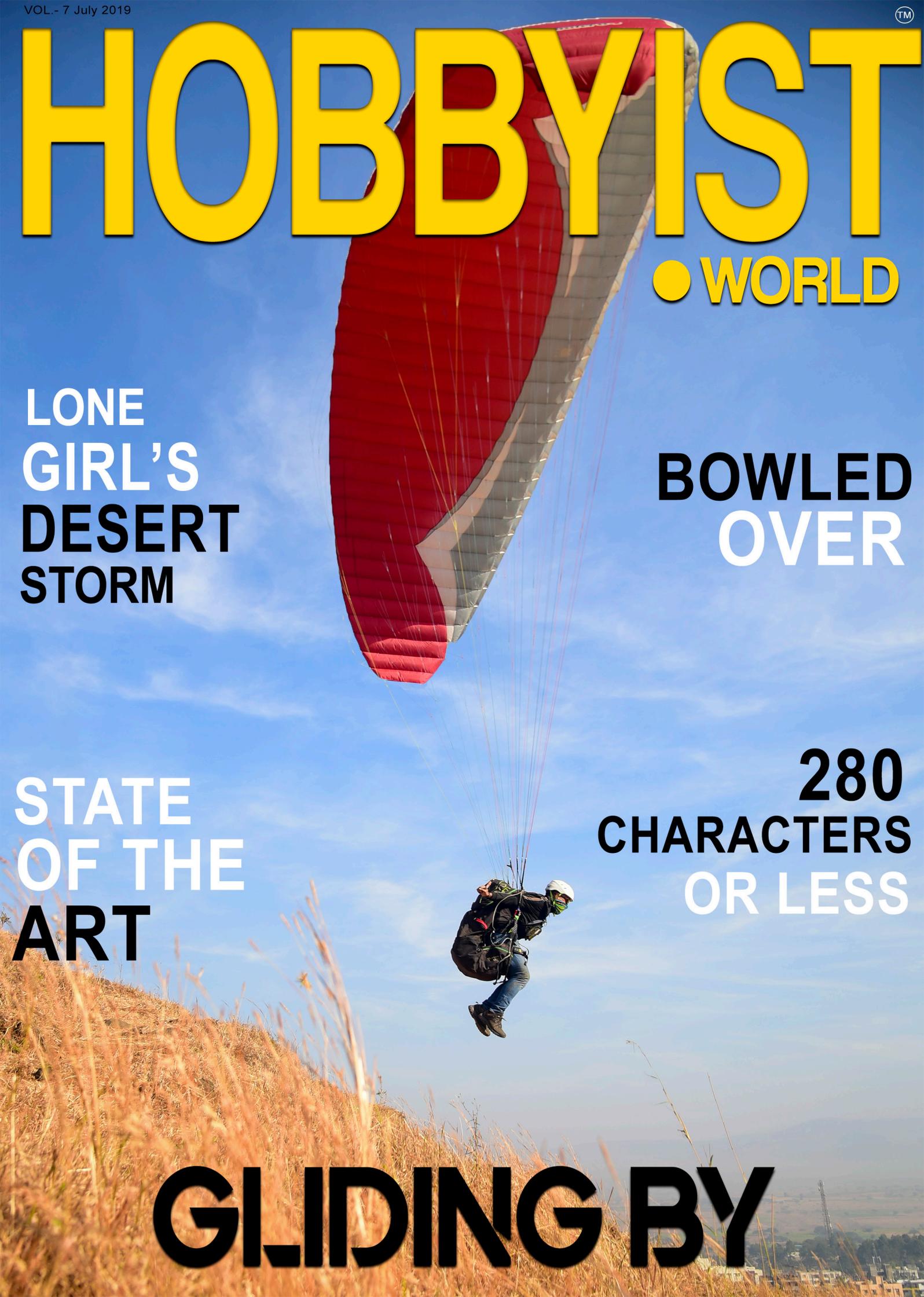


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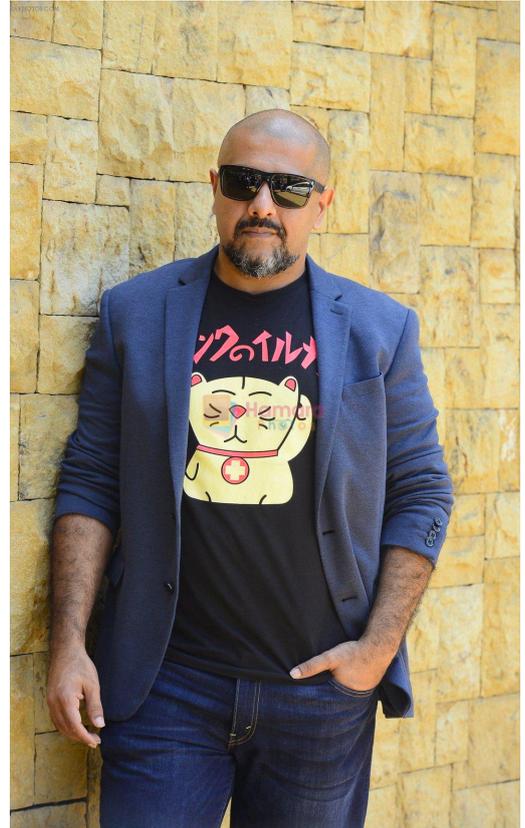
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GLIDING

BY



At some point in our lives, most of us have wished we could fly, but modern-day science hasn't yet invented a personal mechanical strap-on set of wings that'll let us soar the skies. Skydiving is the closest we've come to actually fly, but what about the people that don't have an aeroplane to jump out of? The ultimate fly-like-a-bird sport of paragliding. Hobbyist World got candid with Vishal Dadlani about his love for paragliding.

Q. Why do you think it's important to have a hobby?

A, I didn't think so at all, until relatively recently. My job was always my hobby. I have the privilege of making music and playing concerts for a living, so I was living the dream. Once I found paragliding, though, I never wanted to come back down to earth.

Q. How did you get started with your hobby?

A. I saw a few gliders over the expressway one weekend, and I was curious. Serendipitously, I met someone who flew at Kamshet fairly regularly. Then, a Facebook friend of mine re-introduced me to Anita and Avi at Temple Pilots, the school where I learn. About two years after I had their number, I finally managed to call, set a date and show up at the school. At the end of day 1, I was exhausted but hooked.

Q. How do you take out time to pursue your hobby?

A. I don't get nearly as much time as I'd like, but if you love something, you figure out the time. I steal away on weekends, festivals, birthdays, Christmas and New Year's (these, regularly since 2017) to go flying.

Q. How long have you been flying for?

A, Been learning since the end of 2016.

Q. What has been your favourite place to fly?

A. Well, so far I've only flown in Kamshet and over Pawna lake, aside from a tandem ride, I did in Himachal, which doesn't

count. I'm going to Bali with the school, this August, so I think that might make the list. However, I'll be honest, anywhere that lets you, get in the air, is a good place to fly.

Q. What is your dream destination for flying?

