

Images of empathy

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One in every ten children in the world is affected by dyslexia. Even Hollywood heartthrob Tom Cruise suffers from it and still "there is little awareness about this learning disorder in our schools," says Ayesha Seth, the artist behind the exhibition *Dyslocation: The experience of Dyslexia*.

A dyslexic herself, the artist didn't realise that she was suffering from the disorder for a substantial part of her life. "It was only when she joined the Parsons School of Design in London, that she was confronted with the issue," says Ameeta Seth, Ayesha's sister.

Seth believes that lot of us "just assume that we are weak in studies or are the slow kids. Little does anyone know that it is a medical disability and can be worked around with." The purpose of the exhibition is to spread awareness about it among the schools. The subjects of the installations include time, maths, language, colours and paintings — elements that affect



a dyslexic person. "I am also showing *A Day In My Life*, a short film which takes people through the problems that I face because of dyslexia," adds Seth. The exhibition is on till April 19 at the Khoj International Gallery, Khidki Extension.

Right: Socialite Ameeta Seth and designer Malini Ramani (right).

Below: Cigar czar Chetan Seth with theatreperson Sita Raina



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Above: Curator of the show, Ayesha Seth is herself dyslexic
Below: Italian trade commissioner Guglielmo Galli at the show