

Indian artist's work on display

Staff Report

LAHORE: An exhibition of paintings entitled 'Signatures of Nature' by Sangeeta Gupta, an Indian artist, opened at the National College of Arts (NCA) on Monday.

The Delhi-based artist was unable to reach the inauguration of her exhibition in Lahore due to visa problems. "She will reach Lahore for the closing ceremony of her art show," said Dr Ijaz Anwar, curator of Zahoor-ul-Akhlaq Gallery. Sajida Haider Vandal, NCA principal, inaugurated the exhibition.

Thirty-two paintings were on display. The paintings were mostly inspired by nature. The medium was oil on canvas. Paintings such as 'Far Vistas', 'Down-Stroke', 'Sky-Writing', 'Bahar II' were fascinating, according to many viewers.

The artist has held a number of exhibitions both in India and abroad. She has won many awards such as the Hindprabha Award for Indian women achievers by Uttar Pradesh Mahila Manch in 1999, the 69th annual All India Award for drawing organised by the All India Fine Art and Craft Society, Rafi Marg, New Delhi and other honours.

Keshar Malik, noted art critic and poet, commented, "The image in Sangeeta's work is the magic lantern that gives light to artists in darkness."

Ms Vandal praised the exhibition and said that Sangeeta's works had great appeal and left a deep impression on the minds of art lovers.

Mehmood-ul-Hasan Rumi, director of the Naqash Art Gallery, said that the paintings were a mix of modern and abstract art.

The art show will continue till March 22 from 9 am to 4 pm everyday.