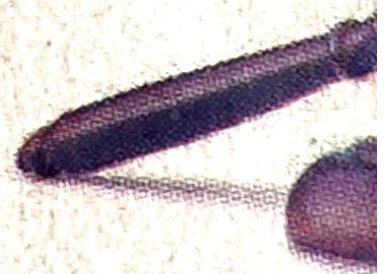


Bid & Hammer's next auction, slotted for March 26, is a standalone auction of photographs dating back to the 1890s and early 1900s, including works by Lala Deen Dayal and images of Queen Elizabeth's first visit to India, and of historical sites like the Ajanta and Ellora caves. The Bengaluru and New Delhi-based auction house's director, Ankush Dadha, says he has noticed an increase in app downloads for this. "People's fascination with nostalgia and inquisitiveness of how their cities once looked is what is generating enquiries."

At starting prices of ₹2,000 for some pictures, he reckons it is a good entry point for first-time collectors. Sports memorabilia, such as a hockey stick used by Dhyan Chand or a cap worn by Yuvraj Singh during a significant match, will have a big market, predicts Dadha. "We also have a lot of people interested in bidding for wine, so we are likely to do something with fine wine in the near future if possible," he says.



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