Kiran Soni Gupta

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Kiran Soni Gupta is an officer of the 1985 batch of the Indian Administrative Service from Rajasthan. She is presently Director of West Zone Cultural Centre under the Ministry of Culture. She was also Director General of Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur a leading visual and performing arts cultural center in India.



Along with being a development practitioner and policy maker she is also known as a prolific artist, writer, curator sculptor and avid photographer. Kiran has showcased her art at more than forty art institutions of which two dozen were international. Her artworks "*NREGA*" and "*Pooja Times*" and '*Shelters*' were exhibited at the Louvre, Paris in 2012, 2013 and 2017.

Government of Rajasthan appointed her as Principal Secretary Art and Culture in recognition of her domain accomplishments. As Director General of Jaipur's leading cultural center she has organized many festivals, workshops, art talk art camps besides initiating the online platform for art learning and establishing international collaborations. She placed JKK on the national and international tourism map.

Kiran conceptualized, curated and organized Jaipur's 1stInternational Art Festival in March 2013 with 130 artists drawn from across the world. In the 2nd edition of the Art Festival in 2014 she had 240 artists from 24 countries. Recently, she curated an international exhibition at IGNCA celebrating Indian languages that was later exhibited in New Delhi, LBSNAA Mussoorie and Chandigarh. She has exhibited nationally and internationally- Boston, Chicago, Syracuse, London, Iran, Srilanka, Ottawa, Toronto and many places in India. She also exhibited twice in SNBA exhibition at Le Lourve Carousel in Paris.

She was invited to organize the *Gita Kala Parv* at Kurukshetra in 2016 by Government of Haryana and *Vigyan Prasar Kala Parv* at Indian National Science Academy 2017 by Department of Science & Technology. She organized International Women's Art Festival and All India Printmakers Camp in 2020 at Jaipur.

Kiran's paintings on the 'Famine' won her the National Award. She has been honored with 'Indian Iconic Women's Award 2019, 'Literary Excellence Award' at 4th Asiad LitFest, National Gaurav Award 2017 and Fakhre-e-Hind Award 2018, 'Swasti Samman 2013', International Vaish Sammelan Award 2013', "Unnat Bharat Sewashri Damini Award 2013', Rajasthan Gaurav Award 2013 " Nari Pratibha Samman "2012," 'Kala Samridhi Award' in 2010, 'Artist of the Year 2009', 'Special Achiever Award 2009' and 'Kala Shiromani Award' 2008. She was also decorated with the 'Global Women Achiever's Award' in 2019.

Her works can be accessed on website www.kiransoniart.com and on Instagram–
kiransoniart. Her book 'Range-e-Jahan' and 'Empower the Woman Enlighten the World' has been launched in 2019. The Times of India has brought out a trilogy of books 'Beyond Strokes', 'Kiran's Art Renderings' and 'Women - God's Finest Creation' based on her artworks themes.

Her exhibition' *A Tryst with Art*' was held at Jehangir Art Gallery in April 2022 and' My Conversations with Nature' was recently held at Civil Services Officer's Institute in Mar 2022.. Her next show is at India Habitat Centre in the end 2022. She recently was a part of Jury of International Abstract Art Show Zagreb.

Personal Data

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❖ Date of Birth: 22 June 1960
❖ Gender : Female
❖ Nationality : Indian
❖ Marital Status : Married

Awards:

1	2024	Artwork selected in International Waterwolour Society (IWS)
_	2023	Artwork selected by Fabriano for exhibition in Italy
2	2022	National Award for Portrait Painting by AIFACS
3	2019	The Global Women Achiever's Award
4	2019	Indian Iconic Women Award
5	2018	Fakhr-e-Hind Award
6	2017	National Gaurav Award
7	2017	Excellence Award at 4th Asiad LitFest
8	2017	National Mahila Gaurav Samman
9	2013	National Swasti Award by KalavratNyas
1	2013	Special Women by International Vaish Sammelan

