

# ‘Parallel Lives’

A Project by Dipali Bhattacharya

Curated by Anirudh Chari



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## **'Parallel Lives' : A Project by Dipali Bhattacharya**

In Dipali Bhattacharya's works, the personal and the political intersect and blend seamlessly. There is the immediately accessible visual vocabulary of the personal: history is paraphrased through objects drawn from personal life, interpersonal relationships are expressed through photographs from family albums, beauty and vulnerability expressed through a flock of birds in flight.

These are parallel tales of feminine strength: of survival even in the most difficult and trying of circumstances. Liberation and equality lie at the heart of this body of work. These 'Parallel Lives' are about the personal and political, conformity and revolt, the outwardly decorative and inwardly subversive. All, however, are pregnant with significance and meaning.

In these visually striking works, Bhattacharya speaks at multiple and diverse levels to her audience. An understanding of her social activism and concerns, nonetheless, is crucial to understanding their true import. Certain themes - the role of the woman in the family, domestic spaces, the fight for social justice and equality - recur, as do wider themes of colonialism, feminism and gender politics.

Bhattacharya keeps history and politics at the centre of her work where the historical - old buildings, objects and photographs to name a few - and the political - the struggles of the women of Sholo Bighe, a distressed area outside Calcutta - become accessible through the transformative medium of human relationships. Words such as 'Hope', 'Flight' and 'Desire' scattered across the scrolls on display express complex political and ideological ideas.

This exhibition comprises paintings, sculptural works and scrolls along with videos which document Bhattacharya's creative process.

Anirudh Chari, Curator

Anirudh Chari is an independent curator and art critic. He has curated several significant group and solo exhibitions in India and overseas as well as written numerous monographs. He lectures widely on art and aesthetics and writes for a number of journals. He lives and works in Calcutta, India.





## Dipali Bhattacharya

Dipali Bhattacharya is a practising artist and social activist. An alumna of the Government College of Art and Craft, Calcutta, she taught painting at several institutions before retiring as the officer-in-charge of her alma mater.

She has held several solo exhibitions and been a part of numerous significant group shows both in India as well as overseas and her works are to be found in many important public and private collections.

A committed social activist, her social conscience informs her creative output. She lives and works in Calcutta, India.







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Onlookers II • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 60 x 72 in • Call for price

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Introspection I • Dipali Bhattacharya

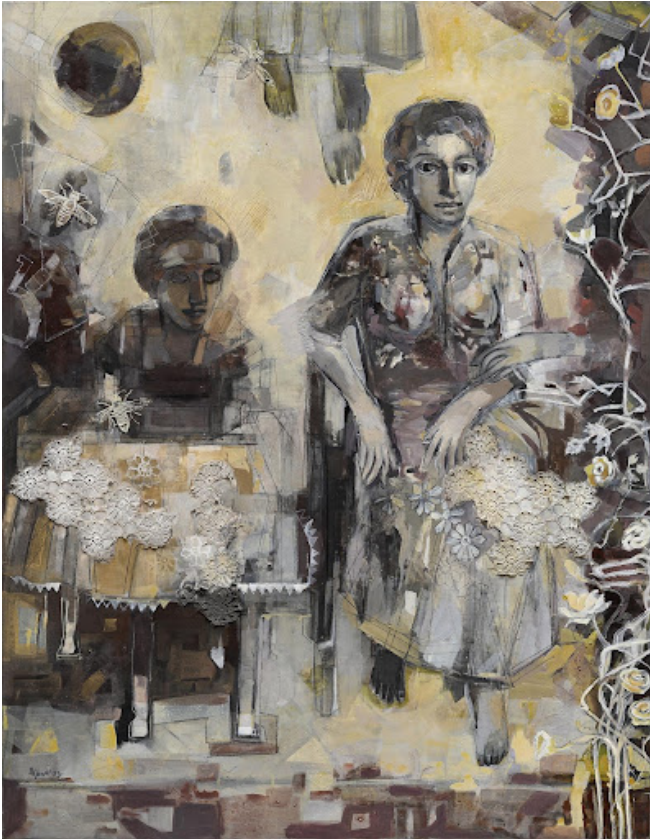
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On Canvas

