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After a week-long successful exhibition at Jahangir Art Gallery, Mumbai, **"Tibet Dreams"**, art installations and paintings by contemporary Indian Artist **Francis Kodankandath** will now travel to Alappuzha, Kerala. The exhibition was conceived in support of Tibet people's solidarity under the leadership of HH the Dalai Lama and their struggle to regain their lost Independence.



"Tibet Dreams" will be inaugurated jointly by Dr KN Raghavan, Kochi Customs Commissioner and the author of 'Vanishing Shangrila' and noted political cartoonist Yesudasan at Centre for Social and Political Art (CSPA), Sylviander House, Chettikad Beach Road, Alappuzha on Wed, May 4, 2016 at 10am. The exhibition will remain open May 6, 2016. Entry is free and open to all.

The same meeting will witness the release of **'Resistance in Exile: A Study of Tibetan Poetry in English'**. It is one of the first books on Tibetan Poetry in Exile by Dr Appu Jacob John. Dr John is a Campaigner of Friends of Tibet. He is also an Assistant Professor in English at St Albert's College, Ernakulam. The book is being published by Authors Press Group, New Delhi.

According to Eswar Anandan, Poet and Friends of Tibet Campaigner, who curates the show, "these art installations are done on 30 different Tibetan cloth artefacts collected over a period of time, representing the Tibetan culture from the three main regions U-Tsang, Kham and Amdo. The dreams and aspirations of the Tibetan people are captured in the paintings and drawings done on these artefacts." The event is supported by Friends of Tibet, Mumbai-based Tibet Support Group. The organisation believes that "Tibet Dreams" would be a very important show that would highlight and bring forward the glorious Tibetan culture and cause to the forefront and play an important role in the history of Tibet for time to come.

Francis Kodankandath is a long-time supporter of the Tibet Cause and has conducted a series of exhibitions dedicated to the cause at various parts of India. On the 69th birthday of HH the Dalai Lama in 2004, which is also observed as 'World Tibet Day', Friends of Tibet presented the Dalai Lama with "Tibetan Dreams", a piece of art by Francis that brings to life the story of Tibet. On November 25, 2012, His Holiness the Dalai Lama visited Francis Kodankandath's 'Art of Happiness' art show organised by Friends of Tibet. As part of the World Tibet Day 2015, Francis had dedicated and

exhibited a painting depicting the outlawed Tibetan National Flag and honouring His Holiness the Dalai Lama on his 80th Birthday.

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His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama visits Francis Kodankandath's 'Art of Happiness' exhibition organised by Friends of Tibet in Kerala in November 2012.



Artist Francis Kodenkandath receives an award in the 'Works on Paper' category at the Florence Biennale 2015, Italy.