

## ENTERPRISING CONNOISSEUR AND PATRON OF FINE ART



### HARSH GOENKA

Chairman of  
RPG Enterprises  
# 75 in the Forbes India  
100 Richest Indians list  
Net worth :  
\$1.67 Billion

Harsh Goenka had rather large shoes to fill when at the age of 31 years, he took over an enterprise that found its origins in the early 1800s. Representing the fifth generation of determined and resourceful Goenka businessmen, each with their own unique brand of zest and flavour, Harsh Goenka not only wore the shoes with comfort but marched ahead in them, to craft a conglomerate with over fifteen companies across core sectors of the economy. With a relentless focus on excellence, he continues as the chairman of RPG Enterprises, a group with a turnover in excess of US \$3 billion. Despite overseeing a fivefold surge in the group's market value over the last three years, he claims the best is yet to come; just a reflection of his attitude of beginning where others end.

Alongside the business empire, he inherited his family's taste and passion for art and music. As a young boy, growing up in his family home in Calcutta, he was

inducted into the science of art when he was given the charge of cataloguing the exquisite miniature collection that the family had built over the years. His tryst with modern and contemporary art came much later when as chairman of RPG Enterprises, in the late 1980s, he began his patronage of art galleries in Bombay and later in Calcutta, too.

Before long, he was mounting exhibitions that brought together artists and their artwork on a scale that had never been seen before. Going beyond, he held art camps and became a hands-on student of style and genre. "Some of my best times have been in the art camps," he shares. "That is the time that the artists are relaxed. You get to know them and their techniques."

A Royal Salute to the monarch, who beyond carrying forward the heritage of an evolving business enterprise, pays tribute to those skilled in crafting a legacy for the future through art.

