



# 32 mind creative

&. goes talent hunting for 32 uber-creative ideas. From fashion designers and sculptors to graphic artists and painters, we bring you an eclectic group. And they all meet our only criteria: banishing the boundaries of imagination

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# Our Panelists



They are of art, by art and for art. Some among them create masterpieces, while others understand and appreciate creativity. These aficionados have helped us choose the creative 32



(Clockwise from top left) **Samir Modi** In the business circle, Samir Modi is respected as a corporate whiz kid who created a niche with his business model. But outside the boardroom, he is a lover of art. Modi has an impressive and eclectic collection of artworks, including masters and upcoming artists. "I am always looking out for newer talent," says he. **Sushma Bahl** If anyone can spot one good art amid a crowd of bad art, it's Sushma Bahl. An independent arts consultant and curator of cultural projects, Bahl was the Head of Arts Department, British Council India, until April 2003. She is a advisory panel member of several arts institutions including the National Gallery of Modern Art Delhi and Florence Biennale in Italy. "As long as a work can justify itself, I would appreciate it. The age or experience of the artist doesn't matter," says Bahl. **Anu Bajaj** Founding Director of Gallery Art Positive in Delhi, Anu Bajaj is a connoisseur, collector and promoter of art. She is also the Director of Bajaj Capital Art House that works to promote upcoming and mid-level artists. And when she is not zipping around her gallery-cum-office, Bajaj has a fetish for Ganesha sculptures that she started collecting when still at college and today has over 500. And her trained eye is always looking out for fresh strokes. **Raseel Gujral** We could say creativity

runs in the genes of this celebrity interior designer. Daughter of master Satish Gujral, Raseel has been the creative genius behind some of the most spectacular homes in the country and her design brand Casa Paradox. "There is so much mediocrity in the Indian art scene today, I feel sorry. I want to focus on brilliance and genuine creativity," she says. **Bose Krishnamachari** A multi-disciplinary artist, Bose Krishnamachari is one of the stars of contemporary Indian art. Having arrived in Mumbai in 1986, with only a prospectus of JJ School of Arts, Krishnamachari feels strongly about supporting the younger generation of artists. "I had to struggle to create a niche for myself. I want to help other upcoming artists," says the style icon of the art world. Right now, he is planning the Kochi-Muziris Biennale, which may well be the biggest art event in the country. The three-month fiesta of visual contemporary art is scheduled to be held in 2012.

## Thought spot

The artist you like the most from the following 32 is...

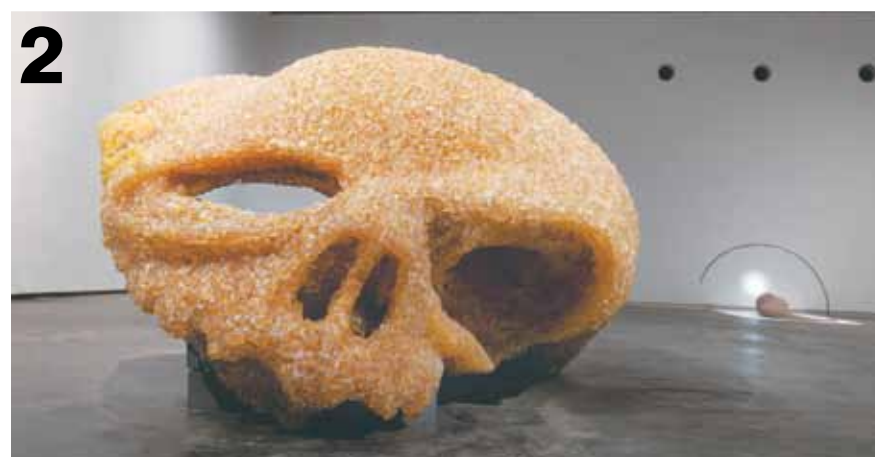
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Last issue's winner: Antara Banerjee

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## 1. Donovan T Wodehouse

**GENRE:** Artist **WHY WE CHOSE HIM:**

Donovan's ability to paint realistic images on the canvas that have a photographic quality definitely sets him apart. His works appear alive and reflect that the West is looking forward to Indian abstract works.