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Introspection II • Dipali Bhattacharya

Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic, Oil, Silk Screen Printing And Lace  
On Canvas

Size: 60 x 48 in • Price: ₹ 800,000

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13476

Dawn In Sholo Bighe • Dipali Bhattacharya

Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic, Oil And Silk Screen Printing On Canvas

Size: 96 x 30 in • Price: ₹ 600,000

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Dusk In Sholo Bighe • Dipali Bhattacharya

Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic, Oil And Silk Screen Printing On Canvas

Size: 96 x 30 in • Price: ₹ 600,000

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Home And The World • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 48 x 48 in • Price: ₹ 600,000

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13467

Moving Away • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 48 x 48 in • Price: ₹ 600,000

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Past And Present I • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 54 x 38 in • Price: ₹ 600,000

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Past And Present II • Dipali Bhattacharya

Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic, Oil And Photo Transfer On Canvas

Size: 54 x 38 in • Price: ₹ 600,000

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Uprooted And Replanted • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 48 x 48 in • Price: ₹ 600,000

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What Does The Future Hold? • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 48 x 48 in • Price: ₹ 600,000

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Hyacinthus I • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 30 x 30 in • Price: ₹ 400,000

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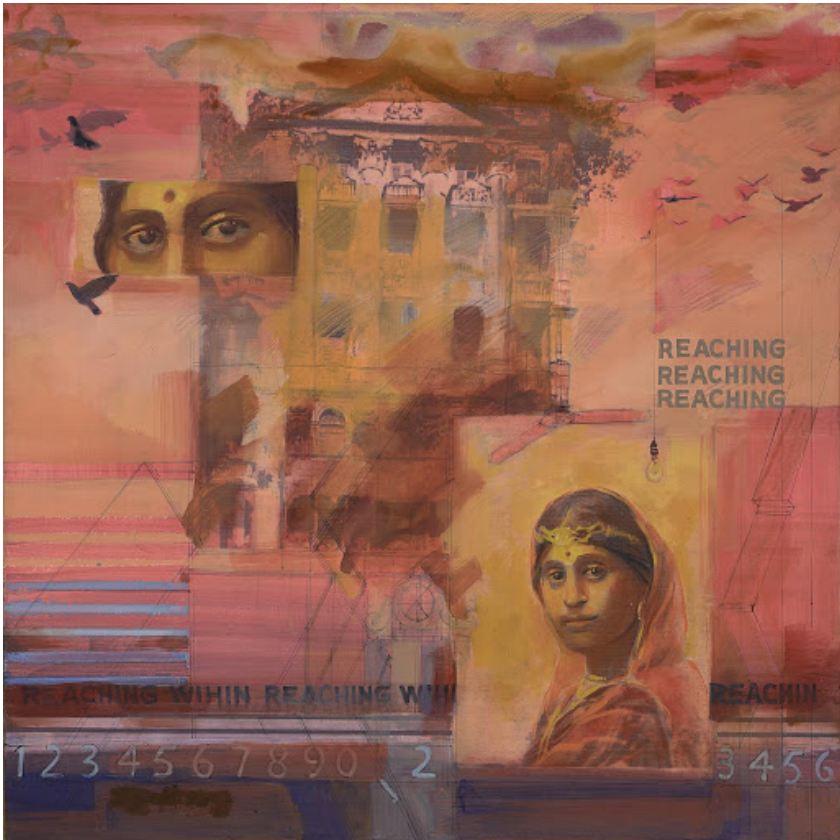
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Size: 30 x 30 in • Price: ₹ 400,000

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Reaching There • Dipali Bhattacharya

