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WHATSUP

PARAMPARIK KARIGAR WAS BACK IN CALCUTTA WITH THEIR 25TH EXHIBITION AT THE KOLKATA CENTRE FOR CREATIVITY

Paramparik Karigar, a Mumbai-based association of craftsmen, was back in Calcutta for the second time, with their 25th exhibition where they featured 40 local artisans from all over the country, who displayed various art and craft pieces, home décor items and textiles at the Kolkata Centre for Creativity. Around 1,500 people visited the exhibition, from February 24 to 26. People from different age groups, cultures and tastes stopped by to buy home décor pieces and textiles.

Paramparik Karigar strives to seek out India's ancient arts, crafts and textiles and support the local artisans who make India's heritage and culture more rich. They try to create an environment more conducive for the craftsmen to create their exquisite pieces of art. They help the local artisans to display their unique crafts with dignity and sustainability. This year, Paramparik Karigar brought different works of craft and textile fabrics like *jamdani*, muslin, *patachitra*, jewellery, puppets and many more. **12** checked it out



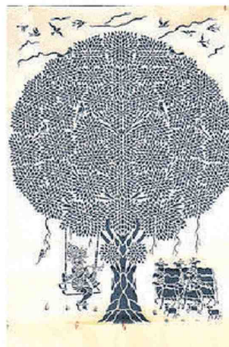
"I am glad to say that Paramparik Karigar, hosted by The Gallery Store at Kolkata Centre for Creativity, has been a very successful three-day event. Forty artisans came to exhibit their works with craft, fabrics, and textiles like muslin, *jamdani*, *patan patola*, *maheshuari* cotton, *chanderi*, *ajrakh*, *paithani*, *kota*, *kalamkari*, *danoo*, jewellery, shoes, puppets and *patachitra*. Each artwork was distinctive and carried a unique essence of their respective regions. People from every corner of our city, even the country, came to join this grandeur. In fact, people from different age groups visited the stalls and picked up the art and crafts of their choice. Grace was also a part of this festival and added some special items for Paramparik that cater to our visitors at their best. I am really elated to express that Paramparik Karigar has been a very successful event and we are looking forward to hosting more such events in the future," said Richa Agarwal, chairperson, Kolkata Centre for Creativity, and CEO, Emami Art.



These aesthetic *dokra* casting wall hangings belonging to a tribal art form were from Sandhya Metal Craft by Rajib Kumar Maiti. The stall had other *dokra* art pieces like show pieces, cutlery, jewellery boxes and others. Rs 2,800



This stall by Jahabhai L. Rathod from Gujarat had silk saris with a unique embroidery called Tangaliya stitch, which is a 700-year-old method of hand-stitching. The stall also had Tangaliya stitch shawls, stoles and kurta pieces. Rs 3,000 to Rs 12,000



This beautiful paper-art wall hanging by Vijay Soni from Mathura came in different sizes, depicting different stories of Lord Krishna and Radha. Rs 800 to Rs 25,000



Dewangan Jagat Ram displayed different forms of bamboo home décor items like flutes, wall hangings, tulip flower sticks, small bamboo mugs, ashtrays and more. Rs 300 per piece



The Crewel by Jahangir Bhatt from Kashmir had a vibrant series of cushion covers, floor rugs, bed linens, curtains and more, which would add a touch of colour to your home. Rs 600 to Rs 12,000



This stall by Sheela Negi had some beautiful Himalayan Artifacts like antique jewellery pieces, mirrors, earrings and more. Rs 4,500



These soof embroidered *potli* bags from Parkar Hand Embroidery by Dayaben Dohat from Gujarat will add the oomph factor to your simple look. They also had soof embroidered purses, bags and *batus*. Rs 2,800 to Rs 6,500



These handmade leather kohlapuris with oxidized embellishments—a must-have in your footwear collection—were from Amit Kumar Handmade Jutis and Slippers. Rs 1,250



These hand-painted *patachitra* wooden plates from Bare Hand Creations by Tanmay Mohapatra from Odisha, are perfect to add to your home décor collection as these plates can be used as wall hangings. Rs 1,800 each



Kara Ajrakh had some beautiful *ajrakh*-printed saris, dupattas and suit pieces in different materials like moral silk and cotton. Rs 3,000 to Rs 1,2000



Shohel Khatri displayed some beautiful and colourful *bandhani* saris and dupattas in silk and *chanderi* materials. Saris started from Rs 15,000 and dupattas from Rs 500



Mohammad Kalam Khan and Mohsin Khan from Lucknow displayed a wide variety of *chikankari* kurta sets in white and pastel shades on silk and cotton materials, perfect for summer wear. Rs 1,500 onwards

Visitors explored the stalls and browsed through the aesthetic products which were on display.

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