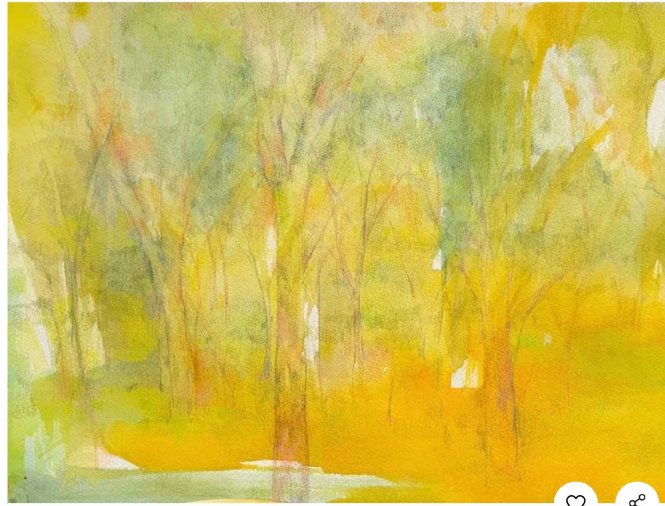


The Art and Design Enthusiast's Ultimate Guide to 2026- Part 2

Events

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Consider your monthly gallery tour schedule sorted with this creative programming calendar from now till December 2026. [Bookmark this](#)

India's creative scene is hitting an incredible high as we move to the latter half of the year. Experience some thought provoking art and boundary pushing design showcases in these upcoming art and design exhibits across the country, that will re-write and shape the future of our creative landscape.

JULY (On going and upcoming)

Pata Dekhabo

Dates: May 22 - November 22 2026 (ongoing)

Location: KNMA Art Passage, New Delhi

Overview: The exhibition explores the story telling traditions and vernacular picture making that has its roots across Bengal and Jharkhand. The showcase features works of renowned artists including artist Jamini Roy and Ramkinker Baji, expect to see the local artforms like Pattachitra and Santhal traditions. The exhibition also reflects on the mill produced paper and how it influenced the image making traditions back then.



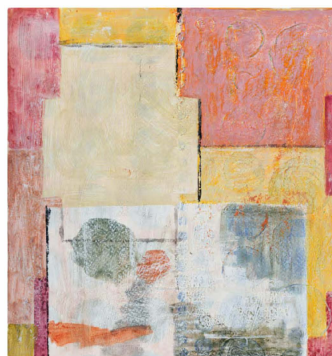
Pattachitra artwork: reminiscent of the works by one of India's most renowned artists and Padma Bhushan awardee Jamini Roy. Image courtesy; KNMA

Brick by Brac

Dates: May 28 - July 4 2026 (Closing soon)

Location: TARQ, Mumbai

Overview: This group exhibition is organised by artists Tom Burckhardt and Sameer Kulavoor featuring ten contemporary artists from India and the United States. These artists create their drawings, collages, photos, and films slowly and bit by bit, focusing on the daily process of making art rather than just the final product. Using simple, everyday materials and working on a small scale, their combined artwork sparks a powerful conversation across different cultures that is greater than the sum of its parts.





Artwork by Sameer Kulavoor, 2026. Image courtesy, Sameer Kulavoor and TARQ



Artwork by Pem Lham. Image courtesy, Pristine Contemporary

She: 7 women | 7 South Asian artists | 7 Voices

Dates: May 25 - July 5 2026 (Closing soon)

Location: Pristine Contemporary, New Delhi

Overview: Curated by creative consultant Supriya David, This exhibition features the work of seven artists across India, Bhutan, Oman and the broader South Asian diaspora. The showcase is an exploration of identity, memory and the female gaze, which is completely free from cliché feminist labels. Drawing from Indian philosophy and mythology, the artworks map out the emotional architecture of what it means to navigate the world as a woman today.

Vichitra: An Ensemble Exhibition

Dates: July 1 - July 21 2026

Location: Temporary Gallery, Bihar Museum, Patna

Overview: This ensemble exhibition by Kolkata Centre for Creativity (KCC) along with Emami Art, Kolkata brings together 14 artists across three generations. The exhibition reflects on the deep rooted cultural conversation between Bengal and Bihar through painting, sculpture, textile, photography and more.



