

## प्रधान मंत्री Prime Minister MESSAGE

It is indeed heartening to learn that an exhibition titled "A season of conviviality" is being held at Lalit Kala Akademi, Delhi, to showcase works of art by the faculty members and senior students of Kala-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati.

There could not have been a better occasion than the completion of 100 years of Kala-Bhavana and Visva-Bharati to present this artistic celebration.

The name – Visva-Bharati, itself suggests a bond between the world and Maa Bharati. At the time of establishing Visva-Bharati, Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore had visualised it as a platform to connect with India's culture, as well as instil a spirit of unity with the world.

Gurudev wrote, "Without music and the fine arts, a nation lacks its highest means of national self-expression and the people remain. inarticulate." In this context, the exhibition marks an attempt to fructify the vision and ideals of the founder of these institutions.

While the completion of 100 years of Kala-Bhavana and Visva-Bharati is an occasion to take pride from the past, such milestones are a source of inspiration to shape the future too. May the artworks appeal to the younger generation, especially, and motivate them to explore their creative side.

Greetings and best wishes to the organisers and participants for the exhibition's success.

(Narendra Modi)

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