



## Dear Partner,

September was an exhilarating month at VR Surat, filled with creativity, culture, and community! We proudly launched the 10th edition of the Dumas Art Project—a spectacular celebration of art and innovation.

This year's Dumas ART Project featured notable partnerships, including UNESCO New Delhi and an international collaboration with New York's Arts for the Future Festival, powered by the United Nations Civil Society Conference. VR Surat was transformed into a vibrant hub of artistic expression, with installations, fine art, workshops, panel discussions, folk performances, exhibitions, and an artisanal bazaar.

The event saw participation from over 400 students across Gujarat, further enriching the festival's spirit of creativity and learning. As we look back on the inspiring moments from the Dumas Art Project, we invite you to take a glimpse of the highlights and join us for the exciting events coming up in the festive month ahead.

Best regards,  
Team VR Surat

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

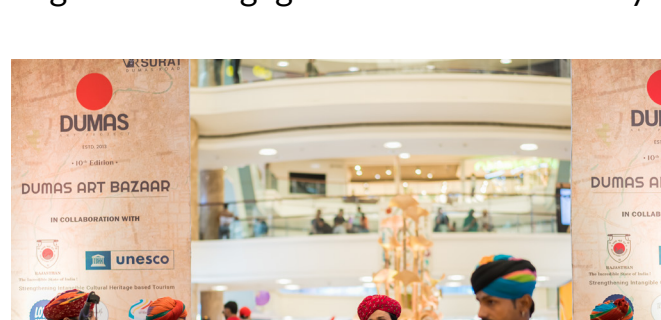
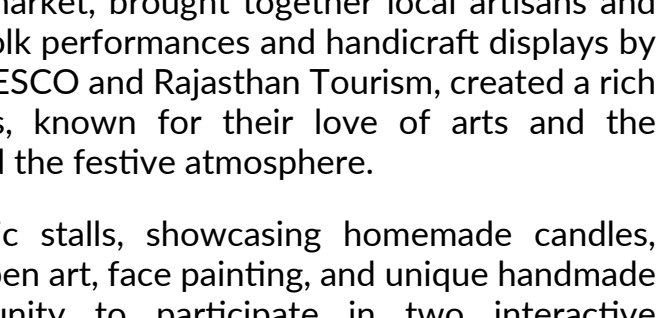
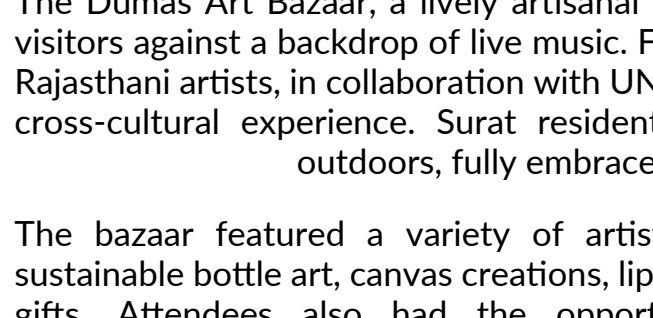
### DUMAS ART PROJECT: 10TH EDITION

18<sup>th</sup> September – 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

The 10th edition of the Dumas Art Project, the public art festival supported by the Yuj Arts Foundation, was inaugurated at VR Surat on September 18, 2024. This year's theme, Transcending Boundaries, encouraged artists to present innovative works reflecting their unique visions. The inauguration was marked by a ceremonial lamp lighting by Ms. Shalini Agarwal, IAS, Honourable Municipal Commissioner of Surat, followed by the unveiling of the Kala Car and a captivating live sand art performance.

The festival showcased over 200 installations from students of prestigious art institutions, featuring a diverse range of art forms, including sculptures and photography. The Kala Car, created with Guinness World Record holder Mital Sojitra, stood out as one of the festival's highlights, while the Basement Art Project transformed VR Surat's basement into a dynamic art gallery.

An international collaboration with New York based Arts for the Future Festival powered by United Nations Civil Society Conference expanded the festival's scope, fostering a more inclusive and global platform for artists.

