

## FEATURE

# BIDDING FOR ANTIQUES

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Looking for antiques for your home?

Head to the special auction that is taking place today ( Aug.9) at Murray & Co. in R. A. Puram.

Special auctions are held every few months, regular ones are weekly.

This one will showcase over 200 items of rare collectibles, pieces of utilitarian value, quality, and investment.

Most items are between 50 to 100 years old and many are made of rosewood and teakwood.

Ceramic wall plates, crystal ware, an old brass 'kooja', carved wooden panels, a ceremonial Gurkha knife called 'khukri', Travancore coins, a roll-top desk, adjustable recliner chairs,

glass panel doors, heavy 'vilakkus', a silver cabinet, tea sets, a tambura, pillars, low settees, a huge selection of paintings and wall art, an old wall telephone, and many more items with a touch of culture, heritage and history are part of this sale.

Prices start from Rs. 1000 to over one lakh rupees.

An unusual item being exhibited for the very first time is a rosewood revolving decanter stand. "An eye-catching piece for the home," says Hemanth Srivatsa of Murray's.

Along with his partner Sujan Gangadhar, the duo have conducted over 10,000 auction sales so far.

He says while technology has enabled faster service and better practices, the essence of their operations continues as it

did almost 100 years ago.

For this special auction, they sifted through over 300 pieces to identify unique items. After selection, interaction with the client, cataloguing, listing of items, and publicity plans begin.

He suggests people looking for antiques make a visit to the auction house before the auction sale date to get a feel of it.

The viewing for this auction is open until

Saturday afternoon. The auction begins at 4.30 p.m. and will go into the night.

At 4, Norton Road, Mandaveli. Ph: 24950881.



## TIPS FOR BIDDERS

Study catalogue and items at the preview/inspection.

Attend a few auctions before making a purchase/sale to understand the rules and process.

Research items and their approximate/actual value.

Check for a reserve price; understand payment terms

Do not be in a hurry to bid and do not raise your hand unnecessarily!

## SOME SPECIALS TO BID FOR

● Rosewood revolving decanter stand



● Painting on tin sheet - Jesus carrying the cross



● Miraj tambura



● Brass kettle



● Rosewood, carved elephants



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