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1 1	2013	Unnat Bharat Sewashri Damini Award
1 2	2012	Rajasthan Gaurav Awar
1	2012	Meritorious Women's Award
1 4	2011	Valparaiso Fellowship, Spain
1 5	2010	Kala Samridhi Award
16	2009	Centrum Art Residency, WA, USA
1 7	2009	Artist of the Year Award
1 8	2009	Achiever of the Year Award on Women's Day
1 9	2008	Kala Shiromani Award, Jodhpur
2 0	2006	J K Galbraith Fellowship, Harvard University
2 1	2005	Ray Vernon Fellowship, Harvard University
2 2	2004	National Award in 63rd All India Art Exhibit Hyderabad
23	2003	National Award in All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society
2 4	2002	National Award by NABARD in Cooperative Banking
2 5	2001	Award for Integrity & Public Service by Canadian Cultural Organization
2 6	1998	National Productivity Award in Agricultural Marketing

Published Work:

- **\$** Empower Women Enlighten the World 2019
- Range-e- Jahaan Book on Art launched by Shri Muzaffar Ali in New Delhi 2018
- ***** Kiran's Journey of Art by Times of India
- ❖ Women in Kiran's Art God's Finest Creation by Times of India
- **❖** Women- God's Finest Creation 2010
- **❖** Desert Symphony 2009
- ***** "Foot Prints" by Times of India
- ❖ Kiran's Art Renderings" by Times of India
- ❖ "Voice of Substance" by Times of India
- **Desert Symphony** 2008

- ❖ "Beyond Strokes" Book brought out by Times of India 2008 based on selected artworks of Kiran Soni
- ❖ Maharana Pratap Great son of Mewar". 1998

Residencies and Workshops:

1.	2024 2023	National Water Color Camp Udaipur Mural Art Camp
2.	2023	Collage Making Workshop
3.	2022	Resin Art Workshop
4.	2022	Charcoal Chitrankan Camp Mt Abu
5.	2022	Pastel Oil Workshop
6.	2022	Phad Painting Workshop
7.	2020	Mural Painting Workshop JKK Jaipur
8.	2020	All India Printmaking Camp JKK Jaipur
9.	2020	International Women's Art Camp Jaipur
10.	2019	Art Camp, LBSNAA LitFest, Mussoorie
11.	2018	Art Camp, Russian Centre for Science and Culture, New Delhi
12.	2018	Les Sentiments, Graz, Austria
13.	2018	AIFACS Art camp, New Delhi
14.	2017	NamamiGange Art Residency, Haridwar, Uttrakhand
15.	2017	Kerala Lalit Kala Camp, Dehradun
16.	2017	Vigyan Kala <i>Parv</i> , New Delhi
17.	2016	Gita Kala <i>Parv</i> , Kurukshetra, Haryana
18.	2016	Ceramics Workshop, New Delhi
19.	2016	International Babylon Residency, Izmir, Turkey
20.	2016	Indo-Vietnam Art Camp, New Delhi
21.	2015	Women Artists Workshop, Shanghai, China

22.	2015	Art Workshop at CSOI New Delhi
23.	2014	Jaipur Art Festival, Jaipur
24.	2013	Art Workshop, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla
25.	2013	All India Women's Camp, Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur
26.	2013	Art Residency, Mallnitz, Austria
27.	2013	Calligraphy Workshop, Ajmer
28.	2013	Jaipur Art Festival, Jaipur
29.	2012	International Art Camp, Modi School, Jaipur
30.	2012	Apalak2-2012 Photography Workshop
31.	2011	International Artists Camp, Modi School, Jaipur
32.	2011	All India Senior Artist's Camp (AIFACS), New Delhi
33.	2011	Valpraiso Fellowship Spain
34.	2010	Centrum Art Residency Port Townsend Seattle US
35.	2009	Workshops at Fort Worden, Port Townsend, Seattle, US
36.	2005	Artist in Residence at the East West Centre Hawaii April
37.	2005	Workshop at the KCC College, Hawaii
38.	2003	'Contemporary Indian Art Alliance Françoise, Kandy, Sri Lanka
39.	1994	Organized workshop on "The Art of Tanjore Paintings" SZCC Jaipur

Academic Qualifications

2005-06 Harvard Kennedy School of Government
 Master's in Public Administration (Mason Fellowship)

 2005-05 Syracuse University (Maxwell School), NY-USA
 Masters of Public Policy

Certificate Course in Advanced Women's Studies

Certificate Course in Conflict Resolution Certificate Course in Health Services Management and Policy Certificate Course in Environmental Decision Making, College of Environmental Science & Forestry, State University of New York

