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"Dear Readers,

As we prepare to embark on another captivating journey through the pages of Voice Vista magazine, I am honored to introduce you to our latest edition: 'Feminine Fortitude'.

As the Chief editor of this esteemed publication, it has been a privilege to witness the evolution of Voice Vista and the incredible stories we have had the opportunity to share. From our inaugural issue, 'Femme Forward', to the captivating narratives in 'Pedal Passion', 'Kankavali', and 'Vinayaki Gudde', each edition has been a testament to the diverse voices and experiences that make our magazine unique.



In 'Feminine Fortitude', we delve deeper into the lives of remarkable women who have overcome obstacles, shattered glass ceilings, and made a significant impact in their respective fields. From groundbreaking entrepreneurs to visionary leaders, this edition celebrates the strength, resilience, and unwavering determination of women everywhere.

As a Chief-editor, my role is to ensure that each story is crafted with care and precision, allowing the essence of each woman's journey to shine through. It is my hope that the stories featured in 'Feminine Fortitude' inspire you, uplift you, and remind you of the incredible power that lies within each and every one of us.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated team of writers, photographers, and designers, whose passion and creativity bring the pages of Voice Vista to life. And to you, our cherished readers, thank you for joining us on this journey and for allowing us to share these inspiring stories with you.

Here's to celebrating the indomitable spirit of women and the transformative power of feminine fortitude.

Warm regards,

Dr Anagha Naik

Chief Editor,

Feminine Fortitude



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"Dear Readers,

As we journey through the fifth edition of Voice Vista magazine, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of gratitude and excitement. Since our humble beginnings in March, each edition has been a testament to the incredible stories and voices that define our publication.

From our debut issue, 'Femme Forward', to 'Pedal Passion' showcasing the inspiring journeys of cyclists, and 'Kankavali' and 'Vinayaki Gudde' exploring diverse themes, our magazine has been a canvas for celebrating uniqueness and resilience.

Now, as we unveil 'Feminine Fortitude', I am thrilled to present a collection of stories that illuminate the strength and grace of women who have excelled in their respective fields. Through this edition, we shine a light on the remarkable achievements of these trailblazers, inspiring others to pursue their dreams with courage and determination.

'Feminine Fortitude' is more than just a title; it is a celebration of the indomitable spirit that resides within each woman. From entrepreneurs and artists to leaders and innovators, the women featured in this edition embody the essence of resilience and perseverance.

I am deeply grateful to our contributors, whose passion and talent breathe life into the pages of Voice Vista. To our readers, thank you for embarking on this journey with us and for allowing us to share these inspiring stories with you.

As we continue to evolve and grow, let us embrace the power of feminine fortitude and celebrate the extraordinary women who shape our world.

With warmest regards,

Pooja Prasun

Founder & Owner
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अध्यात्मिक, पौराणिक, ऐतिहासिक वारसा लाभलेले नाशिक शहर आता मेट्रो सिटी कडे वाटचाल करत आहे. 'गोल्डन ट्रॅंगल' चा भाग होत असलेल्या नाशिक नगरीतील स्त्री शक्तीचा नवनवीन क्षेत्रात स्वतःला सिद्ध करतानाचा काटेरी वाटेवरील सोनेरी प्रवास म्हणजे 'Feminine Fortitude' हे मासिक.

प्रतिकूल परिस्थितीवर धैर्याने मात करत पारंपारिक क्षेत्रासह आधुनिक क्षेत्रात स्वतःचं वेगळं स्थान निर्माण करणाऱ्या महिलांचा हा सन्मान. या कर्तृत्ववान महिलांनी प्राप्त केलेलं यश याचंच फक्त सेलिब्रेशन न करता या महिलांनी त्यांच्या अंगी विकसित केलेलं धैर्य, बुद्धीचातुर्य, करूणा असे अनेक गुण यासह सामाजिक बांधिलकी जोपासण्यासाठी जाणीवपूर्वक केलेले प्रयत्न समाजासमोर मांडण्याचा आमचा छोटासा प्रयत्न. येणाऱ्या पिढीसाठी 'Feminine Fortitude' चा हा अंक नक्कीच मार्गदर्शक ठरेल अशी आम्ही आशा बाळगतो.

