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If pictures of the latter part of nineteenth century India fascinate you, then 'One Hundred Vintage Views of India' is what you should be checking out. This photography exhibition, organised by Tasveer Gallery in association with Bernard J Shapero Rare Books and Ganjam, displays pictures of historical treasures such as Elephanta Caves in Maharashtra, to the Taj Mahal in Agra, the summer palace of Tipu Sultan in Mysore, to the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

Says Abhishek Poddar, director, Tasveer: "We usually showcase contemporary art, but since our aim is to educate people about photography, we decided to put up an exhibition of vintage photographs. Unlike technology that came to India a lot later than when it made an appearance in the West, photography entered this country in the

first decade of being born abroad. We hope to reach out to people who are passionate about photography, especially the photography of this era."

It took a couple of years for the photographs to be gathered, since they had to pass the test of quality (aesthetically), apart from being in good condition. One gets to witness prominent Indian cities such as Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata of the yesteryears, apart from celebrated historical monuments.

"Many of them are by photographers from abroad, who travelled to India, and whose works filled the albums of people there. It was a fad to collect pictures of famous places, that one wouldn't necessarily have visited. These albums were treasured and auctioned too," says Poddar.

The exhibition will be on from August 9 to 28 at The Tasveer Gallery.



Photos at the exhibition