A. The Himalayas, to begin with. Hoping to do that, this October. I also want to do the Panchgani Cross Country flights a few times. Then I want to do a tour of all the fly-sites in Europe, and the new ones that are opening up. I want to fly in the desert in the UAE too, perhaps next year. I want to fly everywhere that offers the possibility of take-off and landing.

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LONE GIRL'S DESERT STORM

Three strong iron ladies started and then there was one. What started on 6th May 2019 in Delhi was nothing less than a battlefield filled with 34 teams of the best racers and navigators all across India. Desert Storm is the most crucifying and longest desert rally in India. The unrevealed terrain and the crucifying temperatures ensured not all the men and their machines could cross the final chequered flag. Only 18 cars/ATV ran across the finale flag. Amongst this storm was the lone flag bearer of ladies who survived heat, intense terrains, hailstorms, rain and even a literal desert storm, she is none other than Khyati Mody. Hobbyist World got an opportunity to ask her about her experience at Desert Storm.

Q. How and when did you get started?



A. I think it started from a young age probably when my first toy was a blue car or the feeling I would get even just sitting in a car with the windows down and feeling the gush of wind on my face and hair. My passion for cars was intensified through my young age when I would be watching F1 instead of discussing fashion or boys that girls my age were doing.

There was no looking back since the first time I sat in a go-kart then progressing to Rotax karts, single-seater formula cars and now offroad cross country rallies.

I am one of the very few women in India and the only one from Mumbai to participate in extreme cross country rallies.

It all started when on a fine day I had bunked college once and gone to a local go-karting track and learnt that the very next day there was a race. Without any racing knowledge, I jumped to the opportunity and participated where I came 2nd on the podium. A national-level racer/team manager spotted me and he offered me a seat in national level karting. I participated in numerous national-level go-karting, Rotax races where I claimed multiple podiums and then I tried my hand at single-seater formula cars.

