

Paris, 3rd January, 1983

My dear Khursheed + Kokoo -

I did receive the copy of your letter to Mr Gervin + Jovet



S.H. RAZA : Bindu (Acrylique sur toile), 1981

Concerning FIAC 1983. Though I have been talking about it since 1978, I am glad we have applied this year. I hope we do get a stand, a suitable one, + that Chomould can make an impressive entry as the "pivot gallery" in India.

Nadkarni's article in India Today has a booming effect. Contemporary Indian art is breaking through, painters are attaining maturity, the legend is in the making, all this is comforting. However, I wish there could be a greater precision of information,

in all fairness to the readers, which I am sure will not remove the punch of narration. However as someone said: "Let the news circulate, if it is favourable to the movement."


Another comment: I hate this word "expatriate": It sounds like a renouncement to the native land or to nationality & hurts deeply. Many of us have not done that. We are no doubt out side the country, but this physical separation, brings us closer & the distance gives us a new perspective. We are here for work & in this involvement & experience our links are not broken. Roots are intact & the circulating fluid is reaching us alike plants & trees from original sources & I am sure we will make our presence felt as India is alive in every beat of our heart.

Please give my greetings to Narkhari for his warm & cordial salute to Indian friendship.

And please let me know how did the exhibition go. Did you get my Aesthetics. Hope Pashua gave you all the news. I am with the "mantras" which inspire me. And no drinks any more. Sourya Namaskar & a greater application to work. Have you sent my message to Shri Athawale, my teacher who is very much in my mind. His address below - once again. And please do write, it's great pleasure hearing from you.

Janino joins me in sending you both & Shireen & Parvati & ofcourse Pashua & Bankie our fond love & the greetings for all the best during 1983 -

Shri M.V. Athawale -

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