

Press Release

## **Kolkata Centre for Creativity presents Mukhota The World of Masks**

*An exhibition of masks from the personal collection of Anupama & Anil Chauhan*

**Kolkata, March 2021:** Kolkata Centre for Creativity is organizing 'Mukhota: The World of Masks' that will exhibit over 100 unique masks from different parts of the world. Personally collected by Lt. General Anil Chauhan and his wife Ms. Anupama Chauhan, this diverse assortment of masks has been acquired from Africa, North America, Europe, the Far East, and the Indian Subcontinent with a fascinating bulk coming from the Himalayan belt. Curated by Ms Reena Dewan, Director, Kolkata Centre for Creativity, this collection will be put on display for the public for the first time exclusively at Kolkata Centre for Creativity from 11th April to 18th April 2021.

Between securing our borders and chalking out military strategies, 'masked' amidst masks and yet hiding in plain sight, is also Lt. General Chauhan's inspiring story of collecting masks, laden with valuable insights and fascinating anecdotes. Though at first glance these visually distinct masks of various colours, shapes, and sizes, might reflect the diversity of our cultural beliefs, differences in religious and ritualistic idiosyncrasies across continents and within our own country, there lies in them a common thread of humanity and lived experience that Mukhota promises to reveal through this unique exhibition.

KCC will also organize folk performance from Sikkim and other insightful lectures along with a walk-through and presentation by the Lt General, and also open up for the enthusiasts a space for one-on-one dialogue with the collector himself. This exceptional exhibition will provide the Kolkatans with a singular opportunity to traverse and learn more about the world and one's own country.

Date: 11th April to 18th April 2021.

Timings: 11:00 am to 06:00 pm

Venue: 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Kolkata Centre for Creativity  
777, Anandapur EM Bypass,  
Kolkata - 700 107.

### **About Kolkata Centre for Creativity (KCC)**

Kolkata Centre for Creativity (KCC) is a multi-disciplinary interactive art and creativity Centre located in Kolkata, West Bengal. It is the first in Eastern India to make Art accessible to visually impaired and differently abled under their 'Art for All' initiative. Spearheaded by Richa Agarwal as it's Chairperson, the 70,000 sq. ft. Centre champions the art and cultural landscape of contemporary India since November 2018. It comprises of an Amphitheater, Exhibition & Learning Spaces, Dance studio, Conservation Lab, Books & Materials Library, Creative Culinary space, Craft & Design outlet and a Skill Development Maker's section. Integrating several expressions of art and design to highlight their common creative core – KCC encourages visitors to explore, interact and design ideas on various art

forms. KCC works in the areas of Capacity Building, Well-Being, Conservation & Restoration, Craft & Design, Culinary, Visual and Performing Art. It acts as a catalyst for Artistic enhancement through Displays, Presentations, Fellowships, Laboratories, Residences, Conservation, Research and Discourses.

The programs at KCC are designed on the principles of Cultural Diversity, Gender Equality, Conservation of Environment and Inclusion of people with different abilities.

The Centre offers free entry to the public and is open between 11 am to 6 pm from Tuesday to Sunday. For more information about exhibitions and the conferences, please visit [www.kolkatacentreforcreativity.org](http://www.kolkatacentreforcreativity.org)

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