

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
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Press Release

Exchange of Colour Palettes between 2 Union Territories

Chandigarh, 16th November, 2017: Under the 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat Mission', the philosophy of which is 'oneness', the Chandigarh Administration and Chandigarh Lalit Kala Akademi, in collaboration with the Government of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Department of Tourism, have been working on an exchange programme, which encourages artists of both the Union Territories to visit and share their knowledge and expertise with each other through workshops, seminars, demonstrations and exhibitions.

As a part of the on-going endeavour that celebrates unity in diversity, Chandigarh and Dadra and Nagar Haveli have yet again joined hands to create a colourful, absorbing and unique one-week programme, curated and conceptualized by the Chandigarh Lalit Kala Akademi. A training-cum-art workshop by artists from Chandigarh, audio-visual presentations, demonstrations and exhibitions with the artists of DNH was organised for the students and art lovers of Dadra and Nagar Haveli, in Silvassa.

A space for creativity was created at Dadra and Nagar Haveli by the Chandigarh Lalit Kala Akademi and eminent artists. It is a creative collaboration that strives to get on one platform, different artistic sensibilities and also connect art to the common people and students of schools and colleges. Several initiatives by the Chandigarh Lalit Kala Akademi has given the thought a concrete form, with several artists from Dadra and Nagar Haveli travelling to Chandigarh for 17's Collision, an art workshop and showcase, live painting at the Rock Garden and other events.

Senior and young artists from Chandigarh travelled to Dadra and Nagar Haveli to create a creative confluence, which was inaugurated by Sh. Mohit Mishra, Deputy Director, DNH Tourism and Sh. Bheem Malhotra, Chairman, Chandigarh Lalit Kala Akademi on November 13, 2017. Sh. Mohit Mishra welcomed the eminent artists of Chandigarh – Viney Vadhera, Ravindra Kumar Sharma, Sadhana Sangar, Surendra Mohan Dhami, Bheem Malhotra and Tanvi Rana.

All the artists from Chandigarh have been involved in demonstrations on various techniques of art and have conducted several interactive sessions with students of schools, colleges and also art lovers of Dadra and Nagar Haveli. These demonstrations bring many closer to the process of the creation of art, bringing it out of gallery spaces, and facilitating a deeper engagement and understanding of it. An exhibition of the works created in the workshop by the students and artists of both the Union Territories will be showcased for the public at Vanganga Garden, Dadra, on November 18.

Commenting on this unique exchange of art & culture, Sh. Bheem Malhotra said “Art is the most suitable medium to create a rainbow of emotions. These eminent artists will also join the local artists to sculpt some outstanding moments, capturing the beauty of this great mission. An idea can be successful and far-reaching with the involvement of youth. In this training-cum-art workshop, students from schools and colleges will take the deeper meaning of this effort further, creating a space for people to come together and create a brighter tomorrow.”