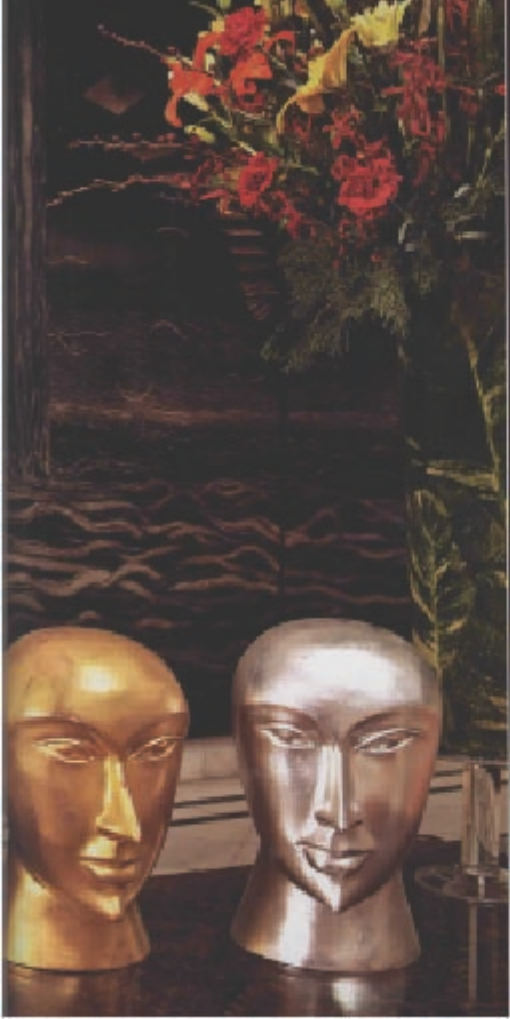

'Anyone who wants to do any kind of research should have access to my art collection so I put it up on the Internet'

Sorry, that do is one of Indian and European names in the European [illegible] would be using the [illegible]. Only a geologist outside in Delhi's metal circles knows that upon from viewing a successful study of bronze, the [illegible] is also a major collector and promoter of Indian art. The art gallerists [illegible] the collection over the last 25 years with lots of love and thought. Today the [illegible] 1,000 pieces of art, which he has made accessible to [illegible] to study and research. Most of the artworks have been digitised and are available online for any collector with. Prior collecting, what her reader Alkazi Raj owned pieces in the early years. Hers is now considered one of India's finest collections of art.

Can you recall your first art acquisition?

"[illegible] in Kolkata, we [illegible] the [illegible] in a big [illegible] Somnath Hosiery, which was well known in Kolkata's hosiery circles, caught my eye and so, [illegible] the collector was instilled quite early on. My father [illegible] Hosiery collection in the [illegible] and I would sing an engineer [illegible] to [illegible]. I was [illegible] Gopal exhibition in Delhi where I met [illegible] I was [illegible] the [illegible] show. Of [illegible] I had accompanied my father to the show. Strangely enough, I was desperate to buy a painting but Gopal was [illegible] in the exhibition and [illegible] agreed to [illegible] for me. "Don't worry, I'll [illegible] in the [illegible] of [illegible] paper and [illegible] I developed an interest in [illegible] and [illegible]?"

How did the initial interest manifest itself?

"I started collecting artworks on paper as I [illegible] Bapu Raj, Vasudev Gopal [illegible] Delhi and [illegible] [illegible] Raj. I developed an interest in [illegible] and I would buy them in India. [illegible] I was confident in [illegible] [illegible] in large quantities [illegible] Indian [illegible] [illegible] people who like to [illegible] [illegible] I would [illegible] [illegible] and perhaps [illegible]. When [illegible] [illegible] "popular art" [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]