



Bihar Displays Folk Art Treasures at PM Mementos

Why in News?

The **7th edition** of the [Prime Minister's](#) Mementos e-Auction showcases Bihar's rich cultural heritage, with 40 unique items, including stunning examples of [Madhubani](#) and [Sikki Art](#), now available for public bidding.

Key Points

- **About:** The PM Mementos e-Auction, organised by the **Ministry of Culture** through the National Gallery of Modern Art, Delhi, invites citizens to acquire mementos gifted to Prime Minister Narendra Modi since its **inception in 2019**.
 - The proceeds from this auction support the [Namami Gange project](#), dedicated to the rejuvenation of the [Holy River Ganga](#).

Bihar's Artistic Highlights:

- **Madhubani Painting:** This intricate Madhubani painting captures Lord Krishna with the Gopis, reflecting divine love and spiritual harmony.
 - Known for bold lines, intricate patterns, and natural colours, this painting **represents the [Mithila region's](#)** deep-rooted folk traditions.



- **Mithila Painting:** A vibrant Mithila painting, featuring a woman holding a lotus flower and a Shiva Lingam, symbolising Lord Shiva, this artwork is a beautiful representation

of Bihar's folk art.

- Done in poster colours on paper, the painting is framed in a traditional brown textured frame, showcasing the intricate and vibrant line drawings characteristic of Mithila art.
- This piece reflects the **rich tradition of Mithila painting**, which is deeply connected to Hindu deities, nature, and daily life.



- **Sikki Art Frame: This frame depicts Lord Ram and Sita in golden hues, showcasing the couple's divine grace.**
 - Executed in the traditional Sikki art style of Bihar, the piece contrasts the divine couple's golden portrayal against a dark background, emphasising their power and elegance.
 - Sikki art is known for **its intricate craftsmanship**, and this artwork reflects Bihar's cultural richness, particularly the **portrayal of divine figures in folk traditions**.



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