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# OUTLOOK

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## He Is Different

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Ordinary, mediocre folk like you and I would never understand it: that talented people not only begin early, they think differently too.

So, when Manav Gupta was presented with a box of crayons at the age of one, most thought the gift to be a trifle too early. The one-year old didn't think so: the colour sticks became tools for his future career. Now, after successful solo exhibitions at the Birla Academy of Art and Taj Bengal, Gupta is set to launch a first-of-its-kind book, *India Awaiting — Aide-Memoire to a Dream*, which sketches stages in a person's life and also has a page attached wherein readers can maintain a diary of their own lives.

"I thought others may have similar thoughts and feelings and this book would be an excellent opportunity to give vent to their dreams and aspirations," he says. "Dreams are visions about the future and everyone has a right to plan his future."

Gallery Freedom, V-hai: Exhibition of watercolours by Manav Gupta at the second summer show. At V-Hai, B-40 institutional area. Till July 15. From 11 am to 7 pm.