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Poetry on Canvas — Having made waves in Calcutta, Manav shifted base to Delhi

Having made waves in Calcutta, Manav Gupta recently shifted base to Delhi to colour the city canvas with his brush strokes. His shifting was accompanied by a solo exhibition of his recent works — the Timeless Metaphors of Dreams: Interpretations in Paintings, just over a week ago. Sponsored by Taj Palace, the show was inaugurated by Jacqueline Lindquist, the American Ambassador's wife. A near total corporate affair, the invitees for the opening were corporate chiefs, bureaucrats and the Capital's leading socialites.

Spotted that evening among many others were Vikram Dhawan (head of Thomas Cook) and his wife, Dipankar Mukherjee, an established interior designer, Bijoy Chatterjee, joint secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Manohar of AIFACS, the Ghatates, Mrs. Jagdish Anand, Freni and Russi Bilimoria, Satthyamurthy, joint secretary, ministry of Culture, and the NDMC chairman and his wife.

Not surprisingly, the show was a total sell-out. Almost 60–70 per cent of Manav's works went during the show. According to the artist, Lindquist was the first to buy his works. 'Jacqueline went over the moon over the paintings. Arriving before the show formally opened, she bought a few for her private collection,' says Manav.

Those who missed his first show in Delhi can watch out for his next show, to be presented by Citibank and perhaps the Ministry of Culture.