**REPRESENTED BY:** Art & You, New Delhi

## 2. Prashant Pandey

**GENRE:** Sculptor **WHY WE CHOSE HIM:**

Not the one to follow the conventional boundaries of sculpting, Prashant likes to experiment with new materials to generate the art he wants.

**REPRESENTED BY:** Gallery Maskara, Mumbai

## 3. Sahil Mane

**GENRE:** Photographer **WHY WE CHOSE HIM:**

An IT engineer by qualification and a photographer by calling, Sahil took a slightly circuitous route to achieve his dream. Through his distinctive and slightly eccentric works, that are, essentially, him, Sahil tries to reflect his unique worldview. **WEBSITE:** sahilmane.com

**REPRESENTED BY:** Gallerie Nvya, New Delhi







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#### 4. Amit Pasricha

**GENRE:** Photographer **WHY WE CHOSE HIM:** Born in a family of photographers, Amit's diverse body of work speaks for itself. He also has an exhaustive portfolio ranging from working for tourism departments in India to editorial photography. **WEBSITE:** [amitpasricha.com](http://amitpasricha.com)

#### 5. Anant Kumar Mishra

**GENRE:** Artist **WHY WE CHOSE HIM:** Anant's works are inspired by the representational power of simple movements that occur through the juxtaposition of human subjects and manmade objects. **REPRESENTED BY:** Religare Art

#### 6. Nandita Kumar

**GENRE:** Various **WHY WE CHOSE HER:** Nandita Kumar is a multi-faceted, multi media artist. She explores the elemental process by which human beings construct meaning from their experience through her work. Her work transfigures and depersonalises the "theatre" of the mind and taps into the "echoic power" of locating the reflective self in others. **WEBSITE:** [nanditakumar.com](http://nanditakumar.com). **REPRESENTED BY:** Latitude 28, New Delhi

#### 7. Krishna Murari

**GENRE:** Sculptor **WHY WE CHOSE HIM:** Murari's strength is in his use of leather, which he does to perfection. The sharp clean rigidity of form exudes an imperial air that compels attention. **REPRESENTED BY:** Gallerie Alternatives, Gurgaon





## 8. T Venkanna

**GENRE:** Contemporary artist **WHY WE CHOSE HIM:** One of the most exciting voices in Indian contemporary art today, the predominant subject in T Venkanna's work is sexual imagination that confronts the stereotypical ways in which sexuality is understood and defined. **REPRESENTED BY:** Gallery Maskara, Mumbai

## 9. Kartik Sood

**GENRE:** Artist **WHY WE CHOSE HIM:** Kartik creates an interface with the element of 'time', preserving the past and mapping the cultural metamorphosis through the medium of photography. His works range in the form of photos as well as TV-based installations alongside renditions on paper stuck on svelte acrylics. **REPRESENTED BY:** Latitude 28, New Delhi

## 10. Gunjan Arora and Rahul Jain

**GENRE:** Various **WHY WE CHOSE THEM:** Fashion designers turned artists Gunjan and Rahul's works are all about different artforms made from using leftover entangled threads, shards of fabrics, metallic filaments like steel, copper, etc. **REPRESENTED BY:** Art & You, New Delhi

## 11. Rajesh Ram

**GENRE:** Sculptor **WHY WE CHOSE HIM:** One of the main characteristics of Rajesh's work is the representation of everyday life. He beautifully depicts suffering through his sculptures and presents the simple path of betterment. **REPRESENTED BY:** Latitude 28, New Delhi



## 12. Vineet Kacker

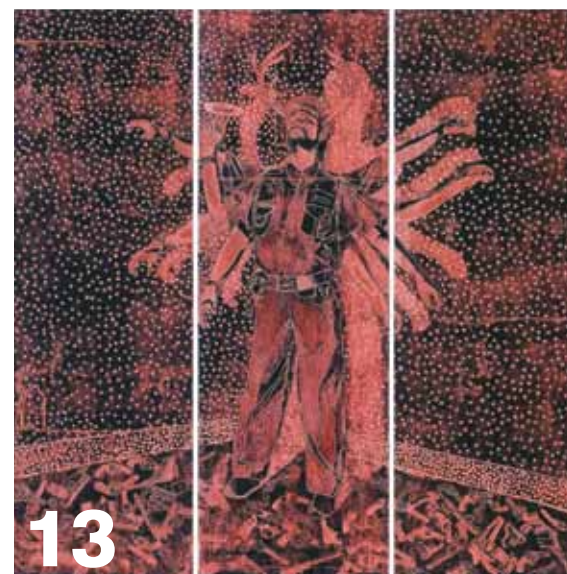
**GENRE:** Ceramicist **WHY WE CHOSE HIM:** Vineet's work is inspired by the Himalayan art iconography, stupa and shrine architecture. His work is interpreted with a contemporary sensibility, interspersed with urban street kitsch etc. **WEBSITE:** vineetkacker.com **REPRESENTED BY:** Art Positive, New Delhi