The Voice Vista Portal च्या माध्यमातून दर महिन्याला आम्ही विविध संकल्पना आणि विषय घेऊन नियमितपणे आपल्या भेटीला येत आहोत. 'Feminine Fortitude' हा पाचवा शब्दगुच्छ आमच्या वाचकांच्या हाती देताना आम्हाला मनस्वी आनंद होत आहे.

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ARUNA GARGE

In the ethereal realm of art, where imagination transcends boundaries and creativity knows no limits, there exists a luminary whose brilliance illuminates the very fabric of expression. Enter the captivating world of Aruna Garge, a visionary whose brush strokes weave tales of wonder, evoking emotions that linger in the soul long after the canvas falls silent.

1) What initially inspired you to pursue sculpting as a career, and how did you get started?

- The allure of sculpting captivated me while I was immersed in the world of drawing and painting. The transition from two-dimensional sketches to three-dimensional forms sparked a new fascination within me, ultimately leading me to embark on the journey of sculpting.

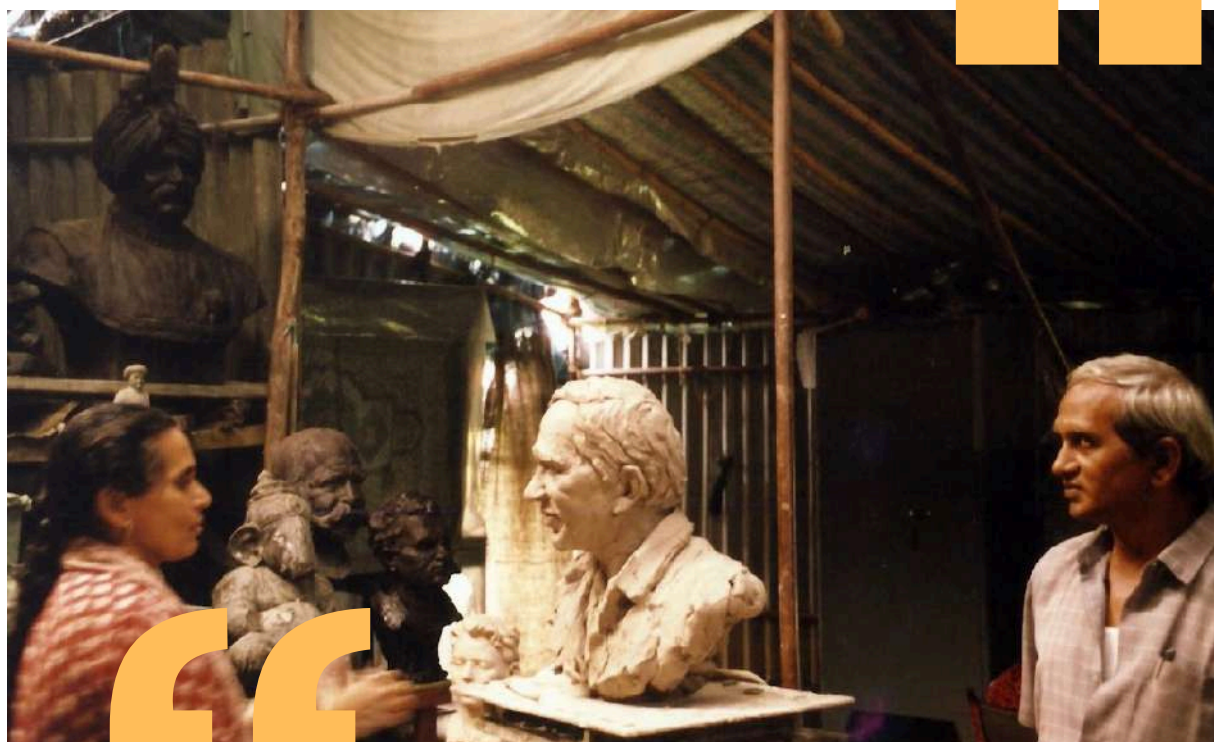
2) Can you share a memorable moment or experience from your extensive career as a sculptor?

