

## A DEEP DIVE INTO THE ARCHIVES

What preceded the spectacular show at the Gateway of India was an equally enriching experience — a Dior Retrospective put together at the Chauvauya Atelier. For the first time, the atelier was opened to visitors, giving them a glimpse of beautiful archival pieces from some 50 haute couture and prêt-à-porter Dior collections. The archives revealed Dior pieces created by Marc Bohan, former Artistic Director of the luxury label, who travelled to the country in April 1962, initiating the conversation between France and India.

Other notable series on display included one of Victorian dresses from the 10th century, 20th-century Central Asian flat robes and several fine examples of Chankaya's work with the maison. The exhibition also featured live demonstrations by Chankaya's master artisans across 12 notable craft genres like bullion, crochet, beadwork and lacework that featured in Dior's Fall 2023 collection. This gave visitors a holistic view into the magic of Indian artistry. **D**

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