1980-82 Punjab Agriculture University, India. Masters of Science (Rural Sociology)

1977-80 Punjab University, Chandigarh India. Bachelor of Arts with English Honors

Assignments:

Jan 21 till date Nov 2019 – June 2020 Oct 2015 -Oct 2019	Director West Zone Cultural Centre Udaipur Director General Jawahar Kala Kendra Jaipur Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor, Ministry of Skill Development Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs
May 16 2014 – Oct 2015	Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles. Mumbai
July 2013	Principal Secretary, Art and Culture, Rajasthan
Oct 2012 – June 2013	Divisional Commissioner Ajmer
Oct 2011 – Oct 2012	Member Rajasthan Civil Services Tribunal, Jaipur
Sep 2010 – Sep 2011	Principal Secretary, General Administration and Cabinet Secretariat Managing Direction Civil Aviation Corporation
Jan 2009 – Sep 2010	Divisional Commissioner Jaipur Vice Chancellor, Sanskrit University, Jaipur
Oct 2006 – Jan 2009	Divisional Commissioner Jodhpur Principal, Institute of Hotel Management Jodhpur
2005 – 2006	Research Associate, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Kennedy School of Govt., Harvard Research Associate, University Committee for Human Rights, Harvard University Archives Assistant, Fogg Museum, Harvard University

	Assistant, Harvard Alumni Association
Oct 2002 – Sep 2004	Commissioner, Command Area Development and Colonization Bikaner and State Commissioner Guides, Rajasthan
June 2002 – Oct 2002	Secretary, Administrative Reforms Commission, Jaipur
2000 – 2002	District Collector and District Magistrate, Sriganganagar
1999 – 2000	Director, Women and Child Department Secretary, Rajasthan State Women's Commission
1998 – 1999	Managing Director Rajasthan State Cooperative Marketing Federation
Apr 1997 – Sep 1998	District Collector, Rajsamand, Rajasthan
1994 – 1997	Deputy Secretary, Mines Department Govt. of Rajasthan
1990 – 1994	Under Secretary, Ministry of Personnel, Govt. of India
1989 – 1990	Managing Director, Kerala Women's Development Corp. Special Officer, Sericulture
1987 – 1988	Sub-Divisional Officer and Magistrate, Trichure Kerala.
1986 – 1987	On the job district Training in District Quilon, Kerala

Exhibitions

Forthcoming Shows:

*	Art Residency in Turkey	2025
*	International Water colour Society (IWS) New Delhi	2024
*	Art Residency at MonteNegro	2024
*	Art Expressions'at Bikaner House New Delhi	2024

Solo Shows:

Conversations with Art at ITC Jaipur

2024

*	Europe through the eyes of Indian Artist Embassy of Bulgaria Delhi	2024
*	Art Exhibition at Jahangir Gallery Mumbai	2024
*	Art Expressions CSOI New Delhi	2023
*	Art Narratives IHC New Delhi	2022
*	Art Exhibition at Islamic Cultural Centre	2022
*	Jehangir Art Gallery Mumbai	2022
*	National Institute of Financial Management Faridabad	2022
*	Art Unplugged CSOI New Delhi	2022
*	Valley of Flowers National Kala Mela New Delhi	2020
*	Valley of Flowers IHC New Delhi	2020
*	Valley of Flowers Show at Litfest Dehradun	2019
*	My Conversations with Nature New Delhi	2019
*	India Art Fair	2019
*	Lalit Kala Academy, New Delhi	2019
*	International Kala Mela, New Delhi	2018
*	India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi	2017
*	Hotel Trident, Mumbai	2017
*	Safarnama, CSOI, New Delhi	2016
*	Nehru Centre, Mumbai	2015
*	Index Fair Mumbai	2015
*	CSOI New Delhi	2014
*	Nehru Centre, Mumbai	2014
* *	ITC Sheraton, Calcutta "Indian Traditions" at Placeti Museum, Romania	2013 2013
*	"Indian Traditions" at Ploesti Museum, Romania Desert Symphony ,Nehru Centre Mumbai	2013
*	Timeless Art, Surajkund Crafts Show	2012
*	Nadine, LE PRINCE Haveli, Fatehpur, Shekhawati	2012
*	Artists Centre, Kala Ghoda, Mumbai	2012
*	India Kala Academy, Goa	2011
*	National Museum, New Delhi	2011
*	Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi	2011
*	CCRT, New Delhi	2010
*	Nehru Centre London	2010
*	Welcom Art Gallery, Rajputana Sheraton Jaipur	2010
*	Chitramayee State Gallery of Fine Arts, Hyderabad	2009
*	Incredible India, at Fort Worden, WA,USA	2009
*	Incredible India: Rothwell Gallery, Ottawa, Canada	2009
*	Cottage Art Gallery, New Delhi	2008
*	International Roerich Trust, Nagger, Kulu, Himachal	2008
*	India: Life in Color California, Los Angeles	2008
*	Incredible India: Life in Color, Cambridge, Boston	2008
*	India: Life in Color, Hilton Hotel, New York	2006
*	India: Life in Color, Harvard Arts Festival, Harvard University	2006
*	'The Colors of India 'Cambridge Center, Harvard Square	2006
*	Taj Convention Center, Mississauga Canada	2005
*	The Colors of India, Syracuse, New York	2005
*	The Colors of India, Ohio, US	2005

