

PRESS RELEASE

Internationally Acclaimed Artist Amol K. Patil Comes to Trenčín: Giving Voice to the Marginalized Inside City Hall

Trenčín, May 11, 2026 – Indian artist **Amol K. Patil**, recently named one of the world's **25 most influential emerging artists** by *Artnet News*, is coming to Trenčín. On **Thursday, May 14 at 6:00 PM**, he will present his new site-specific installation, **The Weight of Quiet Voices**, in the Grand Council Chamber of Trenčín City Hall. The opening will feature the artist in person, alongside a live performative intervention by renowned Indian artist **Yogesh Barve**.

Why Trenčín?

Amol K. Patil has established himself as one of the most compelling voices in contemporary art. Included in *Artnet News*'s prestigious **25 for 2025** list, which highlights artists shaping the future of global contemporary practice, Patil is known for exploring questions of social justice and the legacy of resistance within India's Dalit communities.

His latest work was created specifically for **Trenčín 2026**. At its core are questions engraved into stones collected from the area surrounding the city, including: *"Is the essence of democracy participation or observation?"* Installed within the civic environment of Trenčín City Hall, these questions acquire a powerful new resonance.

Art at the Centre of Political Decision-Making

The choice of venue is deliberate. The Grand Council Chamber is where elected representatives make decisions that shape the life of the city.

"Presented within the public setting of Trenčín City Hall's council chamber, the work explores the tension between apparent silence and the solidity of stone on one hand, and the fluid nature of speech on the other—where words circulate, shift in meaning, and differ in their impact," explains curator **Agnieszka Kilian**.

From Mumbai to Trenčín

Joining Patil in Trenčín will be **Yogesh Barve**, who will travel from Mumbai to participate in the opening event. Through a live vocal performance, Barve will bring the engraved words into the realm of sound, adding urgency and emotional depth to the installation.

Visitors will experience a unique encounter between global social concerns and the local context of Trenčín.

Once the exhibition concludes, selected engraved stones will be distributed to local organizations, allowing the work's message of social inclusion to become physically embedded within the city's social fabric.

Public Invitation

What: Opening of *The Weight of Silent Voices* by Amol K. Patil

When: Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM

Where: Grand Council Chamber, Trenčín City Hall, Mierové námestie 1/2, Trenčín

Admission: Free

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