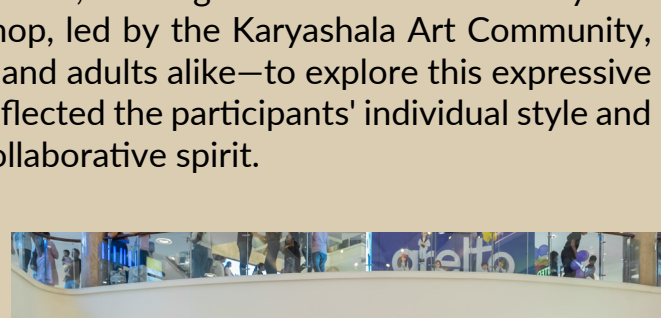
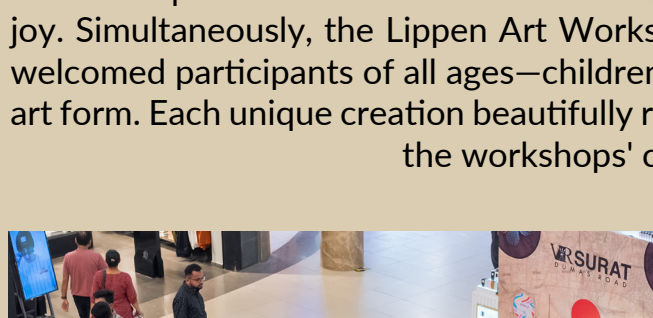


## DUMAS ART BAZAAR

21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024

The Dumas Art Bazaar, a lively artisanal market, brought together local artisans and visitors against a backdrop of live music. Folk performances and handicraft displays by Rajasthani artists, in collaboration with UNESCO and Rajasthan Tourism, created a rich cross-cultural experience. Surat residents, known for their love of arts and the outdoors, fully embraced the festive atmosphere.

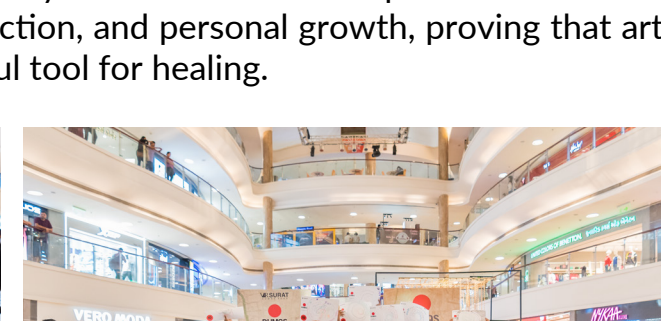
The bazaar featured a variety of artistic stalls, showcasing homemade candles, sustainable bottle art, canvas creations, lippen art, face painting, and unique handmade gifts. Attendees also had the opportunity to participate in two interactive workshops—Lippen Art and String Art—allowing them to engage in hands-on creativity.



## STRING ART WORKSHOP & LIPPEN ART WORKSHOP

22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024

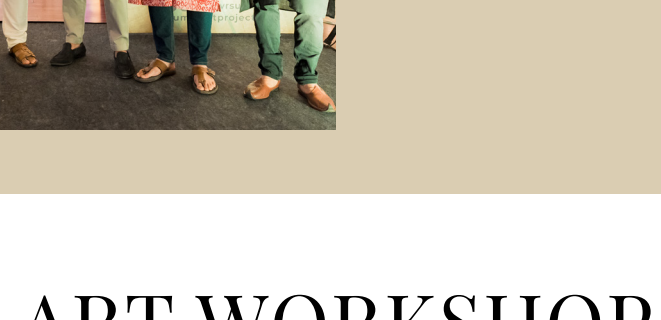
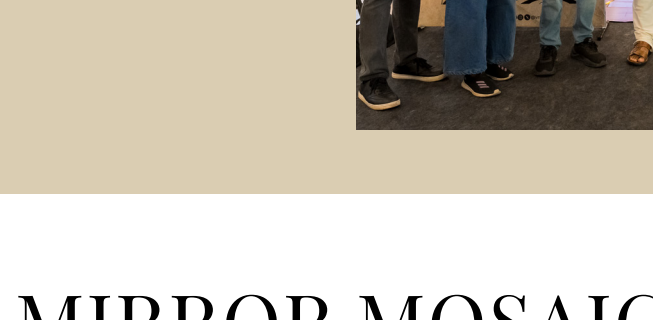
The String Art Workshop at the Dumas Art Bazaar brought together enthusiastic participants. Under the guidance of the talented artist Ms. Riddhi Mytra, attendees turned simple threads into intricate masterpieces, infusing the event with creativity and joy. Simultaneously, the Lippen Art Workshop, led by the Karyashala Art Community, welcomed participants of all ages—children and adults alike—to explore this expressive art form. Each unique creation beautifully reflected the participants' individual style and the workshops' collaborative spirit.



