

Engage with 40 women artists from across Karnataka as they draw live for audiences at Art Park on February 5. Artworks will be sold at ₹1,000 following the event

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About 40 women artists from across Karnataka will come together for the first time at the Art Park for a live drawing and interaction session in the city.

This edition of the monthly Art Park will be exclusively for women artists, unlike the usual mix of men and women artists in the earlier Art Park events, says Rekha Krishnamurthy, a Art Park Committee member. "This edition celebrates International Women's Day in advance. It will be open for informal talks, critiques and admirers of art."

Bhavani G S, another Committee member adds, "Artists from Tumkur and Davangere will be joining us. People can see how different artists work. They can interact with them and also buy their work. They will be sold at ₹1,000."

The artists will be given five sheets to do draw. One will be donated to the Art Park and the rest will be sold, says Bhavani, ten per cent of which will be handed over to the festival.

"No theme binds these artists. They are free to work in their own style and language," says Bhavani. There will also be a poetry session by a renowned poet, writer and filmmaker Pratibha Nandakumar.

Bhavani and Rekha will also participate in the event.

Rekha is fascinated with water colours and also enjoys drawings. "The city has been my inspiration in many of my hues," she says.

Bhavani's works are mostly based on nature and urban living.

Being from Coorg, she draws inspiration from nature and her life. "You always want what you have missed in your life. When you have it, you do not realise its value," she adds.

A Bengaluru artist Mridul Chandra will be participating for the third time in the festival. "People look forward to doing different things on the weekends. This could be one where they can visit a beautifully designed park to see artists," she says.

She adds that the visitors can chat with artists while they are working on their art at the festival.

Rani Rekha, another woman artist is looking forward to seeing other artists' works and interacting with them. "This will give people an idea about the art industry, the different mediums and techniques used to draw."

The artist who works mainly on figuratives says, "I will draw a reaction to whatever is happening at the event."

This cultural initiative is conceived and designed for the public, says another artist Vaidehi Raja. "It is mainly for people to come and collect artworks." The artist specialises in printmaking and draws her inspiration from the surroundings. Her works mostly comprise human figures. "I might bring a few of my print works," she concludes.

Art Park is a monthly event held on every first Sunday of the month.

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Mridul Chandra



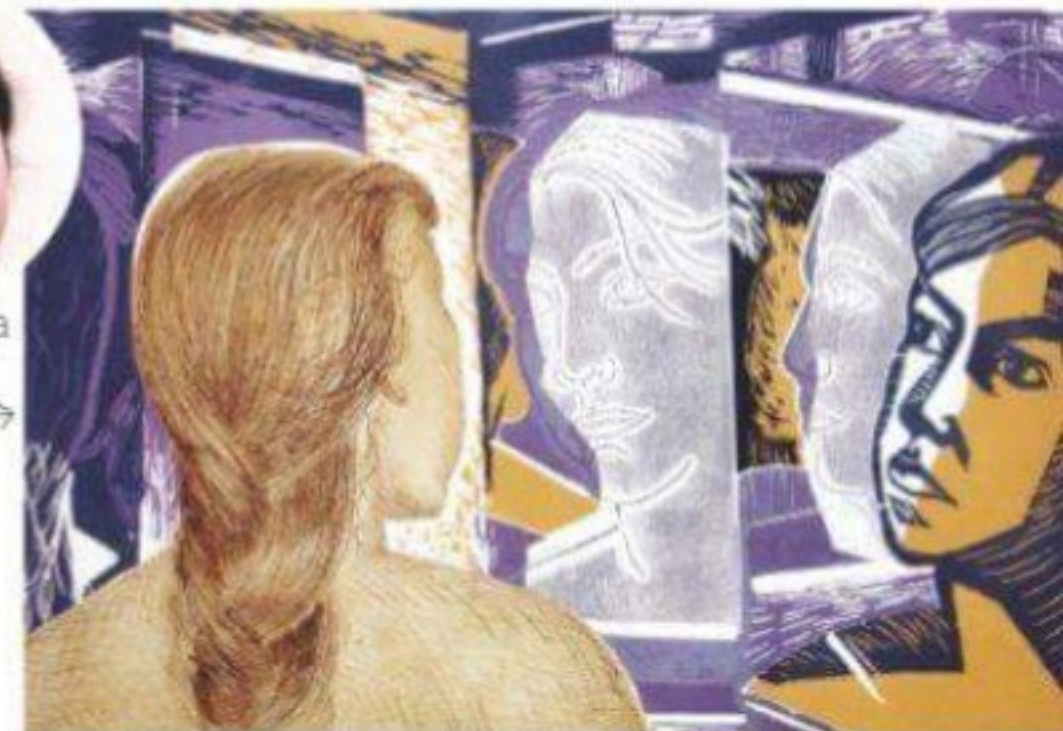
Rani Rekha



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