

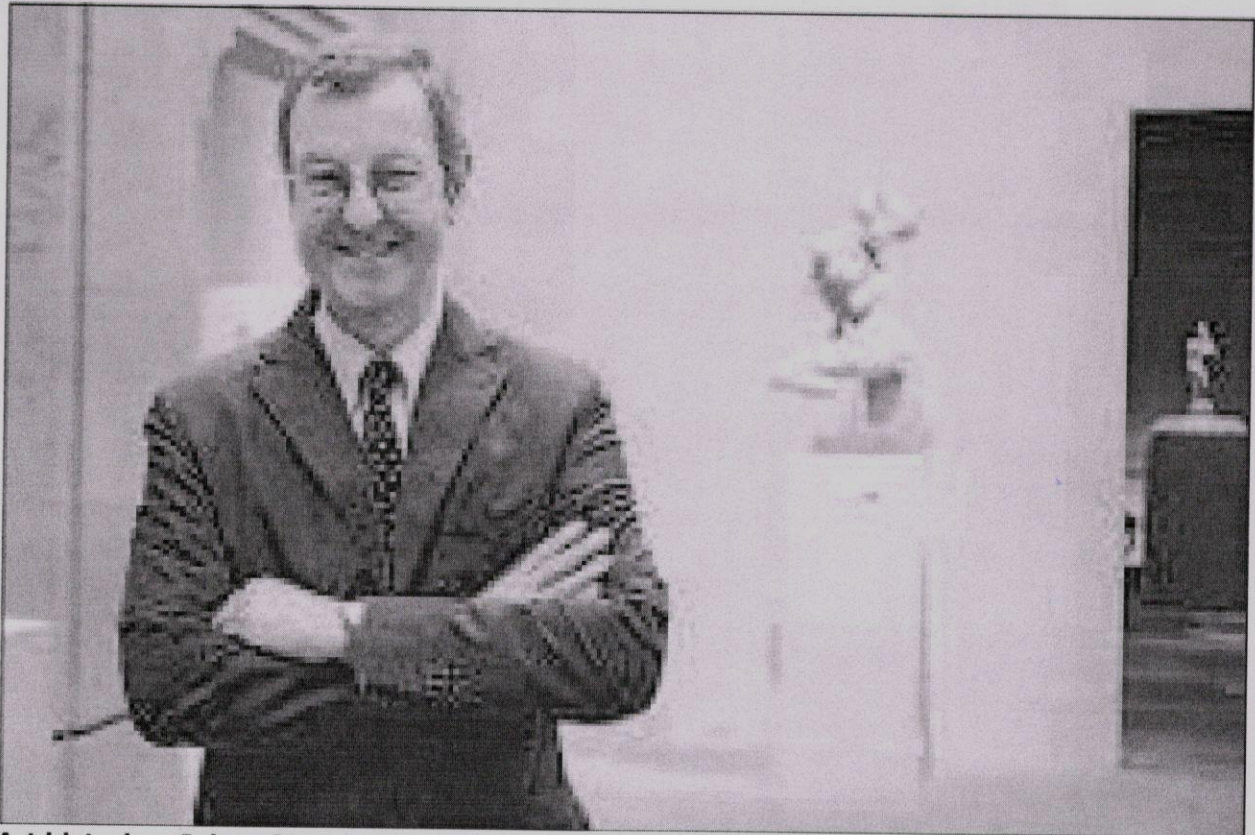
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## City home to one of the best collections of Indian art: Guy

MUMBAI: Art history scholar John Guy, who is also the curator of Southeast Asian art at the Metropolitan Museum in New York and a professor at the University of Cambridge, is in India to deliver a public lecture.



**Art historian John Guy delivered a lecture in the city on Friday.**

In Search of Suvarnabhumi: Tracing Tamil Merchant Traders in First Millennium Maritime Southeast Asia was Guy's first lecture in the city.

"The lecture was stimulated by the exhibition we just had at the Met [Lost Kingdoms: Hindu-Buddhist Sculpture of Early Southeast Asia, 5th to 8th Century]," said Guy. "One of the things that emerged very clearly while researching for the exhibition is the central role the Tamil merchants played in the trade with Southeast Asia and spreading the India culture to that part of the world back then."

He explored this theme further when he delivered the Vasant J Sheth memorial lecture at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Fort, on Friday.

Speaking to HT, Guy was all praise for the work the museum has been doing. "One of the best collections of Indian art is sitting in the city, at the museum," he said. "It is invigorating the culture of the city."

Come April 20, and the Metropolitan Museum will host a three-month exhibition of Deccan art titled Sultans of Deccan India, 1500 - 1700: Opulence and Fantasy.

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