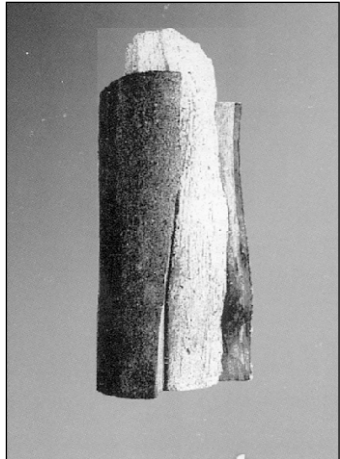


Exhibition

Exploring inner force

Debesh Goswami, a Bangladeshi-French sculptor, holds his first show in Bangladesh at National Museum in the city

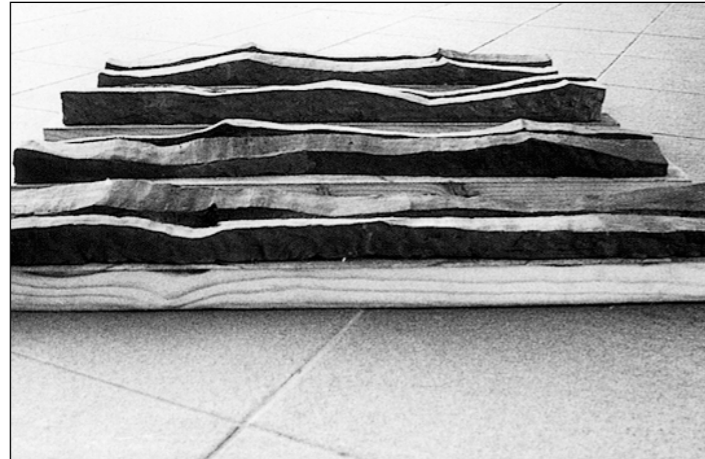


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As one enters the sprawling gallery of National Museum, one is immediately overtaken by a sense of high aestheticism.

Debesh Goswami, a graduate of the Rajshahi Art College and later on of the Rabindra Bharati University, is holding his first solo exhibition in Bangladesh at the gallery of the National Museum.

A total of six installation works, that invite the visitors



to engage into an intimate psychological rendezvous, are entirely distinct in style and attitude from that we often encounter in the city's art galleries.

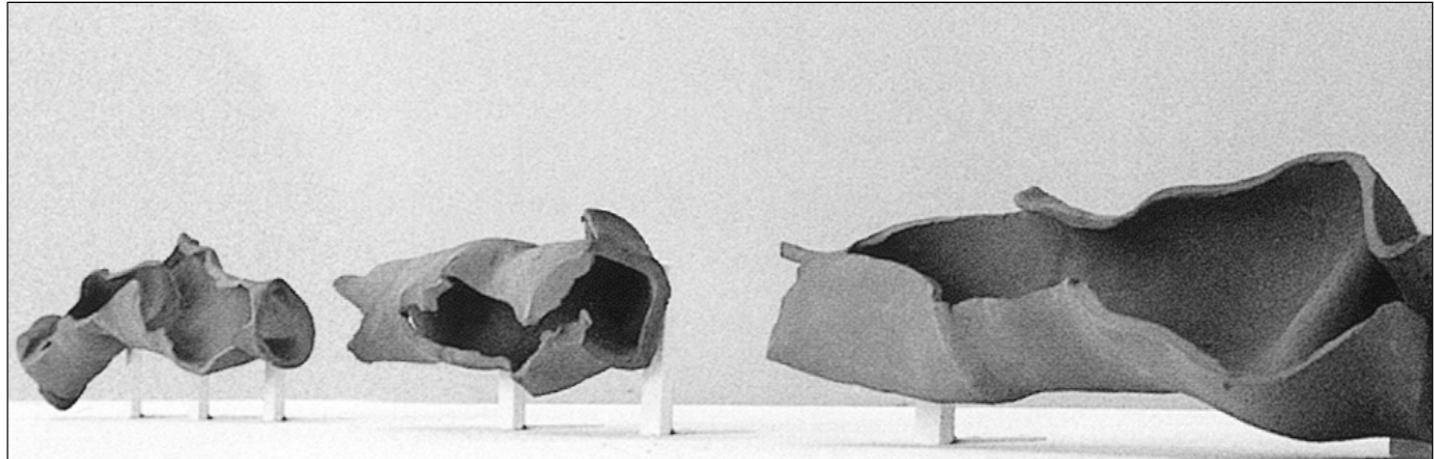
'I believe that a work of art brings out the inner self and spirit of an object, not the object itself', says Debesh while elaborating his ideas of modern sculpture.

Metaphysical significance of any worldly element is the most important issue to the

sculptor who, in his works, try to observe and project the inner strength of his materialistic subject. A viewer should observe every creation of this universe through his/her 'third eye', believes Debesh.

