

# **GAITONDE PAINTINGS SELL FOR \$3.7 MN**



**New York:** Paintings by one of India's most important modern artists went under the hammer in New York on Wednesday, selling for more than expected at over \$3.7 million, auction houses said.

Three untitled oils on canvas by pioneering Indian abstract artist Vasudeo Santu Gaitonde, who in 1964 based himself in New York, were by Christie's and Bonhams.

The Bonhams canvases, signed and dated 1961 and 1963, came from the artist's "non-objective" series, and fetched \$1.08 million and \$1.68 million, respectively, Bonhams said. Both sold for significantly more than their pre-auction upper estimates, and in the case of the 1961 canvas more than double. Christie's sold a 1971 untitled in moss green for \$965,000, which showcases the "painter, philosopher and alchemist at the zenith of his career".