## 13. Prathap Modi

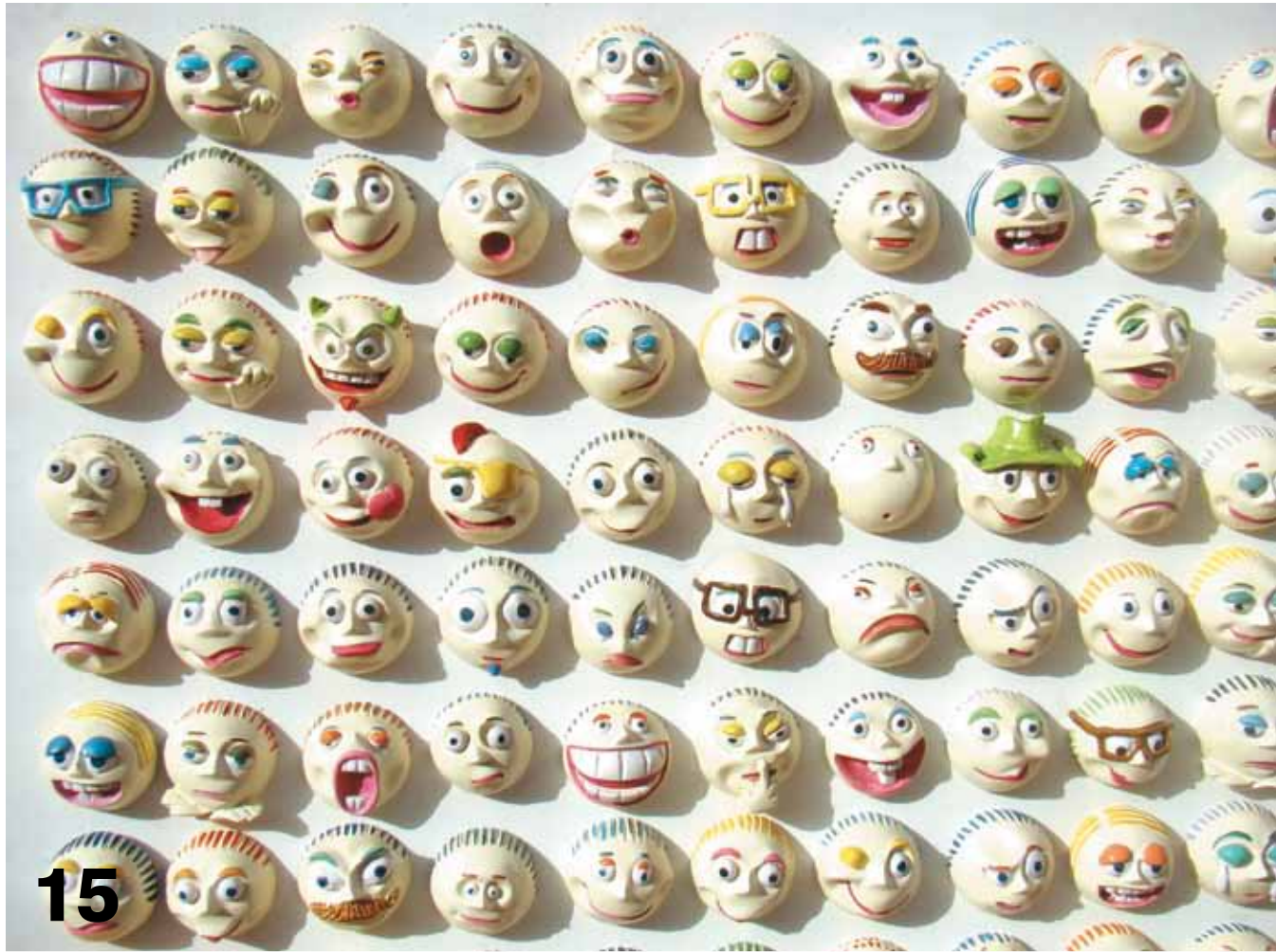
**GENRE:** Artist **WHY WE CHOSE HIM:** Modi's large wood block prints speak a language of social concern, exploring the subjects of human desire and identity. Produced through a process of meticulously hand-carved, oversized woodblocks printed onto large sheets of paper, his works are at once painterly, sculptural, and thoughtful. **WEBSITE:** prathapmodi.com **REPRESENTED BY:** Seven Art Limited Gallery, New Delhi