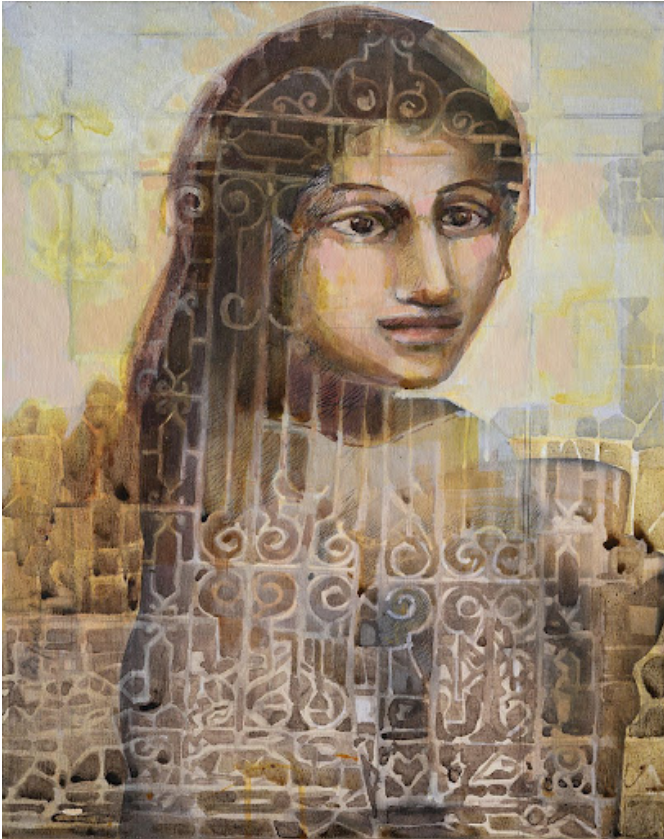
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Size: 36 x 36 in • Price: ₹ 400,000

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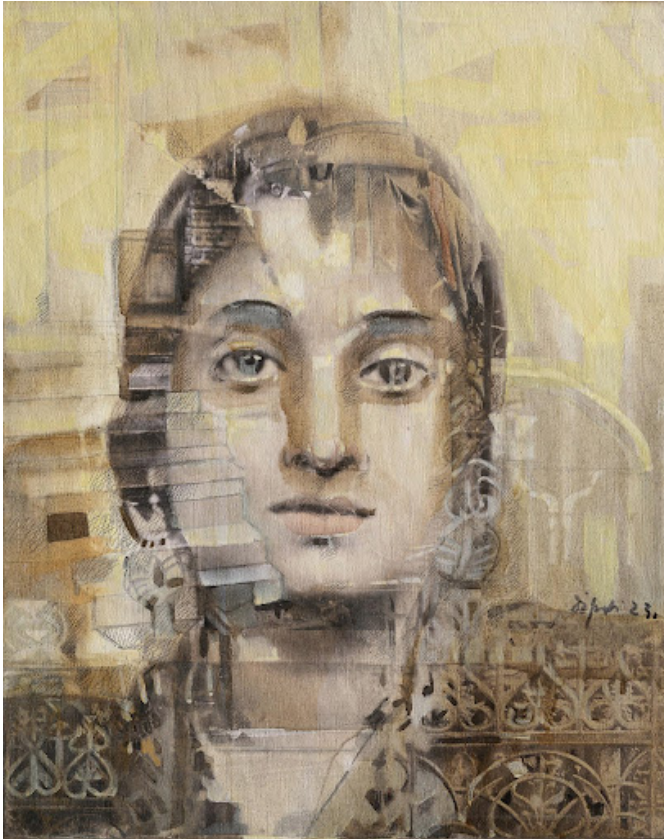
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From The Album Of Memories I • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 20 x 16 in • Price: ₹ 150,000

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From The Album Of Memories II • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 20 x 16 in • Price: ₹ 150,000

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From The Album Of Memories III • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 20 x 16 in • Price: ₹ 150,000

