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Dev Verma of class XII got his article published (in the editorial segment) in the newspaper of international stature, 'Art Affairs' along with other renowned and globally acclaimed artist across the world. In his article he expressed, his views on Digital Art.

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Editorial

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The current lockdown has been really harsh on us . . . mentally, emotionally and intellectually disturbing, frustrating and intriguing. The most heartening part is, this situation has been less disturbing, frustrating and intriguing for the art fraternity!! This is because art, in all its forms, is naturally relaxing, rejuvenating and enlivening. Every artist has tried to use the lockdown and his or her personal time to create new works of art or to wind up pending orders for their art works or to research or reinvent new mediums or new modes of art. This is the uniqueness of a true artist . . . every opportunity to create art is put to its best use. Art is a medium of depicting the current situation, by different people, in different ways, through different mediums and different points of view.

In the current situation, a huge number of artists have tried to convey their impressions and perceptions through works of art created by them. These impressions and perceptions give a new dimension to our outlook towards the current situation in particular and life in general. While some started art workshops and art classes to keep themselves and fellow artists and art lovers busy, some artists and art groups were innovative enough to conduct online art competitions!! The social media is overflowing with news and posts of such creative activities undertaken. Such activities prove the fact that art fraternity is progressive, more than ever before. This creativity and innovative spirit will surely bring a rich harvest in the world of art in near future.

The current lockdown has also given way to quite a few questions too!! So many countries say they have given aid to the people of different countries. In spite of such aid and assistance, artists by and large, are left to fend for themselves. No one seems to give a thought to the plight of artists. A work of art is an artist's property and it is for him to decide to or not to sell his property. How much he really earns out of it and how frequently he earns is a matter of serious contemplation and deliberation. In spite of all the financial and economic progress in almost all other vocations, why is it that the artist and art fraternity finds it difficult to make the ends meet???



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creating art for so long it's almost impossible to imagine life without it. Art is the most powerful tool of expression. What makes me believe art is superior is, art is not bound by rules like grammar, formats or formulas and is instead, highly subjective. It can be what you make of it; this in my eyes makes art welcoming for all, irrespective of linguistic, cultural, financial or any other social grounds of segregation. To me it is clear that art offers space for all of us and everyone can then take up that space to create an entire universe.

My education in art is limited. I have studied arts and crafts at school level, studying concepts of shade and light, colour combinations etc. I had taken it as a subject in 11th grade where I am studying art history as well as practical concepts like proportions, angles etc. I have relied heavily on the internet for studying about famous art works and artists along with various other things like mythology that inspire my art.

Art is like energy, it was here before us; it will remain long after we're gone. As long as we have an eye for it, art will always find ways to surprise us more with every passing second. In the current times art has found recognition and respect, historically art and artists have been looked down upon, shamed, or not credited enough, that is changing now. People have not only developed an appreciation for the arts but have acknowledged how vital the arts are. My vision is a world full of artists, there's no denying the fact that we can all paint a happier picture with a paintbrush than we will ever be able to, with guns and grenades. Art unites us, the world could be a much better place if we focused on appropriating the art around us, art isn't just a painting; art is the smile on a child's face, it's the blue of the ocean and the green of the forests, and when we truly appreciate the art around us, only then we will be able to stop it's destruction.



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