


## The art round-up: Summer's must-see art exhibitions



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### Delhi's summer art calendar offers immersive exhibitions spanning memory, identity, history and play

No travel plans and looking for fun ways to beat the heat? We have you covered. Here's our round-up of the best art shows to catch in Delhi this month.

1.

#### Lived-in Skin: Textile as armour as memory at latitude 28

This group exhibition features works by Sabeen Omar, Meenakshi Nihalani, and Anshu Singh, and explores textiles as receptacles of memory, labour, inheritance, and emotional residue. Cloth acts as a witness and archival material by highlighting weaving, stitching, layering, and material accumulation. At its core, it highlights how garments and woven surfaces carry traces

of the effects of migration, displacement, survival, and the transfer of intergenerational knowledge.

Exhibition Details:

Venue: LATITUDE 28, B-74, Ground Floor, Block B, Defence Colony, New Delhi, 110024

Dates: May 29 – June 25, 2026

Timings: Monday to Saturday | 11 AM – 7 PM

2.

**Emerging visions by the national institute of fine arts at bikaner house**

The exhibition showcases original works by Diploma and Degree students of the National Institute of Fine Arts. On display are paintings, drawings, mixed media artworks, sculptures, and experimental pieces, exploring themes such as differing identities, the power of memory and human connection, and the exigencies of urban life and contemporary culture. It's a great platform for young artists to showcase their talent, by reflecting their technical growth and their evolving artistic identities as the next generation of creative voices.

Exhibition Details:

Venue: Main Gallery, Bikaner House, Pandara Road, New Delhi

Dates: June 12 – 16 2026

Timings: 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

3.

**Pata dekhabo? (Shall I show you a pata?) by kiran nadar muSeum of art**

The fourth exhibition hosted in the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art (KNMA) Art Passage, which is the skybridge connecting Nexus Select CITYWALK and DLF South Court Mall, Saket, this new show features 46 reproductions from the KNMA collection. There are also works from institutions and those in the public domain including pattachitras (narrative scrolls) from undivided Bengal and present-day Jharkhand, spanning three centuries of art. The works explore mythology, social narratives, and the cycles of life and continuity.

Exhibition Details:

Venue: The skybridge connecting Nexus Select CityMall and DLF South Court Mall

Dates: 16th May 2026 – 16th November 2026

4.

**next I now: in Collaboration with artindia's '30 under 30' at vadehra art gallery**

Vadehra Art Gallery's group exhibition in collaboration with ARTIndia, presents the work of 30 emerging practitioners recognized in the magazine's '30 Under 30' list for 2026, which marks the publication's 30th anniversary. The artists include Abdulla PA, Amith Nayak, Anirudh Shaktawat, Arieno Kera, Biswajit Thakuria, Dhiraj Rabha, Divya Singh, Fatima Juned, Geetanjali Bayan, Harmeet Rahal, Hasan Ali Kadiwala, Jayeeta Chatterjee, Kalpana Vishwas, Kumar Misal, Lakshya Bhargava, Manoj Kumar Pannala, Md. Samim Alam Beg, Mohammed Intiyaz, Nitheen Ramalingam, Pritam Das, Rah Naqvi, Ritwika Ganguly, Sahil Kumar, Saroj Kumar Badatya, Satyanarayana Gavara, Shailee Mehta, Suraj Kamble, Thamshangpha Maku, Urna Sinha, and Yashna Kaul. On offer is a selection of paintings, photographs, collages, drawings, sculptures, woodcuts, textiles, animation and video works which reflect the concerns of this generation of Indian contemporary artists such as critiques of capitalism and reflections on embodied experience. This exhibition has been envisioned by Sangita Jindal, President, ARTIndia and a part of the proceeds from the exhibition will go towards ARTIndia's Care Fund that supports the medical care of young artists.

