

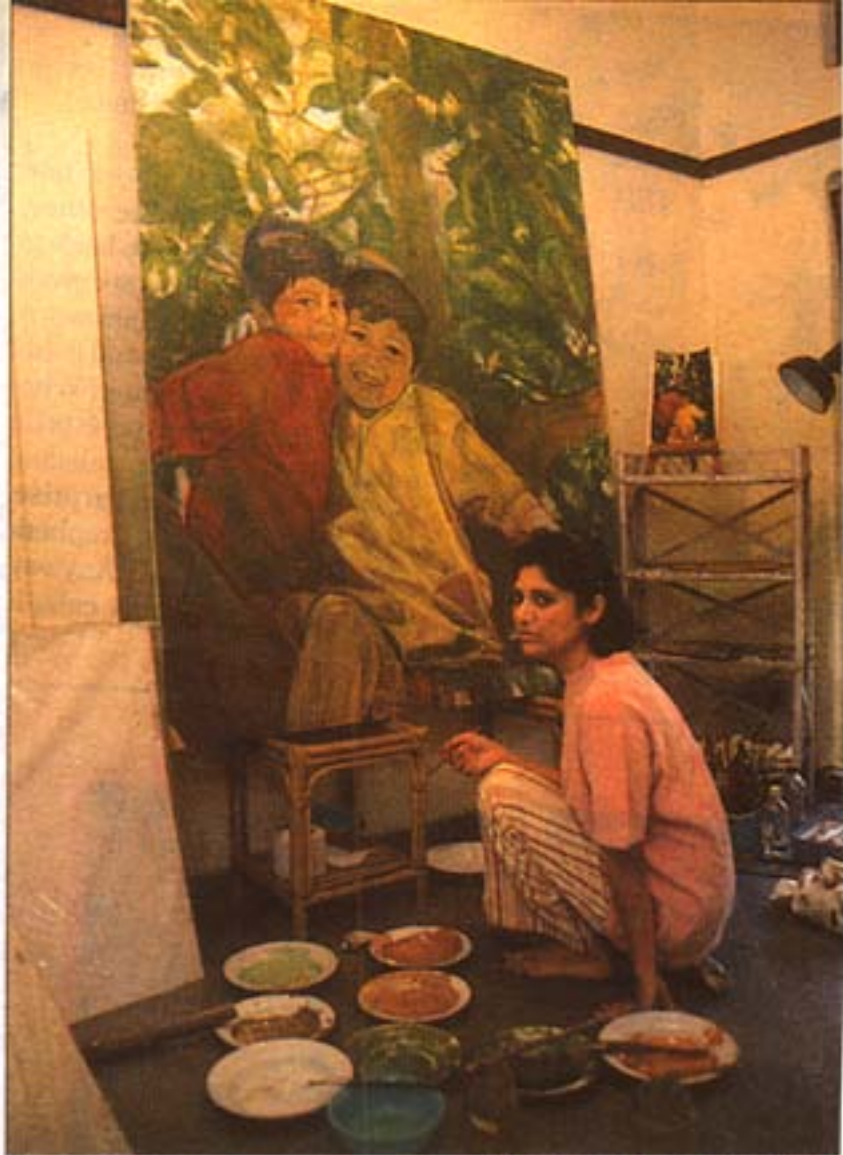
● Sheyna Baig at work on a canvas: right strokes

Sheyna Special

SHEYNA, the 27-year-old daughter of former Test cricketer Abbas Ali Baig, is spending a month at Anandgram, Gurgoan. Set in picture-perfect surroundings, Anandgram is O. P. Jain's brainchild and Sheyna is working towards an exhibition of working children whom she has encountered in her travels. Says she: "These are the children I've bumped into at various points of my life." And referring to Anandgram, Sheyna says: "It's a perfect place. I'm on my own."

Sheyna was handed a box of colours by her parents when she was all of three. The reason — they, like any other parents with a frisky child, wanted her to stay quiet. It did more than keeping this tiny tot's restlessness in check. From then on, while other youngsters frolicked, she worked steadily on her painting skills. And improve them she did.

At 13, Sheyna went off to London to study art. After graduating, she decided not to stay on and came back to India and has since then dabbled in a bit of this and that. And it is not any other this and that. For, in



Sheyna's case, this has included giving young children art lessons and a bit of that has meant doing organisational work for television during the much publicised and recently concluded Wills World Cup.

Her month-long stay at

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Anandgram is aimed at getting together a collection for an exhibition and, as she puts it, "to flesh out ideas that I've collected in the past four years". Breathless, we're waiting for the results.