*	Nehru Centre, London	2004
*	Sutlej Club, Ludhiana	2004
*	ITC Welcom Art Gallery, Chola Sheraton, Chennai	2003
*	Elahe Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran	2003
*	ITC Welcom Art Gallery, Windsor Manor, Bangalore	2003
*	Nell Dorr Art Gallery, Malsisar, Jhunjhunu	2003
*	The Indian Desert' Alliance Françoise, Kandy, Srilanka	2003
*	Taj Hotel, Mumbai	2002

Group Shows:

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*	Rango ki Rimzhim, Jahangir Art Gallery, Mumbai	2015
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*	'Before & After" Group Show at Art Entrance Mumbai	
*	Group Show, New Delhi	2015
*	Group- Show at Cabinet Secretariat New Delhi	2015
*	The Art Enclave Mumbai	2014
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*	"Emerge" by Dream Foundation The Club DN Nagar Mumbai	2014
*	Rangam Hotel Island, Marriott New York	2014
*	'For You Amrita' Hungarian Cultural Centre. New Delhi	2014
*	JSAF- A Tribute Show Ahmedabad	2013
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*	SNBA Exhibit at Carrousel de Louvre Paris	2013
*	All India Women's Camp at Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur	2013
*	Art Summit Jaipur	2013
*	SNBA Exhibit at Le Louvre Paris	2013
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*	Art Exhibit at Indian Institute of Advanced Studies Shimla	2013
*	Aura Art Show 2013 Jehagir Gallery Mumbai	2013
*	Art Fusion Nehru Centre Mumbai	2013
*	An Escape Route Group Show of 32 artists at Samanvay Gallery, Jaipur	2013
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*	Jaipur Art Festival	2013
**	Group Show L& P Hutheesing Visual Art Centre, Ahmedabad	2013
*	16th Kala Mela Jaipur	2013
*	SNBA Exhibit at Le Louvre Paris	2012
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*	Apalak 2-2012 Photography Group Show	
*	Fresco Art Show Rajputana Sheraton	2012
*	All India Art Exhibition Amritsar	2012
*	34th Kala Mela 2012 Jaipur	2012
*	Shabad Art Exhibit at Lit Fest 2012 Jaipur	2012
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*	All India Exhibition at Hyderabad	2012
**	Group Show, Modi School	2011
*	Group Show of Shristi JKK Jaipur	2011
*	Exhibition of artwork of All India Artist's Camp AIFACS	2011
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*	Sarasvati Gallery Nadine Laprince Haveli Cultural Centre Fatehpur	2011
*	14th Kala Mela, JKK Jaipur	2011
*	4th International Friendship Art Exhibition, Dhaka	2010
*	Stree- All India Exhibition of Women Artists, New Delhi	2010
*	Art Exhibition of Women Artists, Jaipur	2010
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*	ArtFest at Mehrangarh Fort, Jodhpur	2010
*	Shristi Art Group at Jawahar Kala Kendra Jaipur	2009
*	<i>Tirangaa</i> - Group Show at President House , New Delhi	2008
*	Srishti- a Group show at Town Hall, Jodhpur & Mt Abu	2008
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*	Cultural Survival, Boston Convention Center	2006
*	Medford Arts Festival, Boston, US	2005
*	Somerville Crafts Fair, Boston, MA	2005
*	Crafts Bazaar, Cultural Survival, Boston	2005
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*	Painted faces of A Christopher and army Capt.	
	Orlando A Bonilla for the exhibition,	2005
**	To Never Forget-Faces of the Fallen, Lowe Art Gallery, Syracuse Univ	2005
*	The Appreciation Show, Pittsburgh, US	2004
•	The Experience on on, I modulan, 00	2007

