

Painting Portraits is a Passion for Painter Murgod

Bhimrao Murgod has a passion for portraits from Veerappan to Mother Theresa. Murgod has painted them all. An exhibition of portraits and miniatures exhibition of portraits and miniatures by him was inaugurated by former Prime Minister Shri I.K. Gujral. (See inside front cover) Murgod said he picked up the passion for portrait from his father. When Bhimrao was only a child. He saw that visitors to his house always looked at and appreciated the portrait of B.N Ambedkar, which had been autographed. Since then he made it a point to always get the portrait autographed, except in rare cases. The long list of VIPs who posed for Murgod include Bill Clinton, Vladimir Puntin, Rajiv Gandhi, Shankar Dayal Sharma and Atal Behari Vajpayee. He has painted Carl Lewis by just observing him come and go out of lift, when he was on a visit to Delhi.

Painting is just one of Murgod's interest. He is an actor and has worked in stage and cinema with senior and well-known directors. He demonstrated his talent in music by playing flute at the inauguration.

Along with portraits, on display were miniature painting done on buttons, ivory pieces and the moist attractive of all finger nails. Murgod has painted the Seven Wonders of the World in his specially grown thumbnail. He has a collection of over 450 portraits. His painting of Jimmy Carter adorns the walls of White House and some of his works occupy pride of place in Parliament House and Rashtrapati Bhawan.

Kumar Sanjay Jha