



SAFFRONART'S FINE JEWELS AND SILVER AUCTION OFFERED RARE PIECES OF OUTSTANDING PROVENANCE CELEBRATING BRILLIANT ARTISTRY AND HERITAGE

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Mumbai, October 2025: Saffronart's Fine Jewels and Silver auction concluded online on 9 October 2025, achieving a cumulative sales value of INR 16.44 crores (USD 1.86 million). The auction featured an exceptional selection of 160 lots, offering discerning collectors the opportunity to acquire impressive pieces from the personal collection of Mehtab Modi, a distinguished Indian actress (Parakh, 1944, Jhansi Ki Rani, 1953) and an exquisite selection of signed pieces from renowned European jewellery houses, rare gemstones, British and Indian silver objets d'art, and period and antique jewellery.

The sale witnessed enthusiastic and competitive bidding globally on the Saffronart website and mobile app. Collectors engaged with jewellery in a new, elevated format, one that combined transparency, access, and trust in the digital age, offering an excellent opportunity to acquire pieces of brilliant artistry and heritage.

TOP 10 LOTS:



An impressive well-matched pair of unmounted Colombian emeralds, (lot 114) sold for INR 1.23 crores (USD 140,000).



An important Colombian emerald and diamond ring, (lot 68) sold for INR 77 lakhs (USD 88,466), double its lower estimate.





A magnificent gemset 'Navlada' or nine-row necklace, (lot 94) sold for INR 72 lakhs (USD 81,818).



A regal period gemset 'Patri Haar' or necklace, (lot 81) sold for INR 72 lakhs (USD 81,818).



A magnificent Colombian emerald and diamond brooch by Cartier, (<u>lot</u> <u>54</u>) sold for INR 66 lakhs (USD 75,000).



Pair of Colombian emerald and diamond earrings, (lot 19) sold for INR 66 lakhs (USD 75,000).



A regal emerald, spinel and diamond 'Polki' kalgi or turban ornament by the Gem Palace, (lot 73) sold for INR 66 lakhs (USD 75,000).





A regal period diamond 'Polki' necklace, (lot 84) sold for INR 60 lakhs (USD 68,182).



An exquisite pair of paraiba tourmaline and diamond earrings, (lot 109) sold for INR 42 lakhs (USD 47,727).



An impressive pair of period gemset 'Paizeb' or anklets, (lot 92) sold for INR 36 lakhs (USD 40,909).

Minal Vazirani, Saffronart President and Co-Founder said, "We are delighted with the results of our Fine Jewels and Silver auction. The success of the sale reaffirms our commitment, over the past 25 years, to developing and expanding the market for vintage and contemporary jewellery in India through carefully curated auctions, initiatives, dialogues, and scholarships on India's rich jewelled legacy. With rare period jewellery of outstanding provenance and significant gemstones on offer, the catalogue received a strong response from collectors worldwide, based onSaffronart's ability to offer high calibre pieces of outstanding craftsmanship and historic value."

An analysis of the online auction can be viewed here: online auction

ABOUT SAFFRONART

Founded in 2000 by Minal and Dinesh Vazirani, Saffronart is one of India's most reputed auction houses with an international presence. Its flagship gallery is in Mumbai, with offices in New Delhi, London, and New York. The company is at the forefront of selling Indian art and, together with its sister online auction and e-commerce platform StoryLTD, has over 700 auctions to its credit. Its focus is to bring transparency to the auction process and provide easy access and information to collectors around the world. It has set several global benchmarks for online auctions and was the subject of a case study at Harvard Business School in 2005. Saffronart's services also include private sales, appraisals, and valuations for clients. It has also held exhibitions and panel discussions with industry experts, working with collectors, gallerists, and artists to develop a strong market for art and aesthetics.





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