Due to work commitments, I had to travel to

the UK and was off the circuit for almost 4-5 years. The motorsport bug had never died in me. During one of the trips to India a friend who was organizing a rally suggested I should participate in it. Without any knowledge of rallies or terrain or even a car, I went to Churu, Rajasthan. He organized a car for me and where I was the underdog and people were better, I would burn the clutch or get stuck. I proved everyone wrong by winning the rally. Since then there had been no looking back. I have dominated the podiums in multiple rallies and autocross.

Q. What has been your favourite competition that you have been a part of until now?

A. It's tough to pinpoint one but my first race & rally or the time I made a 50,000 national record along with 3 of the greatest racers or the time I started working alongside Jaguar for their events. My first rally Heat Stroke is the most

Q. What is your favourite thing about driving cross country?

A. It's extremely challenging mentally, physically and emotionally. The route is not disclosed until the start or the day or the rally hence the terrain is unknown. We have to rely upon and trust the navigator to ensure us they show us the correct route. It's like going into uncharted territory with a high level of risks such as extreme dips and unruly surfaces. We are driving on 0% tarmac and just on sand, dunes, dirt, girt or unforgiving mountains.

Q. Where would you love to drive in the future?





I travel to explore the world. It helps me evolve as a person and even helps me find my purpose of life. You cannot find yourself until you are completely lost. Sitting in a remote Himalayan mountain I found my self and today I am India's fastest women car rally driver

A. I want to drive in Dakar and World Rally Championships.

Recently I got selected in Team India to represent India at AAGC (Auto Asia gymkhana Championships)

Q. Does one require any special qualifications/ permits?

A. You need a lot of talent, courage, stamina, love for the sport, perseverance, endurance, determination, dedication, self-confidence to even start the sport. Licenses and permissions are issued by the country's respective motorsport body. In India, FMSCI is responsible for issuing permissions and permits.

Q. Can you tell us something that people may not know about driving cross country?

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navigator to ensure us they show us the correct route. It's like going into uncharted territory with a high level of risks such as extreme dips and unruly surfaces. We are driving on 0% tarmac and just on sand, dunes, dirt, girt or unforgiving mountains.

We get barely any sleep through the whole day since we have to personally coordinate with our service teams for car service and setups after the end of every leg. Numerous occasions I have slept in my rally car while my car was getting serviced. Our seats are bucket seats(FIA approved, non-reclining) and there is no a/c or blower in the car and there is constant noise from the service team working on the car. The recent rally that I did the temperatures had crossed way beyond the 50 deg mark and it was practically very tough to handle such temperatures and rigid terrains.

Q. What's one piece of advice you'd give budding drivers?

A. Believe in your dream and believe in yourself. It's a long and beautiful journey and I can assure you the most memorable journey of your life. Keep at it.

STATE OF THE ART



India is a charming country of rich architectural beauty, culture, traditions and historical past. Being ornamented with historical monuments, it has a majestic past of Mughals and British that speak of the history. In each destination of India, travelers can come across a museum that displays the magnificent past of the region. And no tour to India is complete without paying a visit to a museum of the city that reflects the culture and history of ancient India in a most beautiful way. Hobbyist World takes a look at some of the most popular museums and art galleries in the country.

