



ART AT ASHOKA



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HANDS REFLECTION

“Without reflection, we go blindly on our way, creating more unintended consequences, and failing to achieve anything useful.” -Margaret J. Wheatley

The core philosophy of liberal education revolves around reflection and contemplation. A well-educated mind spends time in reflection rather than mindlessly absorbing information. This art work by Uday Kumar Pandit made of terracotta signifies this core philosophy of liberal education.

*Don't be fooled
by its
simplicity,
Hands they are,
discouraging
passivity.*

*This is the sign
of reflection
and
contemplation*

*Two key
symbols of a
liberal
education*

ARTIST: UDAY KUMAR
PANDIT

MATERIAL: BRONZE

YEAR: 2017



DREAM HEAD IMAGINATION

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world." - Albert Einstein

Liberal arts education is not just about knowledge of facts and figures. It fills your mind with ideas and liberate it with powers of imagination. This sculpture portrays this spirit of imagination that forms the underlying principle of education at Ashoka.

*Some call it a
head full of
clouds*

*Some still
clueless of their
whereabouts*

*But these are
the clouds of
imagination*

*Without which
incomplete is
the liberal arts
education*

ARTIST: RAJESH RAM
MATERIAL: STEEL &
ALUMINIUM
YEAR: 2017



PURSUIT DYNAMISM

“It is not in the pursuit of happiness that we find fulfillment, it is in the happiness of pursuit.” -Denis Waitley

A plethora of avenues and opportunities lie in front of a liberal arts student. Exploring and pursuing fields that spark the curiosity of an individual can be a truly enriching experience. This artwork depicting dogs in chase perfectly captures the dynamism and pursuit of knowledge in liberal education.

*In pursuit of
knowledge and
seeking truth,
Forever
remains the
eternal youth.*

*No dearth of
possibilities in
the world of
liberal arts,*

*One just needs
to be dynamic
and smart.*

ARTIST: UDAY KUMAR
PANDIT
MATERIAL: ALUMINIUM
YEAR: 2017



HOPE

PERCEPTION

"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope." - Martin Luther King, Jr

Disappointments are inevitable in life but one must never lose hope and keep striving and conquering obstacles. This sculpture, apart from denoting hope and negative space in an artwork, also signifies the door of perception which allows an individual to perceive things from multiple angles.

*Be like that
mouse, willing
to leave its
comfort zone*

*Sometimes
absence reveals
more than the
known.*

*No matter how
low life takes
you down the
slope,*

*It is crucial to
never lose
hope.*

ARTIST: SUCHISMITA
MOHANTY

MATERIAL:
TERRACOTTA
YEAR: 2017



BOOK BAZAAR **KNOWLEDGE**

"It is what you read when you don't have to that determines what you will be when you can't help it."- Oscar Wilde

No education is complete without books. When it comes to liberal arts, the excitement of exploring different fields of interests is only fueled by reading books in different genres. This book bazaar signifies this spirit of learning by bringing replicas of best books from every genre in the same place.

*The world of
books sharpen
the mind*

*Develops
imagination,
leaving
ignorance
behind.*

*Magic happens
when ideas
intersect,*

*Read a book to
learn and
introspect.*

ARTIST: RAJESH RAM
MATERIAL: WOOD &
METAL
YEAR: 2017



LIFE TREE

GROWTH

"And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom."- Anaïs Nin

Life is about constant learning, growing, and evolving. As long as the mind continues to be exposed to new ideas, there can be no shortage of creativity and inspiration to make this world a better place. With exposure to diverse fields, a liberal arts student develops this urge to explore and experience this growth throughout the life.

*What is life
unless you
grow to be
better than
yesterday?*

*Learning is
more than your
average
working day.*

*Growth is
inevitable in
any weather,*

*When ideas and
imagination,
come together*

ARTIST: SUCHISMITA
MOHANTY
MATERIAL:
TERRACOTTA
YEAR: 2017



VITRUVIAN MAN UNION

This twist to Vitruvian Man is much more than a depiction of ideal proportion of the human body. With four heads in different directions, it symbolizes the union of ideas from all directions and development of a 360° perspective- a trademark of an individual educated in liberal arts.

*Let your eyes
see beyond the
obvious*

*This Vitruvian
Man can make
you curious.*

*Perfect symbol
of a mind
trained in
liberal arts,*

*That
understands the
whole from its
different parts.*

ARTIST: ARBIND KUMAR
SINGH

MATERIAL: ALUMINIUM
& STEEL

YEAR: 2017