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CELEBRATION OF MODERN ART

FOR THE LOVE OF CONTEMPORARY ART

It was an evening that celebrated the city's love for modern art. Kolkata Centre for Creativity opened its doors to the art enthusiasts of the city recently and dignitaries from different walks of life gathered at the venue to mark the occasion. The five-storey building has a sprawling art gallery by Emami Art Foundation and houses paintings and installations on its ground floor. The other four floors house an amphitheatre, a library, workshop areas and many other interesting corners dedicated to art. On the evening of the launch, guests including author **Devdutt Pattanayak**, artist **Nassia Inglessis**, scenographer **Rajeev Sethi** and several other dignitaries were spotted. **Richa Agarwal**, executive director of KCC & CEO of the art foundation, said, "We are extremely proud to be associated with Kolkata Centre for Creativity. It is a dream project built with a lot of love and passion and we hope that it becomes a creative destination for everyone."

A STAR-STUDED EVENING
 Many known faces from the film and fashion fraternity attended the do and all of them explored the sprawling arthouse. Artist **Nassia Inglessis's** installation — *Disobedience* — that stood right near the entrance, was a top draw. **Abhishek Dutta**, who took a walk through the installation, told us, "The experience was surreal and such kinetic installations feel like sci-fi movies. It also connects you with the creativity of the artist."

EXPAT COMMUNITY ENJOYS TO THE HILT
 Several diplomats and members from the expat community attended the inaugural talks. "I am amazed by the space. It will be a wonderful place to welcome creative exhibitions and innovative forms of visual and performing arts and workshops. We are happy to host a play here soon. I see many opportunities of collaborations with this versatile and diverse space coming up," said **Fabrice Plancon**, director, Alliance Francaise du Bengale.

ART APPRECIATORS GALORE
 The sprawling arthouse saw the city who's who in attendance. "Our objective is to showcase modern and contemporary art," said art curator **Reena Dewan**. Meanwhile, folk art curator **Nandita Palchoudhuri** took the guests to the fifth floor, where an enormous installation of *Ravana*, called *Dasagriva*, was on display. "This is a blend of *Chhau* and *shola* art-work. *Shola* artisan **Madhumangal Malakar** and *Chhau* artist **Nepalchandra Sutradhar**, along with a bunch of schoolchildren, have created this 14-ft *Ravana*," **Nandita** informed us.

Tanusree Shankar and Madhu Neotia
Devdutt Pattanayak
Richa Agarwal and Reena Dewan
Abhishek Dutta
Father Felix Raj
Pinakin Patel
Nassia Inglessis
Arindam Sil
Indrani Dasgupta
GM Kapoor
Shuvaprasanna
Paramita Saha
Fabrice Plancon and Neela Majumdar
Michael Feiner
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