'Any object should be seen and explored with an inner eye to discover the true image of the character', reveals the France-based Bangladeshi artist.

'Winter', created with a dissected log and covered with



green powdered leaf shows the hidden liveliness of the living world during the cool, dormant season.

'Sculpture', a series of three forms with glass and terracotta, explain human feelings and emotions. The transparent glass and the shapeless clay structures depict the unseen pain and anguish in the society.

Debesh finds it unnecessary to carve out human form from a log of wood. Rather he is more comfortable to keep

the log in its original form till the end and bring out the unseen liveliness of winter.

Debesh tries to understand and locate the inner source of a subject by breaking, reconstructing and remodeling the objects, once large and intact. It is a sort of experiment that is done to prove the verification of the inner strength.

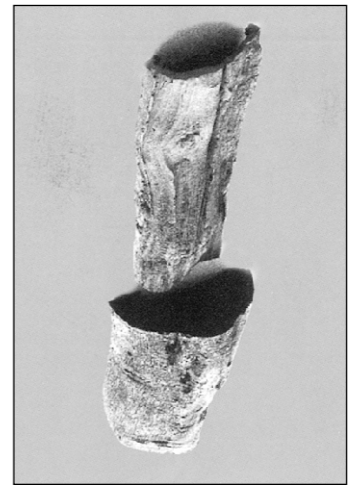
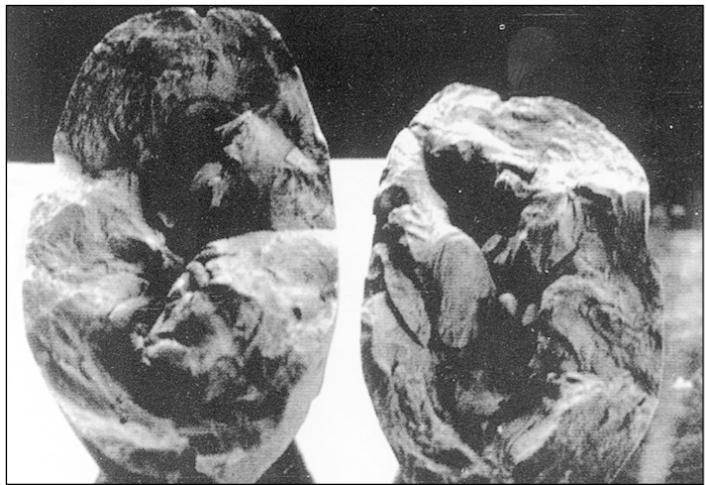
'Composition' is another interesting work of Debesh where wood and plaster play are married to represent the concealed vitality of the immo-

ble log. The oozing white sap provokes a feeling of spiritual entity in the otherwise mundane piece of wood.

Last of the six works present 'Ambience', a large rectangular mat of brick powder spread evenly inside a bordered space. Debesh highlights on the point of the geometric form that is a strong space that separates itself from the rest to remain as a particular identifiable character. This work of Debesh also

resembles a prayer mat, a rectangular form that has its own inner strength of spirituality. Once again we find a process where materialistic entity discovers a path to enter the divine world through the passage of the spiritual dimension.

A sculptor of unique capability, Debesh Goswami, provides an injection of new blood into our art firmament with his exploration of inner self of objects.



RECOMMENDATIONS



Eid Fashion Layout

Annela Haque's Andes is having her Eid Fashion layout at its outlet (Rd. 10, House 23, Gulshan-1). Starting from Men's kurtas to women's designer Jamdani saris everything is in the list. It will be open to all everyday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. till chand raat.

Ambiance

An exhibition titled 'Ambiance' by Debesh Goswami is being held at the National Museum. The exhibition will continue everyday from 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. till December 20.

Neel Utshab

Organised jointly by Aranya and Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), Neel Utshab features dresses, saris and other household products in indigo. Aranya and MCC have teamed up to bring back indigo from the blind allies of history. The outstanding collection of indigo products is now on display at Aranya at Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Banani. The utshab runs until December 15.

Film Festival

Organised by Bangladesh Short Film Forum, the 9-daylong 7th International Short and Independent Film Festival Dhaka 2001 is due to start from December 22 at the Central Public Library auditorium. 120 films from 32 countries will participate at the festival.

Disney, Besson Retrospective

Zahir Raihan Film Society organised Disney-Besson Retrospective is going on at German Cultural Centre at Dhanmandi. 13th December 2:00 pm Tarzan by Walt Disney 3:15 pm Dinosaur by Walt Disney 6:30 pm The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc by Luc Besson

TV GUIDE

Table listing TV programs on various channels including BTV, HBO, STAR WORLD, BBC WORLD, STAR PLUS, STAR GOLD, and STAR NEWS. Programs include Sangbad Shironam, Vampire in Brooklyn, The Presidio, Dasha 302, and Amul Bollywood News.

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