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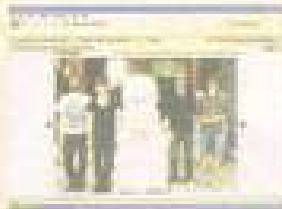
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Inspired by actual events, the film tells the story of Michael Giger who fell between faith and sex, became the victim of an accident, forced by his parents to a Catholic home, Michael eventually fulfills a 12 to 1800 approach.

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Steve is a college football player who plays tennis. When he falls in love with Shelly, also a tennis player, his life becomes a mess. He can't eat, can't sleep, his grades drop and he is kicked off the tennis team. A tennis pro friend suggests that Steve turn into a woman in order to get close to Shelly, who later chooses to leave.

**The Longest Penalty Shoot in the World, Alliance Française, Monday**  
Feyziade is the no-nonsense goalkeeper for a soccer team. He has never played for any game, but during the first



**CULTURE**  
**7 for Tagore**  
November 7-13, **Lalit Kala Akademi**  
New Centre, in association with Lalit Kala Akademi and Arts Council Kerala is holding The Legacy of the East. The works of seven award-winning contemporary Kerala artists will be displayed, all inspired by Rabindranath Tagore.  
Details: 24367128



**German Day**  
Monday, **Goethe-Institut, St. Matha Varkey Foundation**  
Goethe-Institut celebrates German Students' Day with a painting contest for children aged 5-12 from 8 am. Dance and music programs for students learning German at 1 pm. German band Fido will perform at 5 pm. **Goethe-Institut**  
New Hall at 6.30 pm. Details: 24367128



**Between the pages**  
Wednesday, **Landmark, Apni Place**  
David Sarno's new book, *Entrepreneur*, will be launched at 8.30 pm. The author will be present to talk about his book, which is about a group of passengers who have been involved with a unique experience. The Delhi-based author has written three bestselling fantasy novels.  
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The new *Talman Boutique* in Thiruvananthapuram is managed by Anand and Nisha, who began their career in Mumbai. Talman talks about the first tattoo station in Kerala, with professional artists from Thailand. Cost: Rs 1,500 onwards. Details: 4066071

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## Go Tagore!

&gt;&gt; ART ATTACK

| [Jude Samirath](#)

Tagore and Korean art may seem an unusual mix. However, this strange combination is on exhibition in the city and is set to make a statement...

Rabindranath Tagore has, for long, been a significant link between India and Korea. In addition to his early travels to Korea, calling it the Lamp of the East in 1896, the poet has always radiated a great deal of respect among Indians and Koreans alike. In the light of this, the conceptual Tagore as a theme in contemporary art form has, not surprisingly, had a great deal of appeal for Korean artists. An artistic conference revolving around this theme is on the cards at the upcoming Korean art exhibition at the Lotte Kall Academy, April 10th. The Lamp of the



East, Tagore is the main focus of exhibition, which is set to showcase the works of seven eminent Korean artists. Organised by the Indo Centre, Lotte Kall Academy and Arts Council Korea and featuring of artists such as Wong Joon, Dohmi Han (winner of the 2009 Sovereign Asian Art Prize) and Hwang Seonbin, an award-winning artist in Korean art, The Lamp of The East promises to present art enthusiasts in Chennai a commendable collection of contemporary art from Korea.

There are several artists in Korea who are extremely interested in pursuing Indian themes in their works of art," explains Hwang Seung, Curator, Lamp of The East, whose works of art such as Two Genes, One Face and The Buddha will be on display. While the exhibition plans to begin the run up to the 1993 birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore in the most fitting manner possible, Seung claims that Tagore's influence has left a lasting impression on the art scene in Korea. He says, "Tagore has been a figure that artists and play-writers in Korea have admired through the ages." Given the nodular and art buffs in Chennai will have a good dose of Tagore-Korean style!

Lamp of The East will be exhibited at Lotte Kall Academy between November 1st to November 22. For details, call 24803204

## Enduring artistic bonds

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THE INDIAN CONNECTION: Insang Song. Photo: R. Ravindran.

*Rabindranath Tagore comes alive in the works of seven Korean artists. Curator of the show 'The Lamp of the East', Insang Song, talks about the artistic ties between the two countries*

*The lamp of the east*

*In the golden age of Asia*

*Korea was one of its lamp-bearers*

*And that lamp is waiting to be lit once again*

*For the illumination in the east*

*(The Lamp of the East, Rabindranath Tagore, 1929)*

Over 80 years after Tagore wrote these words, the lamp will burn bright in tribute to the poet and Nobel laureate, right here in Chennai. "The Lamp of the East", a one-of-a-kind exhibition at Lalit Kala Akademi, will feature the works of seven major artists from Korea, who pay their

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respects to Tagore and, in the process, showcase some of the best of contemporary Korean high art.

