

## **Art has a new address**

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Pune will have a new art gallery at the Ishanya Mall from next week – Arwa Janjali on what went into its making

After having Pune's one-of-its kind Amphitheatre to its credit, Ishanya mall will now house the city's finest art gallery called The Tilting Art Gallery. To be inaugurated by Bijal Meswani, on May 20, this art haunt will feature some of India's finest artists such as Satish Gujral, MF Hussain, Laxman Pai, Jehangir Jani, Sanjoy Bhattacharya along with a number of upcoming artists from Delhi as a part of the inaugural show.

Parul Mehta, Director, Deepak Fertilisers and Petrochemicals Corp. Ltd. and Monika Trivedi are the patrons of this distinctive gallery. "I have always been very interested in cultural activities, whether its dance, theatre or art. And when Parul, who is a dear friend, offered to be a part of this, I was more than happy." exclaims Trivedi.

A space set within a breath-taking architecture, design and splendor. The Tilting Art Gallery slopes gently into the Kund, the water body at Ishanya's Amphitheatre. "Apart from being a dedicated art gallery, what makes this particular art gallery stand out amidst the others in the city is its setting. The most important thing about art is how it is presented. It needs to have the right mood, lightings and ambience. And most of the city's art galleries lack in that aspect. We have tried to specially create an aura for art with the help of world class lighting and display systems.

"Also the fact that this side of town has no other art gallery, would work for us" explains Trivedi, Sarayu Doshi, Director, NGMA (National Gallery of Modern Art), Mumbai will also be present at inaugural show to share her thoughts on art.

"After the inauguration, we would have around 3-4 promotional shows with a mix of established and upcoming artists. And after a few months, we would plan to do something to promote mainly the upcoming artists of the city. We are also planning to tie-up with the Bombay Art Gallery and also go south. Through this gallery, we will try out best to highlight art for the sake of it and not for the heck of it" elucidates the patron of Ishanya's art gallery.

By bringing together India's greatest contemporary artists, The tilting Art Gallery is all set to present an enthralling experience of art and culture and create benchmarks for art in the city. The inaugural show will continue till May 30, from 11 am – 9 pm