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SNAPSHOTS FROM THE OPENING NIGHT OF THE KOLKATA CENTRE FOR CREATIVITY

The sprawling Kolkata Centre for Creativity (KCC) was thrown open with aplomb on the evening of November 21 with artists and art lovers uniting at the Anandapur address (777 Anandapur, EM Bypass).

While an opening ceremony on the fourth floor presided over by R.S. Agarwal and R.S. Goenka, joint chairmen, Enami Group of Companies, officially threw KCC open, an art show featuring the extensive body of work of Dashrath Patel, titled 'School', welcomed guests to the ground floor of the six-storey building. Grace, an artisanal restaurant on the second floor, kept guests refuelled.



R.S. Goenka (left) and R.S. Agarwal, joint chairmen, Enami Group of Companies, at the opening of Kolkata Centre for Creativity.



Devdutt Pattanaik was one of the speakers at the opening event, which saw him talk about kala (art) and *saudarya* (beauty). "Kala comes from *kaal* (time) and when you see a good work of art, you forget time — you experience immortality for a moment and that is what kala is all about," said Devdutt, before going on to talk about the traditional arts and crafts of India and why they should be treasured.



Sanjiv Goenka



Preeti Goenka



Chittrovanu Mazumdar



Madhu Neotia



Friso Maecker (left), director, Goethe-Institut Max Mueller Bhavan, and German consul-general Michael Feiner



Prosenjit dropped by on November 23 to check out the art



Richa Agarwal, director, KCC, was "overwhelmed" by the response that her project received. "We spent four years building this centre and the response was spiritually uplifting and I feel blessed," Richa told t2.



Art conservationist Anupam Sah



(L-R) Rajeev Sethi, Jogen Chowdhury and Bose Krishnamachari. While Sethi, a Padmabhushan-winning heritage conservationist, commended KCC for "creating a space for assimilating the arts to give it an impetus", painter Krishnamachari called it "an important centre for the country bringing the different creative industries together".



Indrani Dasgupta Paul was engrossed in the canvasses



Greek artist Nassia Inglessis strikes a pose inside her installation titled *Disobedience*. The installation is a walkway spanning 17 metres, marrying art and science, as the girth expands as people walk through it and then relapses to its original shape. "Disobedience could not be more at home at the KCC. As the entry to the centre, *Disobedience* evokes visitors to break free from the role of an obedient spectator and be disobedient and a creative actor; and that is the unique relationship that KCC creates with its audience," said Nassia.

RINGING IN CHRISTMAS AT JW MARRIOTT

JW Marriott Kolkata hosted its first cake-mixing ceremony on November 16 and it was a fun, messy affair! Cashews, almonds, dried cranberry, black currant, candied orange and lime were mixed with rum, whisky, brandy, beer and wine along with spices like cinnamon powder, clove powder, nutmeg and dried ginger powder. The mix, which has been stored away, will be used to make Plum Cakes, Christmas Puddings, Fruit Cakes and more.

"Cake mixing happens across the world and we were glad to engage our guests by doing something like this," said Gaurav Singh, general manager, JW Marriott Kolkata, and cluster general manager, Bangladesh.



Actress Thusree Chakraborty



Fashion designer Abhishek Dutta (far left) and chef Shaun Kenworthy got their hands messy during the mix. "The mix we made goes best with the traditional Christmas cake and pudding. Maybe some sweet minced meat tarts, but nothing is better than having the mix with some vanilla ice cream and chocolate sauce. The event took me back to my years in the UK," said Shaun.



Paul Walsh, founder of Jungle Crows.

What: Pre-Christmas Chef's Table

Where: Flurys, Park Street

When: November 28, 7.30pm

Expect: The year-long celebration of Flurys' 90th anniversary to come to an end with a special Pre-Christmas Chef's Table at the popular Park Street confectionery.

COMING UP

The special dinner serving traditional Christmas delicacies like Roast Turkey (picture above) will be served to 20 guests, only adults. Post-dinner, each guest will also receive a surprise Flurys treat.

Pocket pinch: Rs 1,927 (all inclusive per person; the rate reflects the foundation year of Flurys)

Dress code: Smart casuals

For reservations: Call 40007453 / 9903514479.

