Modern Art, the city’s main art gallery, near India Gate at the Eastern end of Rajpath, was the former residence of the Maharaja of the Jaipur. It houses an excellent collection of works by both Indian and colonial artists dating from 1850. The gallery has a collection of more than 15,000 paintings, sculptures and graphics.

Gallerie Alternatives : 102 DT Mega Mall, DLF City, Phase-I, Gurgaon. Ph: 0124-4583499

Gallery Romain Rolland : 72, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi. Ph: 4590200

Galleria Ganesh : A gallery with the prime focus of promoting talent in Youth. Its huge collection includes paintings, graphics and sculptures. E-557, Greater Kailash-II, New Delhi-110018. Ph: 99220045, 28271806. Timing: 10.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. Closed: Sunday

Gallerie Espace : The gallery has carved a niche for itself because of its specialized, unconventional focus. The gallery produces informative catalogues also.

16. Community Centre, New Friends Colony, New Delhi. Ph: 26832487. Timing: 11.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. Closed: Sunday

Gurmit Lali Kala Art Studio : It is a worth visiting place if you are interested in the live presence of art. This studio is a part of Lalit Kala Akademi and run by the same. Well known artists from India and abroad often hold workshops and illustrated lectures here.

Kaila Kureti, East of Kailash, New Delhi. Ph: 26832252. Timing: 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m

Visual Arts Gallery : India Habitat Center, Open Palm Court, Experimental Art Gallery-II, Road, New Delhi. Ph: 41220000

ETQ Gallery : The gallery always comes up with some meaningful exhibits. Its group show by ceramicist artists, theme show on Nelson Mandela. Mahatma Gandhi and Kashmiri immigrants have made an impact.

Ceramicus, New Delhi-110001. Ph: 23387917, 9359071094. Timing: 11.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m

Some More Galleries:

Academy of Fine Arts & Literatur, 64, Birla Florence Institute of Art, New Delhi. Ph: 28469870. Timing: 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Closed: Sunday

AEBCS Gallery, 2, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi. Ph: 2375315/23352851. Timing: 10.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Art Indo, Sanmukhi Complex, O.P.S Ram Saroav Road, New Delhi. Ph: 26887374. Timing: 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Art Metel, A-179, Shaljeet Enclave, New Delhi. Ph: 2671338/26461586/2645406. Timing: 11.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Aranya Art Gallery, D-12, Defense Colony, New Delhi. Ph: 4511077, 2845214. Timing: 10.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. and 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Arbana Fine Arts, 78, Aurobindo Plaza Market, Aurobindo Marg, Hauz Khas, New Delhi. Ph: 29706904. Timing: 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Art Gallery, 41, Hanuman Marg, New Delhi. Ph: 40698300. Timing: 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

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