Lives and Legacies

Educational institutions are meant to be spaces that nurture creativity and where ideas are allowed to blossom. The vision for Wastoorwan Gallery of Art is to be a physical space where creativity can find a medium beyond spoken and written language, producing an idiom for self-understanding.

Our first exhibition, *Lives and Legacies*, is one of hope, of an outlook that is enriched by its past. It offers a glimpse into our future through a lens embellished by our history, traditions and ethos.

Lives nourished by received legacies are our sources of confidence. It is with this thought that we bring you this exhibition: not as "relic", but as inspiration for our future.

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