

# CELEBRATION OF MODERN ART

## FOR THE LOVE OF CONTEMPORARY ART

It was an evening that celebrated the city's love for modern art. Kolkata Centre for Creativity opened its doors to the art enthusiasts of the city recently and dignitaries from different walks of life gathered at the venue to mark the occasion. The five-storey building has a sprawling art gallery by Emami Art Foundation and houses paintings and installations on its ground floor. The other four floors house an amphitheatre, a library, workshop areas and many other interesting corners dedicated to art. On the evening of the launch, guests including author **Devdutt Pattanayak**, artist **Nassia Inglessis**, scenographer **Rajeev Sethy** and several other dignitaries were spotted. **Richa Agarwal**, executive director of KCC & CEO of the art foundation, said, "We are extremely proud to be associated with Kolkata Centre for Creativity. It is a dream project built with a lot of love and passion and we hope that it becomes a creative destination for everyone."



Tanusree Shankar and Madhu Neotia

### A STAR-STUDED EVENING

Many known faces from the film and fashion fraternity attended the do and all of them explored the sprawling arthouse. Artist **Nassia Inglessis's** installation — *Disobedience* — that stood right near the entrance, was a top draw. **Abhishek Dutta**, who took a walk through the installation, told us, "The experience was surreal and such kinetic installations feel like sci-fi movies. It also connects you with the creativity of the artist."



Abhishek Dutta



Arindam Sil



Indrani Dasgupta



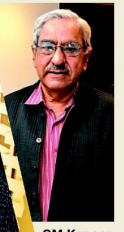
Padmabhushan Rajeev Sethy



Devdutt Pattanayak



Father Felix Raj



GM Kapoor



Shuvaprasanna

**'SHIVJI AND BISHNUJI KA MANDIR ALAG HOTA HAI. THERE ARE DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS ABOUT HOW THE COURTYARD SHOULD BE, HOW THE TAPESTRY SHOULD BE AND SO ON. BEAUTY IS EVERYWHERE'**

— DEVDUTT PATTANAYAK



Richa Agarwal and Reena Dewan



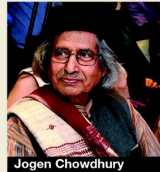
Pinakin Patel



Nassia Inglessis

### ART APPRECIATORS GALORE

The sprawling arthouse saw the city who's who in attendance. "Our objective is to showcase modern and contemporary art," said art curator **Reena Dewan**. Meanwhile, folk art curator **Nandita Palchoudhuri** took the guests to the fifth floor, where an enormous installation of Ravana, called *Dasagriva*, was on display. "This is a blend of Chhau and *shola* art-work. *Shola* artisan **Madhumangal Malakar** and Chhau artist **Nepalchandra Sutradhar**, along with a bunch of schoolchildren, have created this 14-ft Ravana," Nandita informed us.



Jogen Chowdhury



Paramita Saha



Fabrice Plancon and Neela Majumdar



Michael Feiner



Friso Maker and Nandita Palchoudhuri

### EXPAT COMMUNITY ENJOYS TO THE HILT

Several diplomats and members from the expat community attended the inaugural talks. "I am amazed by the space. It will be a wonderful place to welcome creative exhibitions and innovative forms of visual and performing arts and workshops. We are happy to host a play here soon. I see many opportunities of collaborations with this versatile and diverse space coming up," said **Fabrice Plancon**, director, Alliance Francaise du Bengale.



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