

We Are Created and Creators

Art has always been our way of finding peace—a kind of meditation that doesn't require closing your eyes. From ancient cave paintings to vibrant pastel illustrations, art has evolved alongside humanity. It's a form of individuality, a mirror reflecting our world, and a powerful driver of cultural and social growth. Just like our eyes, art is something we all possess, yet no two people see or create it the same way.

Art isn't just about colors and brushstrokes; it's a way of processing who we are. It helps us explore the emotions we can't always put into words—love, loss, life. From the first cave drawings to emojis in our texts today, humans have always relied on art to tell stories, share beliefs, and connect. Those ancient cave paintings at Lascaux and Altamira? They're not just art; they're echoes of how deeply humans felt connected to their world.

Creation is a divine gift. Every song, every poem, every sketch feels like an extension of something larger than ourselves. While some might call it divine intervention, it's also a testament to human ingenuity. Residential schools for girls like Birla Balika Vidyapeeth, Pilani, Rajasthan foster this spirit by nurturing young minds and providing them with opportunities to explore their artistic selves. Events like the **9th International Art Meet** prove that BBV isn't just an academic institution—it's a hub of creativity, diversity, and collaboration.

Through art, we build bridges between cultures and experiences, reminding us that we're both the creators and the created. Art allows us to see the world through someone else's eyes, as Pablo Picasso said, "Art is not about how you paint, it's about how you see the world." Think about the raw emotion in Picasso's *Guernica* or the beauty of Van Gogh's *Starry Night*. These masterpieces don't just hang on walls—they challenge us, inspire us, and speak truths we might otherwise ignore.

Art isn't limited to the canvas; it's everywhere. Dance, theatre, and poetry

help us express what it means to exist, to belong, to create. They remind us to say, "Thank you, art," for giving us a way to make sense of the chaos around us. Platforms like BBV are crucial because they encourage students to engage with different perspectives and embrace the importance of collaboration. The **9th International Art Meet** wasn't just an event; it was a celebration of human expression and potential.

In today's digital age, the tools for art have expanded, and so has its reach. Social media, online galleries, and digital art have transformed how we share creativity with the world. Art is now both a personal escape and a universal connection. Whether it's a sketch in a notebook, a melody that lingers in the heart, or a poem that says what words cannot, art keeps us grounded and connected.

BBV deserves immense gratitude for recognizing the importance of creativity alongside academic brilliance. Their



programs don't just teach; they inspire. They're nurturing problem-solvers and thinkers, creators who will carry their wings into the future. Events like the 9th International Art Meet bridge science and creativity, reminding us of the artist that lives in each of us.

Art is how we say, "This is me," in a world that sometimes feels overwhelming. It's a gift, a guide, and a home. It reminds us we're all part of a larger story—and what a beautiful story it is.

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