

Artwork: Sachi Torana

The "Sachi Torana" is a monumental 20-foot gateway, inspired by the grand entrance of the Stupa at Sanchi. This impressive structure, meticulously crafted from scrap iron and structural rods, stands as a testament to both engineering precision and artistic ingenuity. The artwork embodies a dynamic balance, merging the robust nature of industrial materials with the delicate aesthetics of traditional Indian art.

The gateway is adorned with whimsical elements that celebrate the vibrancy of Indian culture. Traditional Chennapatna dolls, captured in dynamic dancing poses, add a playful touch to the structure. These figures, along with revolving fans powered by the surrounding wind, evoke a sense of joyous movement and festivity. Flanking the sides of the pillars are pairs of elephants, symbolizing strength and wisdom, while three individual elephant forms stand majestically at the bottom, further enhancing the grandeur of the piece.

Crowning this majestic edifice is a giant Apsara, a celestial being known for her beauty and grace. The Apsara encapsulates the essence of artistic creation and inspiration, serving as a beacon of creativity and cultural heritage. The "Sachi Torana" is not just a gateway but a celebration of artistic expression, a warm welcome to the city, and a harmonious blend of tradition and modernity.

Artist: Madhukar. P

Madhukar P. is a versatile and accomplished artist, renowned for his innovative approach to sculpture and contemporary art. He holds a Bachelor of Visual Arts (BVA) and a Master of Visual Arts (MVA) in Sculpture from the College of Fine Arts, Bengaluru, affiliated with Karnataka Chitrakala Parishat. Additionally, he has earned a Diploma in Printing Technology from the Government Institute of Printing Technology.

Over the years, Madhukar has honed his expertise in various art production areas, including contemporary mural art painting, scrap metal assemblage, kinetic sculpting, pottery sculpting, and concept design. His proficiency extends to a wide range of materials, such as natural clay, fiberglass, scrap metal, power tools, and stone pottery, demonstrating his diverse skill set and adaptability.

Madhukar's artistic journey is marked by a continuous pursuit of knowledge and excellence, making him a prominent figure in the art community. His works often embody a fusion of traditional and modern elements, reflecting his deep understanding of cultural heritage and contemporary aesthetics. Through his art, Madhukar seeks to inspire and engage audiences, contributing significantly to the evolving landscape of contemporary sculpture.

Location: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

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