

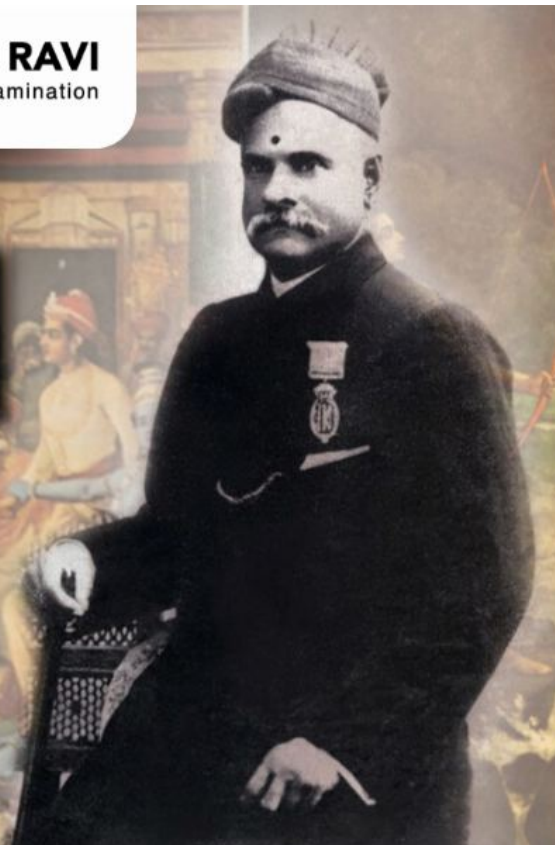
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Raja Ravi Varma Latest News

Recently, Raja Ravi Varma's Yashoda and Krishna painting was sold for ₹167.2 crore at Saffronart.

About Raja Ravi Varma

- He was born on 29 April 1848, in the village of Kilimanoor in Kerala to a family of chieftains known as **the Koil Thampurans**.
- Ravi Varma was an **Indian painter** celebrated for blending Hindu mythological themes **with European realism and naturalism**.
- He was among the **first Indian artists to use oil paints and master lithographic reproduction**.
- **Themes:** Varma painted scenes from Hindu mythology and portraits of Indian and British figures in India.
- **Notable Works:** His notable works include **Shakuntala Writing a Love Letter to Dushyanta** and **Shri Rama Vanquishing the Sea**.
- He is also known for **having mastered the** reproduction of his work on **the lithographic press-** through which his paintings spread far and wide.

- He set up his own **printing press in Maharashtra** — first in **Ghatkopar** and eventually in **Lonavala in 1894**.
- **Awards**
 - In 1904, he **received the Kaiser-i-Hind medal** and was popularly known as Raja Ravi Varma.
 - His 1873 painting, **Nair Lady Adorning Her Hair**, won Varma prestigious awards including Governor's Gold Medal when it was presented in the **Madras Presidency**, and Certificate of Merit at an exhibition in Vienna.

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