

# Indian art at Christie's sale

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Artworks from India and Pakistan would figure prominently at Christie's upcoming Autumn sale of contemporary art in Hong Kong.

The leading auction house which had grossed over Rs 21 crore, the highest total ever for Indian and Pakistan art, in May 2008 would put up a selection of works from Subodh Gupta, T V Santosh, Jitish Kallat Thukral and Tagra among others.

## CROSS-CULTURAL VIEW

In order to offer collectors a unique cross-cultural view of the current dynamic art in Asia works of artists from China, Japan and Korea would also figure at the day and night sale on November 30 and December 1 according to information released by Christie's.

Leading contemporary artist Subodh Gupta's two oil on canvasses are put up for the sale.

The first 'Doot' (Ambassador car) painted in 2003 is estimated to sell between Rs 2.58 crore and Rs 3.87 crore.

Another untitled oil on canvas is estimated to fetch between Rs 2.26 crore and Rs 3.23 crore.

Gupta utilises the cliché of colonial style Ambassador car to comment on the greater social ills of political corruption and power struggles to ex-



**Contemporary art:** Doot (ambassador car) — an oil on canvas painting by Subodh Gupta which will be put up for sale at the upcoming Christie's Autumn sale in Hong Kong on Sunday. — PTI

plore and expose anxieties about the rapid pace of change taking place in his homeland.

'Re-Ornamented' by Rash-

id Rana, one of the leading artists from Pakistan is a digital image of a temple by combining several pixels of ubiquitous advertisements.

Christie's, which holds sales of modern and contemporary art in New York, London and Hong Kong had totalled global sales of \$6.3

billion in 2007 marking the highest total in company and in art auction history.

For the first half of 2008, art sales totalled \$3.5 billion.