

Young female artists explore women empowerment through their works

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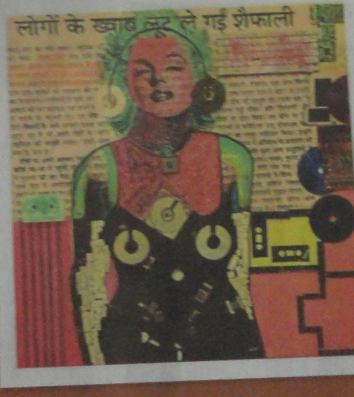
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The neon green and orange lead a 3D look to Marilyn Monroe's figure on the backdrops of a Hindi newspaper with a headline that reads - *Logon ke kharab hot le gayi Shehali*. While this mix-media artwork needs quite a few glances, the canvas portraying a female form shows a male expresses gender-issue quite explicitly. Moving from one artwork to

another, one delves into the more complex layers of femininity. What makes these works intriguing is that they have been painted by three young girls aged around 22 years - Satyaprita Gaekwad, Purnika Mittal and Divya Singh. Presented by Art Laureate, the exhibition, Gender Gen X, Y, Z, presents females as a dominant gender and experiments with different mediums to portray the sensibilities of the

generation Z and their notions of women empowerment. "The faces in my painting, Opium, show the different opinions that humans have on a single topic," explains Gaekwad, even as Mittal conveys her perceptions of how art and women are treated in India vis-a-vis the West. Singh's The Three Women represents the three levels of wisdom and experience. "Together they create trinity or the energy triangle, which is the source of life," she says.

The exhibit comments on the social stereotyping of women and the violence against them at domestic and societal levels. "All three of us have mixed opinion when it comes to women empowerment. But we all agree on gender equality. In fact, the crux of our show is to empower women from the lower strata," Gaekwad sums up.



(Above) Works of Satyaprita Gaekwad; (top left) painting by Purnika Mittal; (left) painting by Divya Singh

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WHAT: GENDER GEN X, Y, Z; art exhibition  
 WHERE: Indra Grill, The Hilton Garden Inn, Saket  
 ON THU: October 15  
 TIMINGS: 11am to 7pm

NEAREST METRO STATION: Saket on the Yellow Line