Artwork by Prasanta Sahu. Image courtesy, Emami Art x Kolkata Centre



Artwork by Jyothidas KV. Image courtesy, Latitude 28

Overland, There's Shorter Time to Dream

Dates: July 7 - July 25 2026

Location: Latitude 28, New Delhi

Overview: This is a group exhibition curated by Shrishti Sainani, featuring 16 artists from varied cultural and geographical backgrounds. The exhibition explores migration as an experience that goes beyond physical relocation and engages with the themes of memory, belonging and identity through various mediums.

Indigenous Accents

Dates: July 2 - July 6 2026

Location: Bikaner House, New Delhi

Overview: This solo exhibition by Chandigarh-based artist Raj Kishore Gupta is curated by renowned art critic and curator Uma Nair. This showcase will feature artworks around memory, landscape and material form with live-edge wood work using circular tree trunks, sheesham and kikar slabs and elongated wooden beams. The exhibition will also feature portraits of the artist by photographer Avani Rai.



Artwork by Raj Kishore Gupta. Image courtesy, Raj Kishore Gupta Foundation



Artwork by Zimbiri. Image courtesy, Nature Morte

Zimbiri: Dear Tiger

Dates: June 11 - July 18 2026 (ongoing)

Location: Nature Morte, Mumbai

Overview: This is a solo exhibition by contemporary Bhutanese artist Zimbiri. The artist dives into the concept of human identity, on how we inherit it and build it based on new environments as we go on to live in new places. She uses the local raw materials in her artworks where one can notice a recurring occurrence of tigers and deers as the main storytellers. If you love art that makes you pause and think, this is an incredibly thought provoking one to watch out for.

ऌरऌ: at an ancestral threshold

Dates: July 11 - August 31 2026

Location: Gallerie Nvya, New Delhi

Overview: This solo exhibition by emerging contemporary artist Rohit Suresh Varekar anchors around the themes of memory, migration and ecology and cultural continuity through reclaimed architectural fragments salvaged from Konkan region of Maharashtra after the devastating floods in the region that reshaped the landscape of Konkan.



Assemblage made by Rohit Suresh Varekar using reclaimed wood from collapsed mud houses. Image courtesy, Gallerie Nya



Attributed to Madhava Warrior Portrait of Subramanyan Namboothiripad of Akavoor Mana. Image courtesy, DAG

The Body of the Ascetic

Dates: June 20 - September 4 2026 (ongoing)

Location: DAG Gallery 2, The Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai

Overview: The showcase curated by Gayatri Sinha, the exhibit unpacks how Indian art history has viewed holy figures and spiritual devotion through centuries. It brings together a wide mix of time periods, mediums and personal identities to give a well-rounded perspective of what these ascetics represent and their lifestyle after renouncing worldly pleasures.



Artwork by Sumit Sarkar. Image courtesy, Kala Kritti Art Gallery

Liminal Threshold by Sumit Sarkar

Dates: June 20 - August 18 2026 (ongoing)

Location: Kalakriti Art Gallery, Delhi

Overview: In this solo exhibition by visual artist Sumit Sarkar, he takes the ordinary household objects we know like worn pillows, mattresses and folded fabrics, and uses them as tools for emotional story telling, where the creases and stains each are symbolic of love, loss and healing. Sumit also frequently uses fragmented mythological figures in his artworks, metaphorically bridging our inner private world with the shared cultural history.

Water Colours (From permanent collection from Birla Academy of Art and Culture)

Dates: June 28 - July 27 2026 (ongoing)

Location: Sarala Birla Gallery, Kolkata

Overview: The event pays tribute to the legendary artist Krishna Reddy, a pioneer in modern print making, to mark his 100th anniversary. The event features exhibitions, discussions and archival displays in Shantiniketan, a place that was significant in his artistic journey, tracing the journey of watercolour over a vast timeline.

A Winter Summer: Sohrab Hura

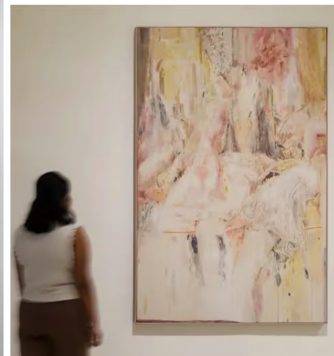
Dates: April 24 - July 18 2026 (ongoing)

Location: Experimenter Gallery, Colaba, Mumbai

Overview: In his new solo exhibition, photographer and multidisciplinary artist Sohrab Hura juxtaposes several of his defining visual projects. By placing works made across different regions and seasons into the same space, the show uncovers unexpected threads and stark boundaries between them. It's an eye-opening collection that ultimately questions the familiar, exposing the deeper societal structures and quiet deceptions we often overlook.