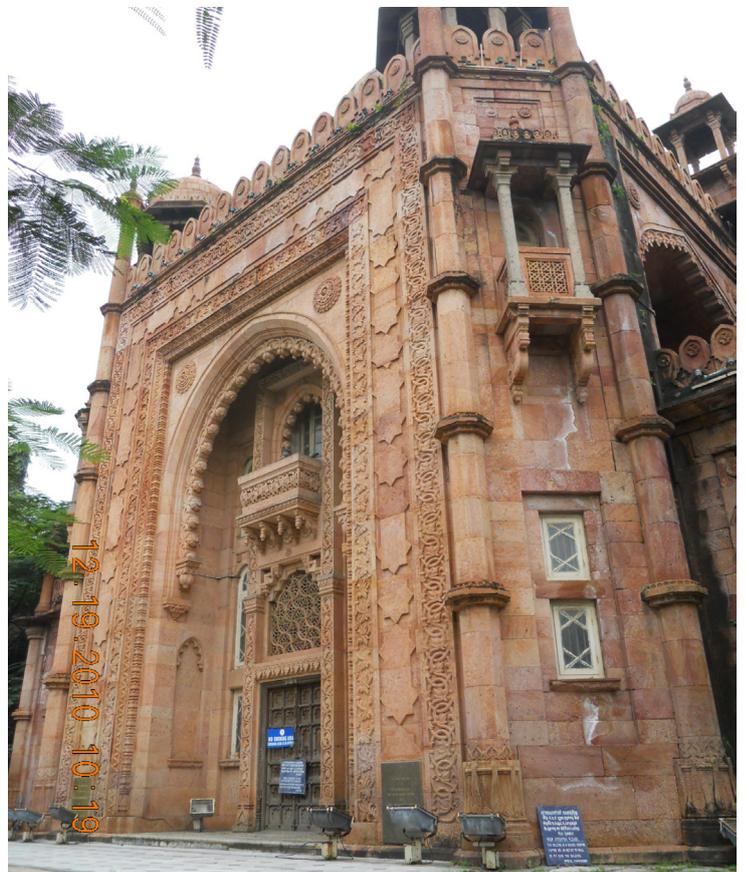


NATIONAL MUSEUM

One of the largest museums of India, the National Museum has diverse articles from the magnificent ancient era. It was constructed in 1949 on the corner of Janpath in the lively city of Delhi. It is the best place to visit as one gets to know about the luxury coaches of trains, which were a long time back used by the great kings. It houses a variety of collections that include jewellery, paintings, armours, decorative arts and manuscripts. There is also a Buddhist section where one can find the head of a Buddha statue, and Buddha Stupa having remnants of Gautam Buddha, constructed in 3rd century BCE by Sovereign Ashoka.

GOVERNMENT MUSEUM

Also hailed as Madras Museum, Government Museum is positioned in Egmore, which is among the busiest spots of Chennai. It was established in 1851 and exhibits different varieties of geology, zoology and anthropology and botany. The museum has excellent sections showcasing the main south Indian times encompassing, Chalukyas, Chola and Vijaynagar. There are separate sections for children also. Moreover, one can have a glimpse at the different collection of books from yesteryear at the well-stocked library.



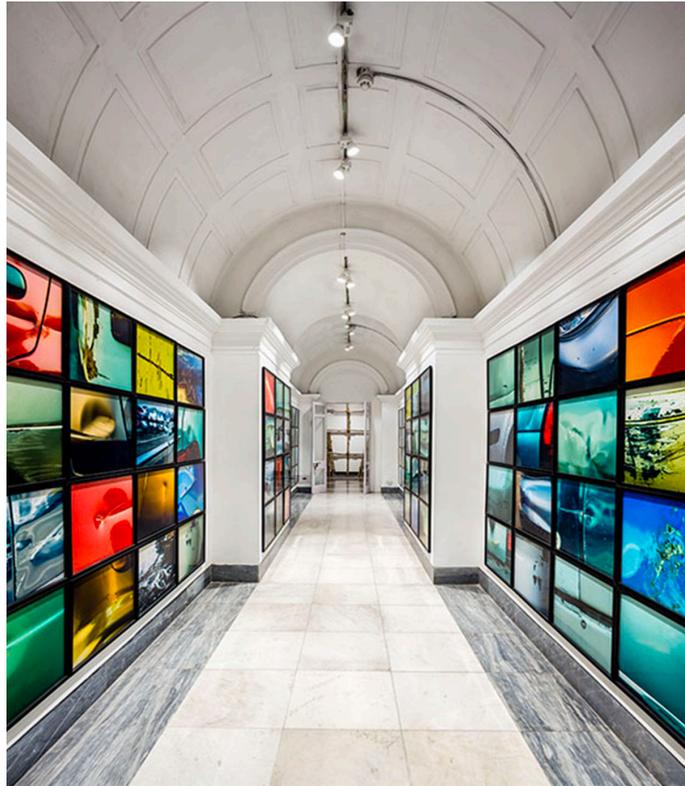
ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS

Established in 1933, the Academy of Fine Arts in Kolkata is one of the most significant art galleries in India. Various famous paintings by eminent Indian and foreign artists are displayed here. Some of the famous paintings include 'Girl with a pitcher' and 'A Winter's Evening' by Rabindra Nath Tagore. Works of artists like Jamini Roy, Nandalal Bose, M.F.Hussain, etc, are also showcased at the academy.



