

# Kota art most rewarding: Historian Joachim Bautze

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**Kota:** Umed Bhawan Palace, Kota and Rao Madho Singh Museum Trust jointly organised a two-day art weekend on March 16-17.

The event was organized to promote Kota's rich history and culture of miniature art. Art historian Dr Joachim K Bautze gave a talk and presentation on 'Pictures from Bundi & Kotah: their Versions, Copies, and Fakes' at the Darbar Hall at Umed Bhawan Palace on Saturday.

Introducing the speaker, Jaidev Singh of Kota royal family mentioned, "Dr Bautze's history with Kota goes back more than four decades to 1979. Dr Bautze is a world-renowned art historian and one of the leading scholars in Indian wall and miniature paintings. He worked with Maharao Brijraj Singh of Kota as one of the authors of 'Gods, Kings and Tigers, - the catalogue on Kota Paintings'," Jaidev said.



Dr Joachim K Bautze during two-day art event in Kota

Addressing the audience in Darbar Hall, Dr. Joachim Bautze said, "Already at school people should be aware of their parampara (tradition). There is no reason for anyone to think that European art is superior and Indian art is inferior, he said. Kota art, not only for him but for many others, is the most rewarding. There is a story behind each painting in Kota art". "Kota region is rich in cultural heritage, and the art

of Kota, and in particular its miniature paintings, are very unique and world renowned," Maharao Ijyaraj Singh said.

Jaidev Singh said the Kota School of Miniature Art is something the world needs to see, and something that everyone in Kota today should be proud of.

The RMS Museum Trust also organized a guided tour of the Garh led by Dr Bautze on Sunday morning.