Photographs by Sohrab Hura. Image courtesy, Experimenter Gallery



Artwork by Sayanee Sarkar. Image courtesy, Emami Art Gallery

Alchemy of Absolute Intimacy

Dates: May 22 - July 10 2026 (ongoing)

Location: Emami Art Gallery, Kolkata

Overview: This exhibit marks artist Sayanee Sarkar's debut solo show. In her showcase, she moves away from the heavy artistic theory for a gentler, more intimate look at the human body. Painted on raw wood and canvas with light, ethereal layers, her figures blend seamlessly into their environments. By placing these soft, blurred shapes in quiet spaces without any defining context, the forms act as an open invitation, giving viewers the freedom to project their own relationships and experiences onto each piece.

Never Was A Shade

Dates: May 14 - July 18 2026 (ongoing)

Location: Project 88, Mumbai

Overview: A group exhibition curated by art historian, curator and writer Prajna Desai explores the existential power of trees. Rather than viewing them through a utilitarian lens of



human survival or environmental virtue, the show foregrounds their inherent "tree-ishness" and their independent role in shaping the earth's beauty regardless of human existence.



Artwork by Neha-Luthra. Image courtesy, Project 88

Bad Actors: Sangram Majumdar

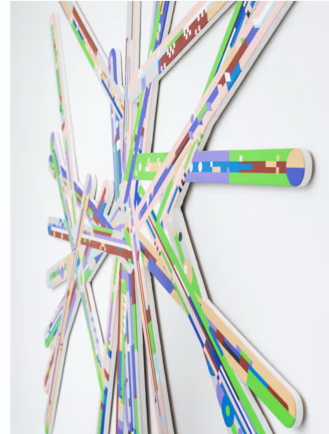
Dates: May 29 - July 25 2026 (ongoing)

Location: Galerie Mirchandani + Steinruecke, New Delhi

Overview: This showcase is a solo exhibition by the Indian-American artist Sangram Majumdar. His compositions play on the theatrical or cinematic concept of a 'bad actor' loosely translating to an immoral figure, featuring a series of fragmented oil paintings depicting human-like shapes, animal hybrids, demonic faces and staring eyes that are moving in and out of lines. His seemingly unfinished artworks force the viewers and challenges them to decide and separate the 'actor' from 'character' and figure out the story themselves.



Artwork by Sangram Majumdar. Image courtesy, Galerie Mirchandani + Steinruecke



Artwork by Thukral and Tagra. Image courtesy, Ashvita

Thukral and Tagra: Mimesis

Dates: June 5 - July 17 2026 (ongoing)

Location: Ashvita's, Chennai

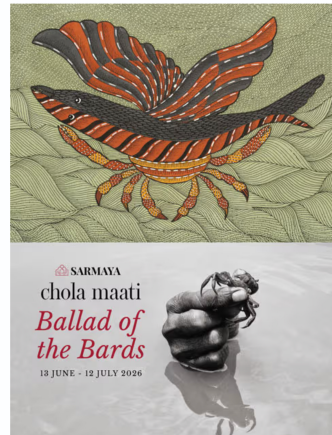
Overview: This is Ashvita's first exhibition at its newly launched white cube gallery space in Chennai by artist duo Thukral and Tagra. The showcase builds on their ongoing project *Arboratum*, the theme of which centers around the journey through communities through trees, memory and living archives. This time, they are shifting the focus from nature to the digital world through hundreds of painted canvases populated with abstract data shapes and exploring how our real life moments get simply chopped up into pixels. This exhibition can be viewed by prior appointment.

Chola Maati: Ballad of the Bards

Dates: June 13 - July 15 2026 (ongoing)

Location: Sarmaya Arts Foundation, Mumbai

Overview: This exhibition is based on the book *Chola Maati: Pardhan Gond Rituals From Birth to Death*, features artwork by contemporary Gond artist Mayank Shyam, photography by Komal Bedi Sohal and writing by Padmaja Srivastava. It is an immersive exhibition where you experience and discover the music and traditions of Patangarh's Pardhan-Gond community in Madhya Pradesh.