JEHANGIR ART GALLERY

Established in 1952, Jehangir Art Gallery in Mumbai is owned by a private organization and has paintings of almost all famous Indian artists from Jamini Roy to Arpita Singh. Artists from India and abroad line up to get their work exhibited at this gallery. It is a must-visit for art lovers as you will get to see some of the finest art creations of the world at this gallery.

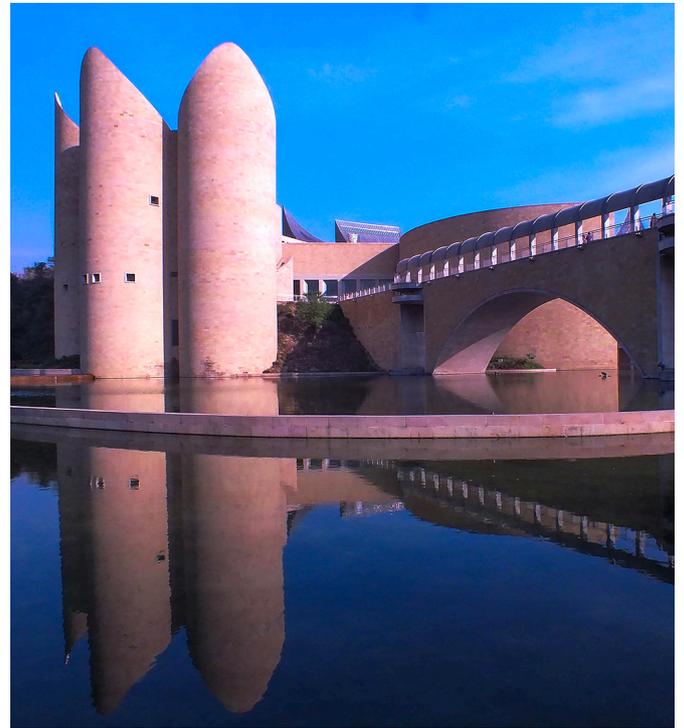


NATIONAL GALLERY OF MODERN ART

Positioned in proximity to the Gateway of India, Mumbai, Chhatrapati Shivaji Vastu Museum Mumbai was erected in the starting of the 20th century. It comprises of three main sections such as the archaeology section, natural history section and art section. Each section shows a variety of work of arts dating back to the Gupta and Chalukyas era.

VIRASAT-E-KHALSA

Located in Sri Anandpur Sahib, Virasat-e-Khalsa Museum showcases the rich cultural heritage and history of Sikhs. The stunning complex has been designed by the internationally acclaimed architect Moshe Safdie, who drew inspiration from the historic buildings such as the Golden Temple, the Anandgarh Fort, and the Gurdwara Keshgarh Sahib. Other than its fascinating interactive exhibits, this visitor-friendly museum itself is an awe-inspiring work of art – it houses one of the largest hand-painted murals in the world, depicting the past and the present of Punjab. With 10 million visitors over the past five years, it has become the most visited museum in India.



PUKHAUTI MUKTANGAN

With a very indigenous name, which translates to 'free and open courtyard of our ancestors, this newly developed museum-cum-culture park combines the native ethos of Chattisgarh with modern design sensibilities. With murals by award-winning artists, gardens adorned by tribal art installations, and iron gates that tell long-forgotten local stories, this beautiful museum brings together the past and present of Chhattisgarh's art forms in one place.

