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15 ARTISTS YOU NEED TO KNOW

*AD presents a list of artists from
the region who are making
waves in their respective media*

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One of the symptoms of obsessive-compulsive disorder is the obsession with list making, sometimes referred to as glazomania. Lists are inevitably non-exhaustive, unfair and bear a certain degree of arbitrariness. Lists are dangerous because they bestow value. Lists reveal the shortcomings of their composers.

And yet, they are a wonderful, if sometimes easy, way to gain insight into a particular field of knowledge. Read on if you would like to know who—in our opinion—are the 15 most remarkable emerging artists from the Indian subcontinent. ➤



SEHER SHAH

Trained as both an artist and an architect, Seher Shah is a Pakistani based in New York. Her initial professional experience took place in an architectural firm that specialized in skyscrapers and large-scale urban projects. Hence, it comes as no surprise that the exploration of architectural space is a constant in her work, which often combines archival imagery and contemporary hand-drawn and digital elements. In fact, the word deconstruction often appears in reviews of her works. As artist and gallerist Peter Nagy wrote in the catalogue for her 'Jihad Pop' exhibition in 2008: "Within Shah's constructed universe, human history shares many attributes with science fiction, where the transformational possibilities of quantum physics are fully visible and known. Mapping the disintegration of forms into particles and energy. Shah allows fire to become water, and stone to become smoke."



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