Artwork by Mayank Shyam. Photography by Komal Bedi Sohal. Image courtesy, Sarmaya Arts Foundation



Artwork by Tyeb Mehta. Image copyright of Tyeb Mehta Foundation, Image courtesy, KNMA

Tyeb Mehta: Bearing Weight (with the lightness of being)

Dates: through July 26 2026 (ongoing)

Location: KNMA, New Delhi

Overview: This centenary retrospective for the legendary artist Tyeb Mehta in collaboration with Tyeb Mehta Foundation and Saffron Art Foundation is curated by Roobina Karode. The exhibit features over 120 works spanning five decades, the show looks at how the legendary artist processed the trauma of partition and human suffering. It tracks his most famous, gut-wrenching motifs like his fractured diagonal canvases, falling figures, and struggling bulls while offering a glimpse of his restless creative process through personal diaries, early sketches, and his 1970 experimental film, *Koodal*.

AUGUST 2026



sa Ladakh Biennale 2026

Dates: August 1 - August 10 2026

Location: Leh-Kargil corridor

Overview: Curated by Vishal K Dar, with Tsering Motup Sidho, and sprawled across 230 km at eight outdoor



Image courtesy, sa Ladakh Biennale

locations, Ladakh is about to host its very first biennale. 'sa' translates to 'soil' in Ladakhi, which forms a conceptual theme of the exhibition, with climate, community and culture as its pillars. The showcase will feature contemporary art and installations designed by local artists alongside international artists. This is definitely one to look forward to considering Ladakh's interesting topography- its captivating terrains, the climate, and its rugged awe-striking beauty.

SEPTEMBER

Mazda Art Festival

Dates: September 11 - September 13 2026

Location: State Gallery of Art, Madhapur, Hyderabad

Overview: This art festival is organised by the Mazda Art Foundation, a non-profit initiative founded by Vispi Tarapore. It is a highly anticipated massive 3-day exhibition featuring live demos by master artists, special solo presentations, and a grant awards program for emerging talents. The showcase features artworks of various artists, masters and emerging, across various mediums. The festival is designed to bridge the gap between artists and the general public, making art accessible to everyone.

D-arc BUILD 2026

Dates: September 17 - September 20 2026

Location: Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

Overview: This massive B2B trade expo organised by Zion Exhibitions brings together thousands of architects, interior designers, builders and construction professionals across the country, to check out an array of brands showcasing smart, innovative and tech forward materials, home products and services.

Design Democracy

Dates: September 18 - September 20 2026

Location: HITEX Exhibition Centre, Hyderabad

Overview: This a massive and highly curated festival that brings together India's top architects, interior designers and luxury home furnishing, furniture and decor brands under one roof. The lineup includes workshops, panel discussions with prominent founders and creators and curators and much more. It is the ultimate spot to network, source or just get inspired by the best in the business.



Image courtesy, Design Democracy



Artwork by Chiaki Maki. Image courtesy, KAASH

The Quiet Hand: Artworks by Chiaki Maki

Dates: September 26 - November 21 2026

Location: Kaash, Bengaluru

Overview: A rare exhibition by noted Japanese textile artist and weaver Chiaki Maki, marks her third showcase in India. In 2012, she established the Ganga Maki Studio, a sustainably built craft commune nestled at the Indian foothills of Himalayas near Dehradun in Bhogpur. This collection charts her artistic evolution from wearable and home textiles to profound conceptual art, embracing the quiet power of slow, natural processes and raw human craftsmanship.

IAF EDI+IONS Ahmedabad

Dates: September 19 - September 20 2026

Location: Baronet House, Ahmedabad

Overview: This is India Art Fair's broader initiative to expand it outside of Delhi. The highly-anticipated fair showcases the country's leading galleries, artists, designers, architects and the overall creative community. What makes it even more striking and meaningful this time is its location. The fair will be hosted at the Baronet House, a 20th century Indo-Gothic styled mansion that will serve as the perfect backdrop to the art showcase.