## ART THERAPY SESSION

28<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

Moksh Foundation and Bhagwan Mahavir College organized a transformative art therapy session with 50 participants, where emotions were turned into vibrant creations, encouraging self-expression and fostering deeper personal connections through the power of art. Participants painted their emotions, transforming their feelings into vivid artwork. This unique experience offered valuable insights into their inner worlds, helping them discover new ways to understand and process emotions. The session was filled with creativity, reflection, and personal growth, proving that art is truly a powerful tool for healing.



## PANEL DISCUSSION

28<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

VR Surat hosted an engaging panel discussion on "How Art Can Transform the Urban City," featuring esteemed architect Mr Neraj Bachawat and renowned art faculty from Sarvajani University, Mr Rajashree Samrat and Mr Krunal Zaveri. The session provided profound insights into the vital role of art in urban development, exploring how creative expression can enhance cityscapes, foster community engagement, and promote sustainable growth.



## MIRROR MOSAIC ART WORKSHOP

29<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

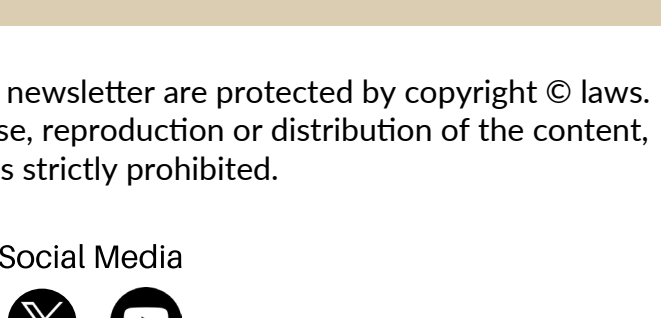
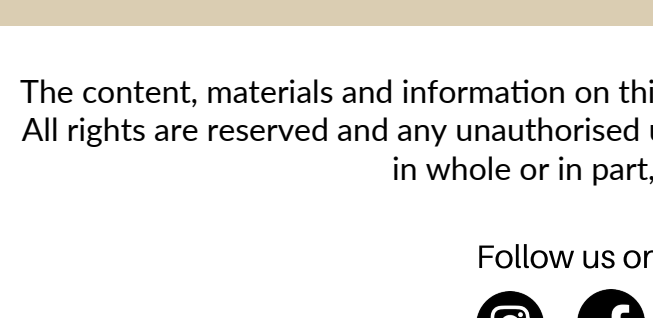
In honour of the 10th edition of the Dumas Art Project, we kicked off a series of vibrant weekend workshops! Among them, our Mirror Mosaic Workshop attracted 30 enthusiastic participants eager to unleash their creativity.



## NEW STORE

### Bonkers Corner

We're thrilled to announce that Bonkers Corner is now open—a new addition where fashion meets fun!



## UPCOMING STORES

### La Pinoz & La Bella

Discover the upcoming La Pinoz and La Bella—your next favorite spots for great flavors and memorable experiences!



## OCTOBER EVENTS



### Glam Garba x Mirchi Rock & Dhol 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

The Glam Garba in collaboration with Mirchi Rock n Dhol lit up the festivities from 3rd October to 12th October with an electrifying fusion of traditional Garba with a modern twist.

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