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SHE SPENT 39 YEARS IN SOLITUDE, AND YOU CAN'T STAND AN HOUR?

A NUN IN SPITI VALLEY SPENT HALF HER LIFE ALONE IN THE HIMALAYAS. PHOTOG IDRIS AHMED CAPTURES HER CALM SO THAT YOU CAN BENEFIT, TOO

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PICTURE a 93-year-old, alone and slouching, and still much more at peace than you are. And picture others whose stories are far removed yet equally stirring. Delhi-based biker-photog Idris Ahmed plays storyteller with his lens in his latest series, Daughter of



SOLITARY REAPER: A proud, cheerful woman, Dolma admires her generous barley harvest. She treated the photog to hot salted tea and yak butter

the Sea. It is named so since his subjects are settled in Spiti Valley, which, they say, rose from the sea. Forget the tough terrain and adrenalin rush for once, and immerse yourself in the warmth of the local communities.

The 35-year-old rode all the

way to do a photographic diary, spread over three years of his expeditions.

"I'm not focussing on sceneries, but on the lives of people who live in and around the 15 villages of Spiti. They're so amicable that they bring you closer

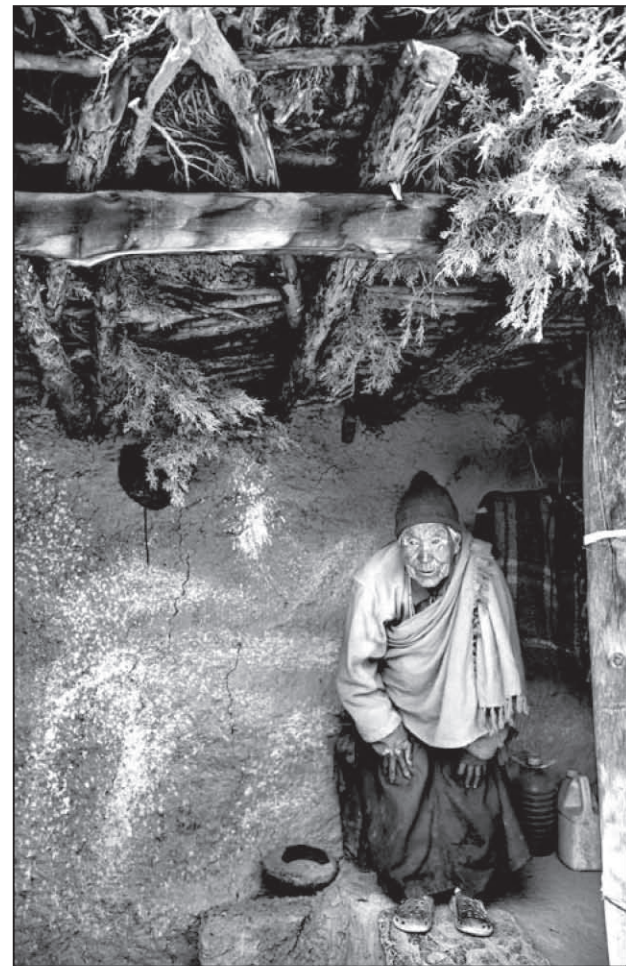
to humanity as a whole. And they're very down to earth, which is even more heartwarming. Little things, like children walking miles to reach school everyday, or the vast wilderness of the snow-capped mountains catch your attention. If the place was not 'worth it', why would a nun spend 39 years of her life living alone, meditating, and cutting herself off, completely, only to find unseconded bliss in the end?" There are 37 works on display, all shot in black and white. And yet fabulously coloured.

Daughter of the Sea

Last day today

Where: Galerie Roman Roland
Alliance Française de Delhi, Lodhi Estate

Timings: 11 am to 8 pm



OLD AND BEHOLD: A Chomo (female monk), Tashi spent all the years alone in this house of hers (entrance faintly visible on right). She is the only one in the whole of Gangchhumi village to have done this, ever