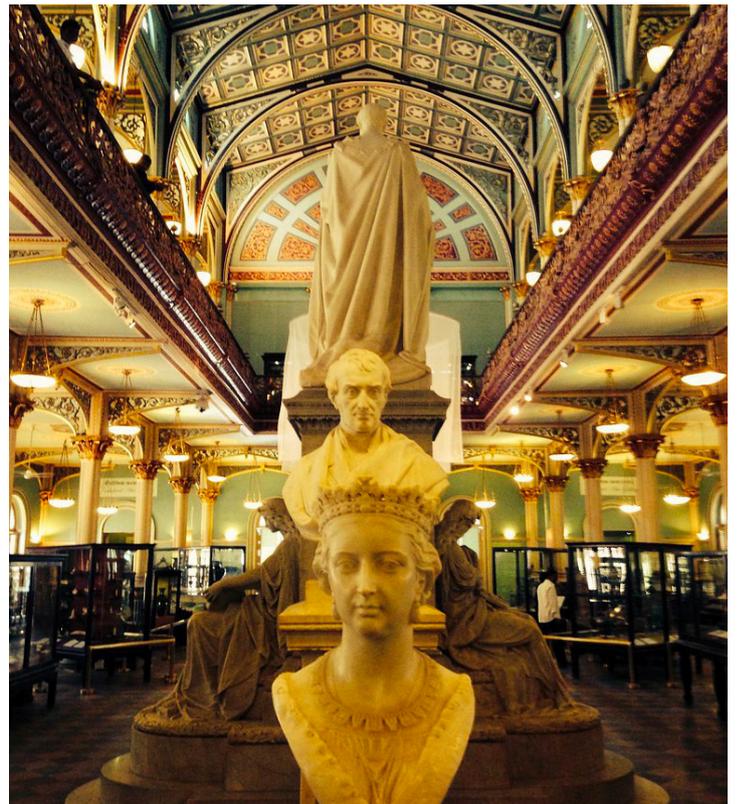


AAKRITI ART GALLERY

Aakriti Art gallery has evolved as one of the prominent modern Art Galleries in India. The gallery operates from two centres, one in Kolkata and one in New Delhi. Traditional paintings, sculptures, printmaking, video art and installations are on display here. Art lovers have the option to buy modern and contemporary art paintings from an online art shop too. The gallery has reinforced the Gen-next exhibitions which deliver modern art and reaches to the young crowd of India.

DR BHAU DAJI LAD MUSEUM

An ancient museum that displays the decorative arts collection of the 19th century, Dr Bhaui Daji Lad Museum was opened for the public on May 2, 1872, and that time it was known as Victoria and Albert Museum. The exhibits at this museum are gratifying and give a reflection of life in Mumbai in the Nineteenth century. Some of the collections include historical photographs, clay models, maps and costumes.



280 CHARACTERS OR LESS

Microblogging is the new norm of expression and has been constantly trending for quite a while now.

With the advent of social media and eventual decreasing attention spans of the masses, microblogs are the most effective forms of expression and communication.

Microblogging is basically a hybrid of blogging and instant messaging, and as a result, is one of the newest hobbies, and also one of the most popular ones.

What is a microblog? A microblog is a platform that one uses to typically share content in a compact and minimalistic way. They are different from 500+ word blogs posts and often rely more on mediums of expression such as images, gifs, videos or stickers. These microblogs are smaller in both actual and aggregated file size.



Microblogging can help you create a wide variety of content, from a regular photo journal of your day-to-day life to creating commercial content to promote your brands, products or initiatives. Chances are, you've already been microblogging and you probably don't even realise it yet!

The first micro-blogs were called tumblelogs. The term was coined by why the lucky stiff, aka Jonathan Gillette,

a writer, cartoonist and programmer in a blog post on April 12, 2005, "Blogging has mutated into simpler forms, but I don't think I've seen a blog like Chris Neukirchen's Anarchaia, which fudges together a bunch of disparate forms of citation (links, quotes, flickrings) into a very long and narrow and distracted tumblelog."

There are a number of microblogging platforms, Twitter and Instagram being the

most popular ones currently. Snapchat, thanks to its stickers and short video stories, is a platform used by youngsters worldwide to microblog. Here are a few other Microblogging platforms you should definitely check out if you're looking to take up this trending hobby!

Tumblr – Tumblr is one of the most dynamic micro-blogging platforms where users often share videos, gifs, images and sometimes, write-ups also.



Pownce – A recently opened for-free platform, Pownce lets its users send messages, files, links, and event to friends.

Jaiku – Jaiku is a microblogging platform that lets you post from the Web, by SMS, or from desktop clients to your micro-blog, add comments, use icons, link Webfeeds.

Cromple – Cromple allows you to update your friends with what you are are doing in what is probably the simplest ways, after IM, of course.

Yatam –Yatam is the easiest way to let your friends know where you are going and when! Share your favourite places, with your friends, family, and the rest of the world.

Vooeasy – have your own space where you can ask/answer question, write simple blogs, jot down daily musings, join groups, assemble teams, create a small online garage sale.

Jott - Jott converts your voice into emails, text messages, reminders, lists and appointments.

Shopalize – Shopalize is one of the most fun communities online and lets people share their shopping experience by answering one question: What did you buy today?



Wondering how you can start microblogging too? We have some excellent and easy tips for you to start your own microblog on Instagram and indulge in one of the quirkiest and fashionable hobbies ever!

