

daily dossier

A nod from Mamata Banerjee

When Vikram Bachhawat (inset), director of Kolkata-based Aakriti Art Gallery, stepped into his office last week, he was surprised to

see an envelope on his

desk from the Chief

Minister of West

Bengal, Mamata

Banerjee, wishing

the gallery success

for their upcoming

exhibition Bengal

Beyond Boundaries

from July 7 to 16 at

Bikaner House in New Delhi. It is a fitting wish from CM Banerjee who is an artist herself. Elated with the acknowledgement, Bachhawat shared with this diarist, "It is always



Woman with mirror by Jogen Chowdhury; (right) Mamata Banerjee.

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nice to have our work appreciated and recognised. My colleagues, staff and I feel encouraged, especially since this is a big show with 300 artworks and 100 artists." The exhibition on Bengal artists has been conceptualised by artist Jogen Chowdhury and curated by art critic Uma Nair.