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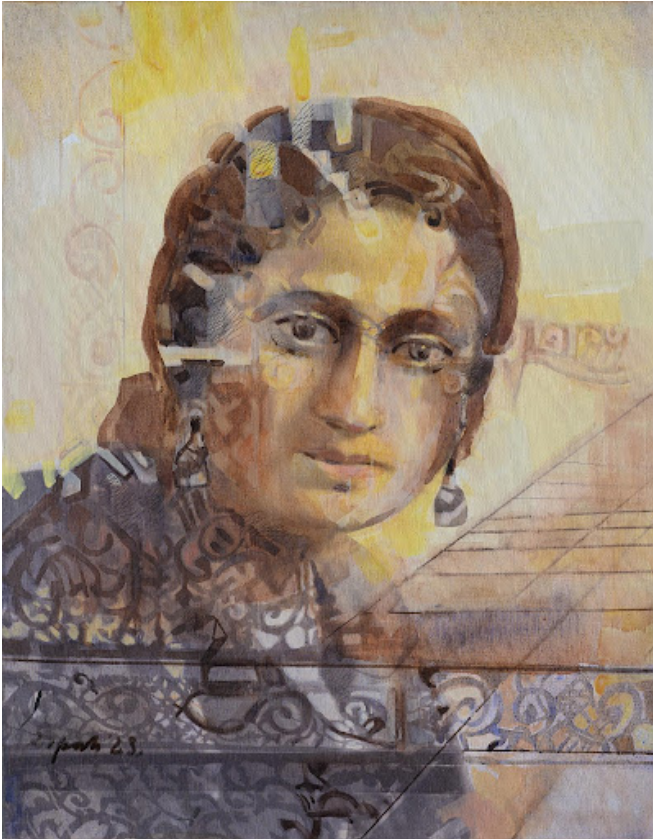
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From The Album Of Memories IV • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 20 x 16 in • Price: ₹ 150,000

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From The Album Of Memories V • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 20 x 16 in • Price: ₹ 150,000

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From The Album Of Memories VI • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 20 x 16 in • Price: ₹ 150,000

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From The Album Of Memories VII • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 20 x 16 in • Price: ₹ 150,000

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13483

Still (My) Life I • Dipali Bhattacharya

Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic, Oil And Silk Screen Printing On Canvas

Size: 20 x 34 in • Price: ₹ 300,000

URL: <https://www.kalakritiartgallery.com/?p=13483>



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13484

Still (My) Life II • Dipali Bhattacharya

Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic, Oil And Silk Screen Printing On  
Canvas

Size: 20 x 34 in • Price: ₹ 300,000

URL: <https://www.kalakritiartgallery.com/?p=13484>



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Still (My) Life III • Dipali Bhattacharya

Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic, Oil And Silk Screen Printing On Canvas

Size: 20 x 34 in • Price: ₹ 300,000

URL: <https://www.kalakritiartgallery.com/?p=13485>



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13489

Still (My) Life IV • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 20 x 16 in • Price: ₹ 150,000

URL: <https://www.kalakritiartgallery.com/?p=13489>



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Still (My) Life IX • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 20 x 16 in • Price: ₹ 150,000

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Still (My) Life V • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 20 x 16 in • Price: ₹ 150,000

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Still (My) Life VI • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 20 x 16 in • Price: ₹ 150,000

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Still (My) Life VII • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 20 x 16 in • Price: ₹ 150,000

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Still (My) Life VIII • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 20 x 16 in • Price: ₹ 150,000

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Still (My) Life X • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 20 x 16 in • Price: ₹ 150,000

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Still (My) Life XI • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Earth Colour, Acrylic And Oil On Canvas  
Size: 20 x 16 in • Price: ₹ 150,000

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13500

Chitrakleha • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Painted Wood With Brass  
Size: 23 x 10 x 15 in • Price: ₹ 400,000

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13502

Nirupama • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Painted Wood With Brass  
Size: 21 x 12 x 9 in • Price: ₹ 400,000

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13503

Ranjabati • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Painted Wood With Brass  
Size: 25 x 10 x 12 in • Price: ₹ 400,000