Instagram is a visual platform where pictures and videos of attractive people and places get the most attention. Image is the king on Instagram although plenty of people have used the captions of their photos to share their writing. However, the text is nearly always rooted in the image. There have been success stories of writers on Instagram — users who share their writing (usually in the images) and gathered large followings. The Instapoetry community has flourished on the platform, as have photographers and illustrators.



SOCIAL MEDIA BLOGGING

Sign Up For an Instagram Business Account

Having a business account on Instagram allows you access to a number of cool features such as Instagram insights, ads, links within stores if you have the required number of followers, the contact button or collaborations and networking, among others.

Find Your Niche

A general microblog can be a good option, but posting for your niche audience can boost your following and give your blog a specific identity and direction.

Update Your Instagram Bio and Profile Photo

It is important to stay consistent while Microblogging, to create a distinct identity and higher recall power in the minds of the audience. Hence, is important to have a profile photo and bio that grab attention and hold it too.

Start Blogging!

Now that you're all set, start sharing! Put up interactive posts, at a regular frequency and your following will start to increase.

Create a Community

Use Instagram features like hashtags to discover other microbloggers with similar interests and connect with them using features like Direct Messaging or Commenting.

Use Instagram Stories, Live Stories and IGTV Videos

Make use of Instagram's wide potential through its features such as stories and live sessions, and compliment them by using interactive features such as polls, questions stickers, etc.

With the help of Microblogging, a number of people who would have never considered expressing themselves online have now initiated conversations about a number of topics, and you can too!

BOWLING OVER



When we imagine bowling, our mind often fills with musings of fun nights-out with friends, relieving after-hours with our co-workers, or even those birthday parties in our childhood. But the best part about bowling? There is no limit on who can bowl! Bowling being an easy to learn, low-impact sport, is suitable for the young as well the old. In fact, some bowling alleys even have special lanes for physically challenged and visually impaired. Bowling is amazingly accessible too! As everyone can play it throughout the year, unless you've outdoor tracks, which one will have to admit, must be awesome. Bowling is easy to learn too. These aspects and many more - make bowling a truly revolutionary, yet simple sport since everyone on this planet can play it.

You know which sport dates way before the Roman Empire, or even the first Olympics ever held in 776 BCE?

Bowling! Bowling actually has existed from way before than what you can imagine. According to archaeologists from around the world, bowling has existed in various similar primitive forms like pin bowling and target bowling. According to anthropologists, the similar sports that really resemble modern bowling, have existed for over 5000 years. Bowling holds importance in history of multiple cultures right from the Roman to The British and the American to the Indian. In fact, the 50s were known as the decade of bowling.

But we all love bowling not because of its mind-blowing history, but because of the fun and the health benefits. In fact, many Indians across the nation do bowling as an anaerobic exercise for the physical fitness, just like walking with free weights. Bowling stretches the body muscles that are not usually exercised. It helps release the stress of our joints and improve flexibility, have a better hand-eye coordination



and relieves stress. But more than its physical benefits, Bowling is a mental rejuvenation too. Bowling can help us have a better social life, to interact better with our colleagues, friends and family and to bond over a game of bowling. And most importantly - that amazing thrill of hitting the perfect strike is just as good as anything in this world can make you feel - and you can do it 12 times a game!

Warm ups are important before a round of bowling as you exert a lot on your body joints and arm muscles. It is important to focus on the pin and to roll the ball along the alley instead of throwing it. Sufficient practise and good focus is all it takes to master this amazing sport of bowling.

Apart from the social and health benefits, there is so much more you can get out of this sport. Bowling arenas are now present in almost all shopping malls and recreation parks and is a relatively cheap hobby to pursue.

Here are a few tips to help you ace your bowling

game :

- 1. Warm up, always** - You don't want to twist your ankle and watch your friends become masters as you sit in a corner, wishing you were doing it too.
- 2. Roll** - Always make sure you are rolling the ball and not throwing it as if its a stone. Rolling should be along the lane, and always roll smoothly from the start. A typical clonk sound is heard when amateurs bowl, and it's this sound you're aiming to eliminate.
- 3. Focus on the in** - Always make sure you eyes are on the pin and not on the ball.
- 4. Practise** - If you want to pursue bowling as a serious hobby, you need to practise enough, at least once a week. However, bowling is also great as an occasional recreation.
- 5. Use the right accessories** - One should pay attention to the shoes and make sure they are cleaned, especially the sole, to ensure no sliding.