*	Art Exhibition at Convention Centre, Canada	2004
*	Monkeys- Myths and representations, East West Gallery, Hawaii	2004
*	'Just A Taste" International Show, Monarch Sculpture Park, Washington	2004
*	Shrishti by Masters of Traditional art, Lalgarh Palace, Bikaner	2004
*	International Art Show at Hamilton Canada	2004
*	76th All India Art Exhibition, AIFACS, New Delhi	2004
*	63rd All India Art Exhibition, Hyderabad Art Society	2004
*	All India Art Exhibition of WISDOM, Lalit Kala Academy, New Delhi	2003
*	Bikaner Creative Artists Group, AIFACS Gallery, New Delhi	2003
*	Artist's Camp by Bikaner Creative Artist Group on ARTIST'S DAY	2003
*	India Senior Artists Camp (AIFACS), Kala Kumbh, Bikaner	2003
*	All India Exhibition of AIFACS,	2003
*	Artist's Camp of AIFACS in celebration of ARTIST"S DAY 28th April	2003
*	All AIFACS Gallery, New Delhi	2003
*	Group shows Shree Shakti at Habitat Centre New Delhi	2001
*	All India Exhibition, AIFACS, New Delhi	1995
*	Lalit Kala Academy	1992
*	AIFACS Art Gallery, New Delhi	1990
*	Artist's camp, West Zone Cultural Centre, Udaipur	1999
*	Art Festival, Jaipur	1989
*	Bharat Bhavan, Bhopal	1989
*	Kerala State Lalit Kala Academy	1987

Residencies and Workshops:

*	Water Color Camp with Millind Mullick	2024
*	Mural Painting Workshop Udaipur	2023
*	Phad Workshop	2023
*	Charcoal Workshop Udaipur	2023
*	Pastel Workshop	2022
*	Mural Painting Workshop JKK Jaipur	2020
*	All India Printmaking Camp JKK Jaipur	2020
*	International Women's Art Camp Jaipur	2020
*	Art Camp, LBSNAA LitFest, Mussoorie	2019
*	Art Camp, Russian Centre for Science and Culture, New Delhi	2018
*	Les Sentiments, Graz, Austria	2018
*	AIFACS Art camp, New Delhi	2018
*	Namami Gange Art Residency, Haridwar, Uttrakhand,	2017
*	Kerala Lalit Kala Camp, Dehradun	2017
*	Vigyan Kala <i>Parv</i> , New Delhi	2017
*	Gita Kala <i>Parv</i> , Kurukshetra, Haryana	2016
*	Ceramics Workshop, New Delhi	2016
*	International Babylon Residency, Izmir, Turkey	2016
*	Indo-Vietnam Art Camp, New Delhi	2016
*	Women Artists Workshop, Shanghai, China	2015

*	Art Workshop at CSOI New Delhi	2015	
*	Jaipur Art Festival, Jaipur	2014	
*	Art Workshop, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla	2013	
*	All India Women's Camp, Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur	2013	
*	Art Residency, Mallnitz, Austria	2013	
*	Calligraphy Workshop, Ajmer	2013	
*	Jaipur Art Festival, Jaipur	2013	
*	International Art Camp, Modi School, Jaipur		2012
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- Board Member Alliance Française New Delhi
- Board Member Indian Trust for Heritage and Development New Delhi
- Life Member Art Society of India Mumbai
- Life Member, Bombay Arts Society Mumbai
- Life Member Artists Centre Mumbai
- Chair Shristi Art Group Jaipur
- Member World Art Foundation USA
- Member, Cambridge Art Association USA
- Member, Andover Chapel art Project, Cambridge MA
- Visiting Resource Person, Girl Scouts, Central New York