## 14. Boishali Sinha Massot

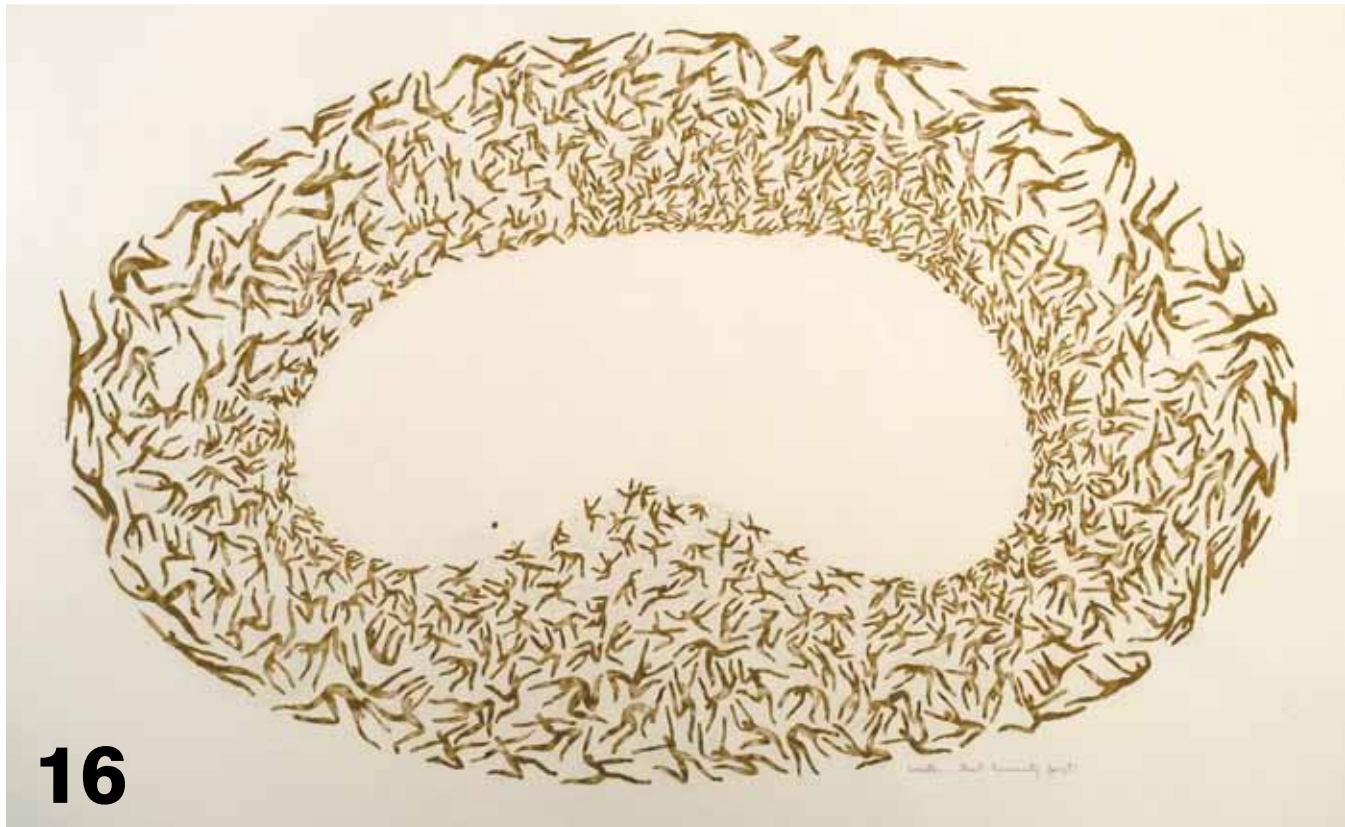
**GENRE:** Artist **WHY WE CHOSE HER:** Boishali has a quirky art sense and in order to understand her work, one needs to apply both heart and mind to it. At 25, she has already had 17 exhibitions in India and abroad. **BLOG:** boishalis.blogspot.com **REPRESENTED BY:** Alliance Francaise, New Delhi