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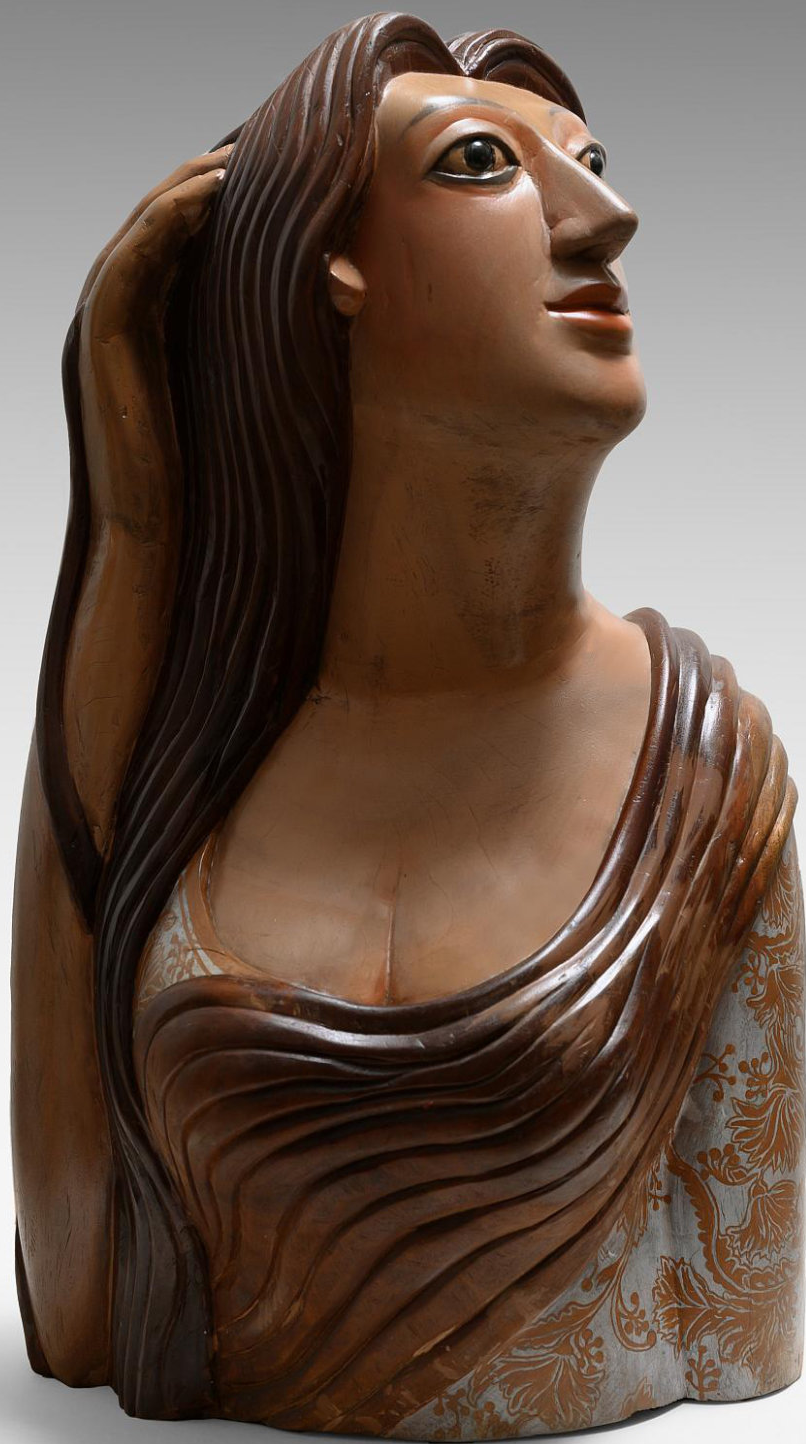
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Saudamini • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Painted Wood With Brass  
Size: 24 x 10 x 16 in • Price: ₹ 400,000

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Alolika • Dipali Bhattacharya  
Medium: Painted Wood With Brass  
Size: 12.5 x 9 x 6 in • Price: ₹ 150,000

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