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of his career, combined with the attention on the city of Varanasi in the recent Indian elections, is why I picked this work out. Coincidentally, we also have another work on Varanasi by Syed Haider Raza, dated 1947, on offer at only ₹12 lakh to ₹15 lakh."

The auction, being held to celebrate the centenary of the Dadha family which has promoted Bid & Hammer, fea-

Ram & Raza on Varanasi is the USP at an upcoming auction of 'significant Indian paintings and art' in New Delhi. "We have a 1963 oil on canvas from the Varanasi Series by Ram Kumar, which is estimated to fetch between ₹45 lakh and ₹75 lakh," says **Maher Dadha**, chairman and managing director of the Bangalore-based **Bid & Hammer**, which is conducting the auction. "The importance of this work in the trajectory

features important works from the 8th to 20th centuries from the estates of Bengal School artist Nandalal Bose and Maharashtra's social worker and freedom fighter Radha Devi Goenka too. It will also have some paintings gifted by M.F. Husain to former Miss India and actress Namrata Shirodkar Babu, part of the proceeds of which will go to her Telugu actor husband Mahesh Babu's Heal-a-child Foundation.