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### 15. Loknath Sinha

**GENRE:** Sculptor **WHY WE CHOSE HIM:** Triggered by what he sees in the world, Loknath's work is a comment on the perils of urban lifestyle where everything including emotions is universal and packaged. **WEBSITE:** loknathsinha.com **REPRESENTED BY:** Art Positive, New Delhi

### 16. Trupti Patel

**GENRE:** Various **WHY WE CHOSE HER:** A sculptor, ceramicist and environmentalist, Trupti slips in and out of roles. But the constant thread in her creative expressions are human forms. The environmentalist in her peeps out with a constancy in her botanical forms, which then become part of her visual language. **REPRESENTED BY:** Gallerie Alternatives, New Delhi

### 17. Anusha Lalwani

**GENRE:** Accessory designer **WHY WE CHOSE HER:** This dynamic Mumbai-based designer creates clutch handbags crafted out of acrylic and oil paintings. Her clutches feature an array of figurative and abstract designs in a variety of shapes and colours. Fashionistas and Bollywood biggies love her exclusive pieces. **WEBSITE:** anushalalwani.com

### 18. Yatinder Kumar

**GENRE:** Photographer **WHY WE CHOSE HIM:** A Communication Design student from NIFT, Yatinder is a professional fashion and lifestyle photographer. His varied body of work sets him apart from others. **BLOG:** yatinderkumar.com

### 19. Daina Mohapatra

**GENRE:** Artist **WHY WE CHOSE HER:** Daina's artistic concerns are tied very deeply with her own concerns on being a woman. She transforms her canvases into multi layered platforms to engage with her own physicality and that of femininity in general. Her paintings assume a strong autobiographical quality that renders them at once, distant yet personal to the viewer. **REPRESENTED BY:** Religare Art

### 20. Parul Kanodia

**GENRE:** Product Designer **WHY WE CHOSE HER:** The brain behind the fun brand Kya Cheez Hai (KCH), Parul designs witty and interesting lifestyle products like USBs, magnetic clips, bookmarks, paperclips, etc that are otherwise pedestrian and boring. **WEBSITE:** kyacheezhai.com





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### 21. Tauseef Khan

**GENRE:** Artist **WHY WE CHOSE HIM:** Tauseef's strength lies in his effortless depiction of daily life through unusual objects like a Champagne bottle or a wine glass.

### 22. Jenny Bhatt

**GENRE:** Contemporary Artist **WHY WE CHOSE HER:** Jenny's works are full of life. Her fun approach towards art makes it interesting and can be easily interpreted even by a layman.



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**WEBSITE:** jennybhatt.com **REPRESENTED BY:** Seven Art Limited Gallery, New Delhi

### 23. Narasimha Murthy

**GENRE:** Artist **WHY WE CHOSE HIM:** Narasimha's art is a visual landscape of sorts. His works circle around his quest to legitimately demonstrate the human desires in his 'expositions', thus creating a surreal experience.



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### 24. Dimpy Menon

**GENRE:** Sculptor **WHY WE CHOSE HER:** She has been described as a 'natural' and her work has been labelled as a "celebration of life". Dimpy keeps refining her form and technique and is best known for her bronze sculptures. **REPRESENTED BY:** Art Positive, New Delhi

### 25. Ashish Tyagi

**GENRE:** Artist **WHY WE CHOSE HIM:** A graphic designer turned director turned artist, Ashish's forte is figure painting. He has kept charcoal nudes of the female form a constant throughout his work. And other than full female nudes, he enjoys painting different aspects of the human body, like a hand, an enlarged eye or a huge pair of lips.