Exhibition Details:

Venue: Vadehra Art Gallery, D-53 Defence Colony

Dates: May 29 to June 26 (closed on Saturdays and Sundays in June)

Timings: 11 am to 7 pm

5.

**'Slow rot' at method, delhi**

This group exhibition features ten contemporary artists whose works focus on the unsettling reality of human existence. Veering into the Grotesque, the art reflects the idea of the self rather than what is considered monstrous by society. The artists focus on the debilitating rot of reality. The show questions the ideals of beauty in art by embracing unprocessed, fractured imagery and making a strong statement. Participating artists include Aditya Dhabhai, Dhruvi Jain, M. Imran Ahmed, Milan Sharma, Mitali Das, Priyesh T, Revant Dasgupta, Riya Chandwani, Sajid Wajid Shaikh, and Tithi Das.

Exhibition Details:

Venue: Method, Delhi D-59, Basement, Defence Colony

Dates: Ongoing till 3rd July

Timings: 12 PM to 7 PM | Every day except Mondays

6.

**Moving the bones at shrine empire**

This group exhibition has been curated by Annalisa Mansukhani and is supported by Prameya Art Foundation and Villa Swagatam, French Institute of India, Devi Art Foundation and the Art Scribes Award – of which the curator is a recipient. The featured artists include Akshay Bhoan, Alina Tiphagne, Divya Cowasji, Krithika Sriram, Remi Graves, Sandeep TK, Shailee Mehta, Srinivas Kuruganti, Tripty Tamang Pakhrin, and Uzma Mohsin. The exhibition focuses on images that are an inherent part of our lives, including family photographs, inherited objects, gestures, and stories, and how they hold the emotions of memory, estrangement, desire and loss.

Exhibition Details:

Venue: Shrine Empire, B24, Defence Colony, New Delhi

Dates: May 29 – June 24

Timings: 11 am to 7 pm

7.

**She, 7 women | 7 south asian artists | 7 voices by gallery pristine contemporary**

This exhibition of works by seven South Asian women artists includes the work of Afina Ashraf, Alishba Binte Faisal, Krisha Bhuvra, Jahnvi Singh Rohet, Mays Al Moosawi, Mahnoor Salman Khan, and Pem Lham. The work is inspired by culture, inheritance, and the idea of modernity, within the backdrop of sisterhood, kinship, and shared moments of pleasure and longing. On display are paintings, mixed media works, and material explorations of the complexities of the female body, the weight of expectation put on women, and the subtle violence that persists where they are concerned.

Exhibition Details

Venue: Gallery Pristine Contemporary, Saini Bhawan, C-3, A-178, Bhisma Pitamah Marg, Kotla Mubarakpur, New Delhi  
Dates: Monday, 25th May – Sunday, 5th July  
Gallery Timings: 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM | Monday to Saturday

8.

**paper and play at gallery XXL**

Co-curated with Priyanshi S, this exhibition features prints, posters, zines, books, games, toys and other works on paper. It invites the viewers to participate and play with the items on display. The idea is to take the intimidation and exclusivity attached to a gallery space and instead make it a fun and inviting one where viewers can enter, linger, play, pause, acquire, learn, react, and return. With new items added every Thursday and weekend events organised all summer long, it promises to reward attendees afresh every time.

Exhibition Details:

Location: Gallery XXL, 2nd Floor, A-277, Block A, Defence Colony, New Delhi,  
Dates: Saturday, June 6 to August 22  
Timings: 11 am to 6 pm

9.

**Bad actors at galerie mirchandani + Steinruecke**

This solo exhibition of paintings by artist Sangram Majumdar stands out for its layered yet fragmented paintings that invite you to engage with the ambiguity of their meaning. The theme of the works focuses primarily on the instability of human relationships.

Exhibition Details:

Venue: Galerie Mirchandani + Steinruecke, D-58 Defence Colony, New Delhi  
Dates: Open until July 25.  
Timings: Tuesday to Saturday, 11 AM to 7 PM

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