

So Lounge | Anatomy of an unknown chair

Hunger for the big chair

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Ali's 'Monument To An Unknown Politician'.

You would literally want to sit in on the solo show of Baroda artist Mansoor Ali at Mumbai's Gallery Maskara. It is a show about chairs, and the politics of chairs. Among other seating arrangements in the show, titled 'Anatomy Of An Unknown Chair', is a work called 'Monument To An Unknown Politician'. Seven steel chairs of dimensions ranging from 3-84 inches strategically join each other. To reach the highest chair, you need to climb the little ones. So hunger for the big chair, and by extension for power, takes you to the zenith, where a chair is tethered to its own axis, moving in circles—waiting to make you dizzy. Crafty and potent, Ali's art is worth your experience.

Anatomy Of An Unknown Chair is on show till 31 July, 11am-7pm (Sundays and Mondays closed), at Gallery Maskara, 6/7, 3rd Pasta Lane, Colaba, Mumbai (022-22023056).