"Everybody in Korea knows and respects Tagore — I remember studying his poems in junior high school," says Insang Song, the curator of the exhibition. "At the time of the Japanese occupation of Korea, his poems carried a message of hope for the oppressed Korean people."

The exhibition is the brainchild of Song, an independent curator and art critic who has an enduring love for India and Indian art. "A lot has changed in the last 80 years — now, Korea is a rich country, a developed country — and I often think back to Tagore's words," he says. "Korean contemporary art has today become very important in Asia, and I thought it only right to bring some of it here to India."

THE OLD AND THE NEW

The seven artists represent different generations of the contemporary art scene in Korea, from older, established artists such as Jheon Soocheon, whose large-scale installations are known the world over, to rising stars such as Lee Gwang Ho, whose unusual style has been garnering considerable attention of late.

"I've noticed that, often, just middling-level artists from Korea come here to exhibit, and I wanted to change that; I wanted an exhibition of top-level artists," says Song, who was the curator of Seoul Arts Centre for over 20 years. "I've specially commissioned some of the works for this exhibition."

The works remain immersed in contemporary Korean aesthetic, even as they explore how each of the artists relates to Tagore, his ideals, and to India at large. Although the number is limited — just 14 pieces — they cover a variety of styles, from paintings and sculptures to high-tech video art and interactive installations.

"This collection is, I think, quite representative of the current art scene in Korea, but I'd like to do a bigger show next time," says Song, "and perhaps take it to Delhi and Kolkata as well, in time for Tagore's 150th anniversary."

THE CHENNAI LINK

The decision to bring "The Lamp of the East" to Chennai came out of Song's own close ties to the city. This is the first place he visited in India in 2006 while putting together 'Hybrid Trends', the first-ever group show of Indian contemporary art in Korea, featuring the work of 14 artists, including Chennai's Benita Perciyal. Since then, he's done a number of Indian art shows in Korea, featuring artists from all over the country, but his affinity for Chennai remains.

"You know, the Korean language has many similarities for Tamil. We even call our parents 'amma' and 'appa'. Perhaps it's because of that, but I always feel at home in Chennai. So, I thought, why not begin the exhibition here?"

Song likes to trace the connections between India and Korea in more ways than one — and it goes much further back than Tagore. "In A.D. 48, King Suro of Korea married an Indian princess," he says, adding with a smile: "So, you see, the relationship between Indian and Korea has always been romantic and artistic, not martial, like that between Korea and Japan or China."

Not surprisingly, he says it's his dream to strengthen the bonds of art between the two countries. "The Lamp of the East" is certainly a wonderful start.

*(The exhibition is on from November 3 to 13).*

The artists

Jheon Soocheon

Debbie Han

Lee Leenam

Wang Jiwon

Sin Kiwoun

Seok Cheol Joo

Lee Gwang Ho

The line-up

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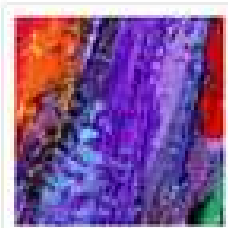
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@ **Lalit Kala Akademy**, Greams Road

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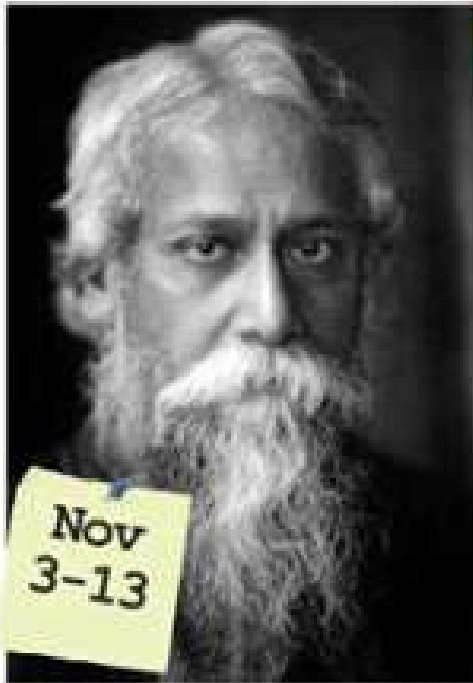
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Upto Tomorrow, Nov 13  
11:00 AM Onwards

### WHERE

New-4, Old-170, Greams Road, Thousand Lights, Greams Road, Chennai, Chennai

Phone: 28291692, 28290804



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### Lamp of the East

*Nov 3-13, 9:30am- 6:30pm*

**InKo Centre, No 51, Sixth Raja Annamalaipuram ☎ 2436-1224**

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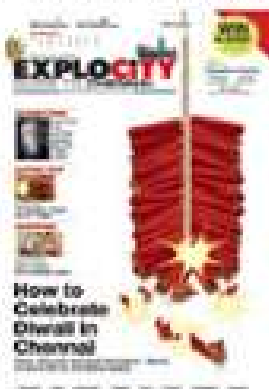
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Wednesday, November 3rd, 2010 to Saturday, November 13th, 2010

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