

Affordable September 2026: Bringing Art Within Reach

Aakriti Art Gallery presents the 14th Edition of Affordable September, from 21–30 September 2026, featuring over 100 artists and more than 1,000 artworks priced between ₹3,000 and ₹3,00,000.

There is often a misconception that collecting original art is meant only for experienced collectors or those with substantial budgets. Affordable September, Aakriti Art Gallery's annual initiative, was conceived to challenge precisely this idea.

Returning for its 14th Edition, Affordable September 2026 brings together an extensive selection of paintings, prints and sculptures—from GenNext artists to Modern Masters—under one roof in Kolkata.

With over 100 participating artists and more than 1,000 artworks, the exhibition offers visitors the freedom to explore Indian art across generations, mediums, styles and price points.

Art for Every Collector

One of the central ideas behind Affordable September has always been accessibility.

Artworks in the 2026 edition range from ₹3,000 to ₹3,00,000, creating possibilities for very different kinds of collectors. Someone buying an original artwork for the first time can begin modestly, while an experienced collector can explore works by more established practitioners.

The intention is not simply to make art affordable. It is to make the experience of looking at, understanding and collecting art less intimidating.

A collector does not necessarily have to begin with a major painting. A drawing, print, small-format work or sculpture can become the starting point of a collection that develops gradually over many years.

From GenNext to Modern Masters

The strength of Affordable September lies in its diversity.

Rather than concentrating on a single generation or artistic movement, the exhibition brings younger contemporary voices into conversation with established and Modern artists.

Visitors can encounter paintings alongside works on paper, original prints and three-dimensional sculpture. The result is an exhibition where different artistic approaches coexist, allowing viewers to discover what genuinely appeals to them rather than approaching art with a predetermined idea of what they should collect.

With more than 1,000 works to choose from, the exhibition also encourages visitors to spend time looking and comparing.

Sometimes the work one eventually takes home is very different from the one one initially came looking for.

Why Begin Collecting Art?

An original artwork changes the character of a space in a way that a purely decorative object rarely can.

But collecting art can also become something more personal. Over time, the works we choose begin to reflect particular periods of our lives—our changing tastes, discoveries, relationships and memories.

The most rewarding collections are therefore not necessarily the largest or the most expensive. They are often those built patiently and with curiosity.

Affordable September encourages precisely this approach: look widely, ask questions and buy the work with which you feel a genuine connection.

For younger collectors in particular, starting within an accessible price range provides an opportunity to develop their eye before making larger acquisitions.

An Invitation to Discover

For Aakriti Art Gallery, Affordable September is also about widening the conversation around Indian art.

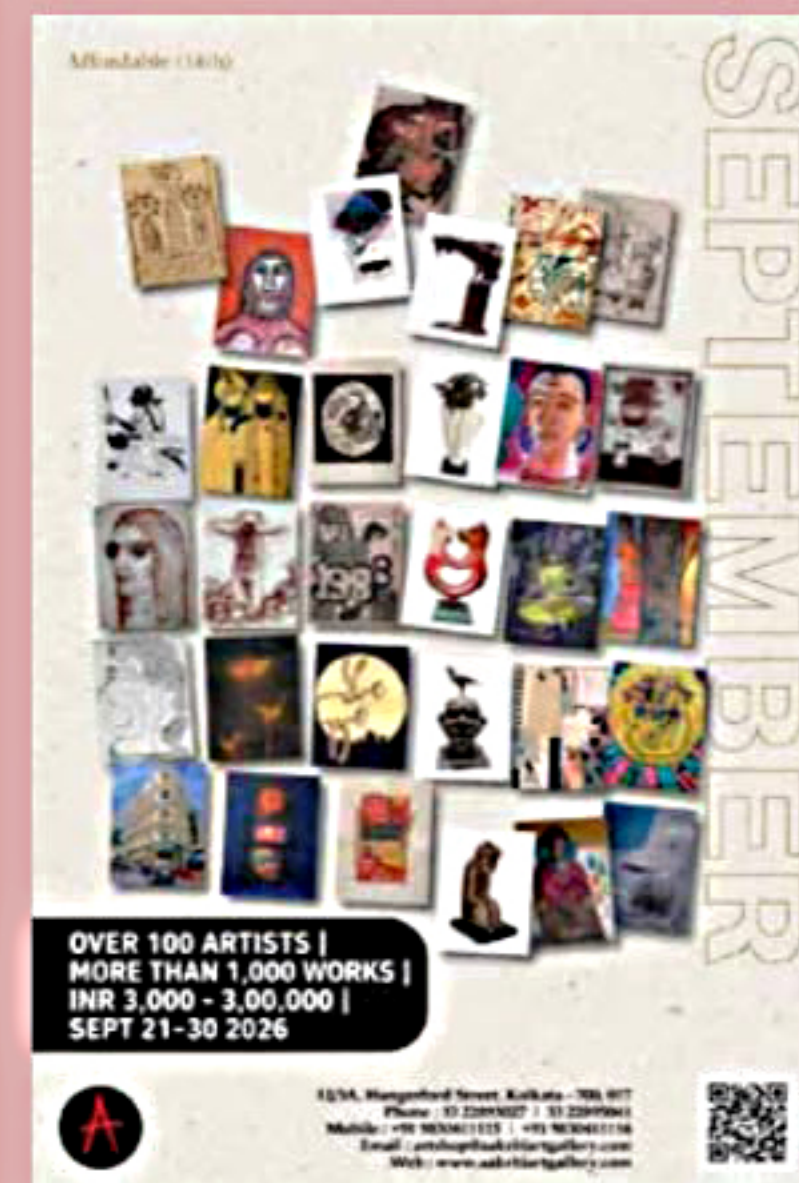
A gallery should not be a space where a new visitor feels hesitant to enter or uncomfortable asking the price of an artwork. It should be a place for discovery.

Whether you are an established collector, decorating your first home, looking for an unusual gift, or simply curious about contemporary Indian art, Affordable September offers an opportunity to

visit the gallery, browse freely and experience original art firsthand.

You do not have to know everything about art before you begin collecting.

You simply have to begin looking.



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bring art home.