



With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you all of the deeply saddening news of the demise of Internationally acclaimed Artist Lalita Lajmi who left for her heavenly abode on Monday, 13th February 2023.

‘Painting is just another way of keeping a diary’. This quote by Picasso quite truly summarises the artistic career of Lalita Lajmi. Her vast body of work seems like a visual form of her personal diary, as it displays strong autobiographical elements. Lajmi’s works are figurative in nature, which had a gradual transition from earlier works depicting melancholic feelings to much later optimistic ones in nature. Unlike in her brother Guru Dutt’s movies where men were the central character, Lajmi’s heroes were the Saree-clad women with expressions of their aspirations. Her mature works include Etchings and Paintings on latent tensions between men and women. Lajmi’s women dissimilar to the patriarchal society were often depicted as assertive, sometimes portrayed as Durga or Kali. Instead of women’s liberation, women’s consciousness was the main voice. These subtle yet influential representations of women inspired and will continue to inspire many in future.

A heartfelt tribute to Smt. Lalita Lajmi

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