The Centenary Celebrations of Late Padma Vibhushan Shri Mario de Miranda



The Secretary of Museums, Shri Michael M. D'Souza, presenting the memento to the Hon'ble Governor of Goa, Shri Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju

The Directorate of Museums, Government of Goa, organised an exhibition to commemorate the birth centenary of the renowned Goan artist, cartoonist and illustrator, late Padma Vibhushan Shri Mario de Miranda. The programme was held at the Black Box Auditorium and exhibition at Art Gallery, Kala Academy, Goa, honouring his extraordinary contribution to Indian art and culture.

Mario João Carlos do Rosário de Brito Miranda (2 May 1926 – 11 December 2011), popularly known as Mario Miranda, was a celebrated Goan cartoonist, illustrator and painter, renowned for his distinctive artistic style, witty observations and keen sense of humour. Through his cartoons and illustrations, he captured the vibrancy of everyday life, portraying the people, traditions, social customs and cultural landscapes of Goa and Mumbai with remarkable insight and sensitivity. His exceptional contribution to Indian art, illustration and journalism earned him national and international recognition. In acknowledgement of his enduring artistic legacy, he was

posthumously conferred the Padma Vibhushan, India's second-highest civilian honour, in 2012.

The two-day exhibition on 2nd and 3rd May 2026 featured the "Masterpieces of Mario de Miranda", showcasing selected works of the artist, along with the continuous screening of films on his life and artistic journey. The exhibition was curated by Architect Gerald de Cunha, who conceptualized and designed the display to highlight the life, artistic achievements, and enduring legacy of Shri Mario de Miranda. Through a carefully curated collection of artworks, illustrations and interpretative panels, the exhibition presented a comprehensive overview of the artist's remarkable contribution to Indian art, cartooning, and visual storytelling. A special lecture titled "The Life of Mario" was delivered by Mr. Gerard da Cunha.



Exhibition was inaugurated by Mrs. Fatima Miranda Figueiredo, sister of the late Mario Miranda along with Mr. Raul Miranda, son of the late artist, along with other family members, relatives, friends, art enthusiasts, members of the media, and the general public.

The exhibition was inaugurated on 2nd May 2026, the 100th birth anniversary of the artist, by Mrs. Fatima Miranda Figueiredo, sister of the late Mario Miranda. The inaugural function was attended by Mr. Raul Miranda, son of the late artist, along with other family members, relatives, friends, art enthusiasts, members of the media, and the general public. Following the inauguration, attendees witnessed the special lecture

by Mr. Gerard da Cunha, which highlighted various aspects of Mario Miranda's life, artistic career, and legacy.



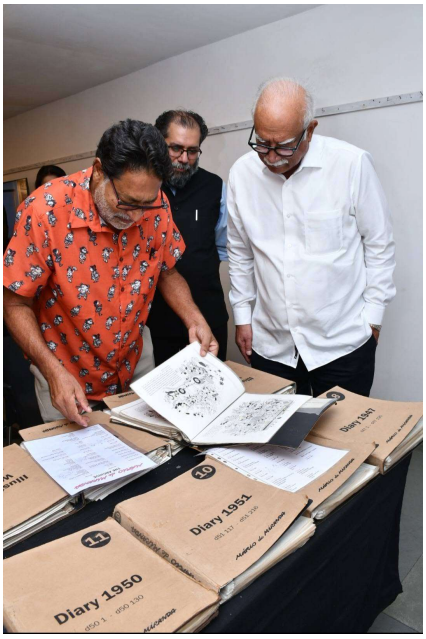
Mr. Raul Miranda, son of the late artist, along with other family members, lighting the lamp

The exhibition attracted a large number of visitors, including students, artists, researchers, admirers of Mario Miranda's work, and members of the general public. The exhibits received widespread appreciation for presenting the extraordinary artistic achievements of one of Goa's most celebrated cultural icons.



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During the exhibition, His Excellency Shri Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju, Governor of Goa**,** visited the gallery and viewed the exhibits. The visit further enhanced the significance of the centenary celebrations and reflected the enduring popularity and relevance of Mario Miranda's artistic legacy.



Mr. Gerard da Cunha explaining the sketches of Shri Mario de Miranda to the Hon'ble Governor of Goa

The centenary programme successfully celebrated the life and contributions of Mario Miranda, while creating greater public awareness and appreciation of his invaluable contribution to Indian art, illustration, and cartooning. The event also served as a fitting tribute to a visionary artist whose works continue to inspire generations of artists and art lovers across the country.