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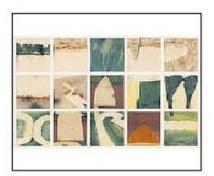
EMAMI ART AND KCC 'EXTEND A HAND' THROUGH AN ONLINE EXHIBITION



When the Shop is Closed by Soma Das



Waiting for General Compartment (acrylic on canvas) by Obayya



My Village by Suman Dey

ontemporary art gallery Emami Art, in collaboration with Kolkata Centre for Creativity (KCC), is now hosting the artworks of 36 artists as a part of their online exhibition titled Extend A Hand. As the name suggests, the exhibition has been organised as a bid to help younger artists and communities affected by the ongoing crisis caused by Covid-19.

"In the past few weeks we have seen that the world is going through an unprecedented and challenging time and that only if we are in this together in harmony, will we be able to fight against the pandemic that has put the entire world in a dilemma. The economic and humanitarian cost of the pandemic would be impossible to imagine today and incredibly hard to bear in future. As responsible corporate citizens we believe it's time to come forward and make a difference," said the gallery in its state-

The exhibition, which is currently live on the Emami Art website (emamiart.com) is showcasing 120 artworks by 36 "established, emerging and new" contemporary artists and the mix of paintings, sculptures and installations are priced at Rs 8.000 onwards. Some of the artists whose works are part of this exhibition include Jogen Chowdhury, Somnath Hore and Sonal Ambani.

Apart from this, Emami Art is also hosting a mentorship programme for young and emerging artists, so that they can use this time at home to hone their skills and the first such programme saw leading Indian artist Atul Dodiva; writer, curator and cultural theorist Ranjit Hoskote; performance artist Nikhil Chopra; and gallerist Mortimer Chatterjee taken on the mantel of mentorship.

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