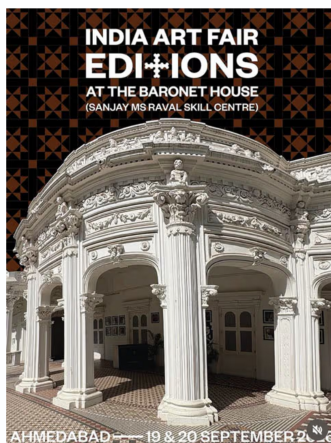


Image courtesy, India Art Fair



Image courtesy, India Design ID

OCTOBER

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India Design ID

Dates: October 9 - October 11 2026

Location: Jio World, Mumbai

Overview: India Design ID is heading back to Mumbai after its massive success in Delhi earlier this year. Under this year's theme 'The Deep Fathom' the three-day event is diving into the raw processes, materials, and craftsmanship that goes behind great designs. It will showcase over 120 luxury interior, architecture, and decor brands. Expect high-end exhibits and immersive installations. You can also catch the ID Symposium which has a lineup of live conversations featuring major creative minds of the country.

India Art Festival (IAF)

Dates: October 9 - October 11 2026

Location: Nehru Centre, Mumbai

Overview: This is a premier contemporary art platform hosting over 100 booths. It features 3,500+ artworks including paintings, sculptures, and photography by 400+ independent artists and major galleries. The event also holds *IAF Conversations*, a series of panels featuring eminent artists, gallerists, and art historians. The visitors can explore and purchase from a variety of visual media like paintings, sculptures, photography, lithographs and more.

Kalaa Spandan Art Fair

Dates: October 30 - November 1 2026

Location: Kalinga Cultural Centre, Hyderabad

Overview: This is the second local edition of this art fair. The contemporary art exposition focuses on providing commercial exposure to independent visual artists, sculptors, and designers alongside boutique art galleries, allowing them to put their work directly up for the buyers. The showcase features everything from traditional paintings and sculptures to digital art, photography and resin work.

NOVEMBER

Art Mumbai

Dates: November 12 - November 15 2026

Location: Mahalaxmi Racecourse, Mumbai

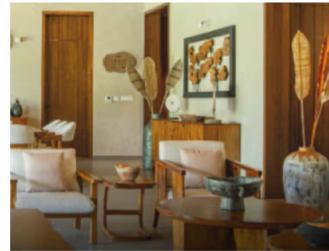
Overview: Art Mumbai is returning for its fourth edition this time. It is a massive cultural event that brings together premier galleries, independent artists and art collectors from across South Asia and beyond. There is an incredible lineup of interactive workshops and speaker panels besides the stunning art display. If you are a collector or just want to spend the weekend soaking in art and creativity, this is worth visiting.

AD Design show 2026

Dates: November 13 - November 15 2026

Location: Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai

Overview: The AD Design Show is one of the most awaited design shows that leans heavily into immersive, narrative driven spaces bringing together a high-end mix of luxury interiors, global furniture brands, exquisite craftsmanship and art. It provides a creative space where established architects, emerging creators, and design enthusiasts can connect and witness the evolving landscape of contemporary spaces. Expect a curation of premium furniture, avant-garde lighting, and rare textiles inside fully immersive environments.



DELHI EDITION

27&28

November 2026
NSIC Grounds, Okhla

Image courtesy, FOAID

India Art Festival (IAF)

Dates: November 19 - November 21 2026

Location: Constitution Club of India, New Delhi

Overview: The India Art Fair rolls out its multi-city circuit, giving independent creators and artists a commission free platform to sell directly to the visitors. After Mumbai and Hyderabad, it is heading to the north in New Delhi. This mega-fair circuit will cater to hundreds of independent master painters, sculptors, and emerging solo talents across 100+ stalls. It is essentially a giant marketplace where you can sift through thousands of affordable contemporary paintings, sculptures and digital art pieces.

FOAID

Dates: November 27 - November 28 2026

Location: NSIC Grounds, Okhla, New Delhi

Overview: The Festival of Architecture and Interior design is a massive platform for all things home and design. Spread across two days, the event lineup involves conferences, panel discussions besides a wide range of latest products that are up for discovery.

DECEMBER

Serendipity Arts Festival

Dates: December 13 - December 20 2026

Location: Panjim, Goa

Overview: SAF is one of South Asia's largest multidisciplinary arts festivals, bringing together everything from music, film, and fashion to visual arts and food. It's way more than just a gallery show. It is a massive cultural mix of workshops, community projects, and curated exhibits. SAF aims to make the creative world accessible, collaborative, and inclusive for everyone by taking art out of exclusive spaces and bringing it into the community.

AD Design show 2026

Dates: December 4-5 (Bengaluru) and December 11-13 (Hyderabad)

Overview: AD Design show will expand its base and will be hosted in Bengaluru and Hyderabad after Mumbai in November, allowing it to feature regional designers, brands and widen the reach.