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### 26. Sanjay K Sharma

**GENRE:** Artist **WHY WE CHOSE HIM:** The one thing that drives Sanjay is the human life. And through his works he depicts the human life, their position in this world and how the meaning of a life changes in relation to particular space.

### 27. Nishant Mudgal

**GENRE:** Various **WHY WE CHOSE HIM:** An artist, rapper, beat boxer, songwriter, musician and music producer. His varied forms of art, which includes humble drawings and vibrant animations, reflect his love for graphics, colours, music and everyday objects and people around him. **BLOG:** nishantart.blogspot.com

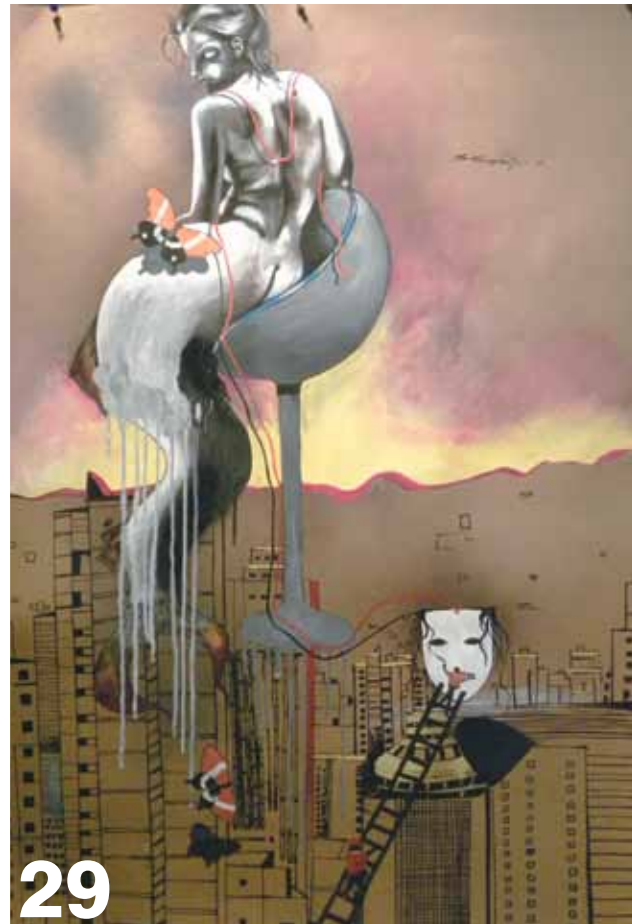


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## 28. Asim Waqif

**GENRE:** Artist **WHY WE CHOSE HIM:**

An architecture student, Asif's projects are a cross over between architecture, art and design. One can see concerns of ecology and anthropology weave through his works. **WEBSITE:** asimwaqif.com

**REPRESENTED BY:** Seven Art Limited Gallery, New Delhi

## 29. Sanjeet Mahalik

**GENRE:** Various **WHY WE CHOSE**

**HIM:** An artist, restorer and a

conservationist, Sanjeet has a vision which is distinctly done in his own unique manner and medium. His works are highly detailed and his use of colours is expressive and natural which defines the subject with perfection.

## 30. Siddharth

Choudhary

**GENRE:** Various **WHY WE CHOSE**

**HIM:** A science student, Siddharth took a u-turn to realise his dreams. A self-taught artist, he likes to fuse tradition

with modernity in his works. **WEBSITE:** siddharthchoudhary.carbonmade.com  
**REPRESENTED BY:** Art & You, New Delhi

## 31. Preet Arjun Singh

**GENRE:** Various **WHY WE CHOSE**

**HIM:** An engineer-tuned-artist, Preet is the man behind the brand Karma Republic, which is a social enterprise that uses t-shirts and supporting merchandise as a medium to bring to the surface the view point of the youth on various issues. **WEBSITE:** karmarepublic.com

## 32. Pratul Dash

**GENRE:** Various **WHY WE CHOSE**

**HIM:** A multi-faceted artist, Pratul works with a variety of media like collage, film, video, digital art and installations besides painting on paper and canvas making an interesting study of the contemporary metro culture. **BLOG:** pratuldash.blogspot.com **REPRESENTED BY:** Art Positive, New Delhi

