



The India Habitat Centre with its popular Visual Art Gallery (above) has been the most preferred art destination in the city. Will Gurgaon's Epicentre (right) be able to rival IHC, despite the same team running the show for both?

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Juxtaposing budding and veterans' creations

Raza inaugurates art exhibition

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IT WAS a nice attempt to bring together the creative work of budding and senior artists on the same platform. Fusion, an exhibition on paintings and sculptures of the Rangayan made a commendable attempt to knit an artistic bond between three generations of artists. But what made the exhibition special was the presence of eminent painter S H Raza.

After inaugurating the exhibition right on time, Raza went round the gallery appreciating paintings and sculptures. He was introduced to almost all the painters whose creative works hung the wall.

Notwithstanding his age, he greeted all his fans with an endearing smile and got photographs clicked with them. Later, he sat down for a while and gave autographs.

Before leaving the gallery, the veteran artist called the audience and thanked for all the warmth and affection shown to him.

"Mitron, main apko dhanyavad dena chata hoin. Muzhe phir se Bharat Bhavan dekhna sambhav ho paya." (friends, I want to thank



S H Raza (extreme right) looking at a painting at an exhibition organised by Rangayan at Bharat Bhavan in the City on Tuesday.

you all. I have been able to see Bharat Bhavan once again.) He praised the work of the contemporary painters and asked them to work assiduously for achieving artistic goals. "I have toiled for 50 years. I did not run after money and fame."

Raza also signed his name in the Guest Book of the gallery—"It's a great delight to see Bharat Bhavan again at an exhi-

bition of contemporary Indian painting."

Preeti Nigam, Director of Rangayan says: "We have made an earnest attempt to provide a platform to the artistes."

The work of 35 artistes—30 paintings and five sculptures—were put on display at the exhibition.

The artistes whose work was showcased were—Akhilesh,

Anand Prakash, Anil Gaikwar, Ashwani Vidhate, Basant Bhargava, Bhavana Choudhary Chandra, Devilal Patidar, Himanshu Joshi, Harendra Shah, Herchandani Singh Bhatti, Laxman Mukund Bhand, L N Bhavsar, Mahendra Soni, Manjusha Ganguly, Nidhi Sagar, Neeraj, Pradeep Ahirwar, Pramod Gaikwad, Rahul Wagh, Rajesh Ambalkar, Ramesh Kher,

Ravindra Sinha, Sachida Nagdev, Sajid Premi, Sanju Jain, Sandeep Soni, Shubha Bhatti, Shampya Shah, Shalindra, Shobha Ghare, Smriti Gargava, Suresh Choudhary, Vasant Agashe, Vishakha Apte.

Exhibition

Venue: Bharat Bhavan
From: January 29 to February 6
Timing: 2 pm to 8 pm