- Among the cherished memories of my sculpting career, one that stands out vividly is the creation of towering sculptures depicting the devotion of Tukaram Maharaj and the valor of Shivaji Maharaj. Crafting these monumental sculptures, each standing 20/20 feet tall, filled my heart with an indescribable sense of awe and reverence.



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3) How has your husband influenced your artistic journey, and what lessons have you learned from him?

My husband has been not just my life partner but also my guiding light in the realm of art. His unwavering support and constructive criticism have molded me into the sculptor I am today. His teachings have instilled in me the importance of perseverance, attention to detail, and the pursuit of excellence.

4) Could you describe your creative process when beginning a new sculpture?

Initiating a new sculpture is akin to embarking on a journey of imagination and craftsmanship. I first visualize the sculpture's form in my mind, allowing my creativity to take flight. With meticulous attention to anatomy and composition, I sculpt a small model, gradually bringing my vision to life in tangible form.

5) What are some of the challenges you've faced as a sculptor, and how have you overcome them?

Sculpting monumental figures presents its own set of challenges, particularly when working at great heights. Overcoming fear and maintaining focus amidst such challenges requires resilience and determination.

By immersing myself fully in the creative process, I have learned to transcend these obstacles and channel my energy into my art.

6) Can you share any significant milestones or achievements in your career that you're particularly proud of?

A moment of profound pride in my career was the opportunity to sculpt a representation of Gandhi Ji in America. Witnessing the culmination of my efforts as the pieces came together to form the sculpture filled me with an overwhelming sense of fulfillment and accomplishment.

7) How do you balance preserving tradition with exploring innovation in your work?

Striking a harmonious balance between tradition and innovation is a delicate yet rewarding endeavor. While I draw inspiration from traditional artistic styles, I infuse my work with innovative elements to create a synthesis of the old and the new. This approach allows me to pay homage to tradition while embracing the spirit of creativity and evolution.

8) What motivates you to continue creating art after dedicating over 50 years to the craft?



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The flame of passion for my art continues to burn brightly within me, igniting my creativity with each passing day. Despite the passage of five decades, the joy of sculpting remains undiminished, driving me to explore new horizons and push the boundaries of my craft.

9) Can you discuss the importance of passing down your knowledge and skills to your son and carrying forward the family legacy?

- Passing down the legacy of sculpting to my son, Shreyas, has been a deeply fulfilling endeavor. Through hands-on learning and guidance, he has honed his skills and developed his artistic voice. Nurturing his talent and imparting my knowledge ensures that our family's legacy continues to thrive through the generations.

10) What legacy do you hope to leave behind through your sculptures and your teachings?

- Through my sculptures and teachings, I aspire to leave behind a legacy of inspiration and enlightenment. Beyond their aesthetic beauty, I hope that my artworks and lessons instill in others a sense of passion, resilience, and appreciation for the arts.

11) How do you feel your work has evolved over the years, and what factors have influenced this evolution?

- Over the years, my artistic journey has been marked by continuous growth and evolution. Each experience, whether triumph or tribulation, has contributed to my development as a sculptor. Factors such as experimentation, exposure to diverse artistic styles, and personal introspection have all played a role in shaping my artistic evolution.

12) Can you share any advice for aspiring sculptors who are just starting their artistic journey?

- To budding sculptors embarking on their artistic journey, I offer this advice: Embrace the challenges, for they are the crucible in which artistic mastery is forged. Cultivate patience, perseverance, and a steadfast commitment to your craft, and let the joy of creation be your guiding light.





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13) What role do you believe sculpture plays in society, and how do you see it influencing future generations of artists?

- Sculpture serves as a powerful medium of expression and reflection in society, capturing the essence of human emotions and experiences. Aspiring artists of future generations are inspired by the timeless beauty and depth of sculptures, shaping their own artistic endeavors with renewed vigor and creativity.

14) Are there any specific themes or messages that you aim to convey through your sculptures?

- Through my sculptures, I aim to evoke a sense of reverence for historical figures and profound human emotions. Themes of devotion, valor, and cultural heritage resonate deeply in my work, serving as a timeless testament to the richness of our collective human experience.

15) Looking back on your career, is there anything you would have done differently, or any lessons you've learned that you'd like to share with others?

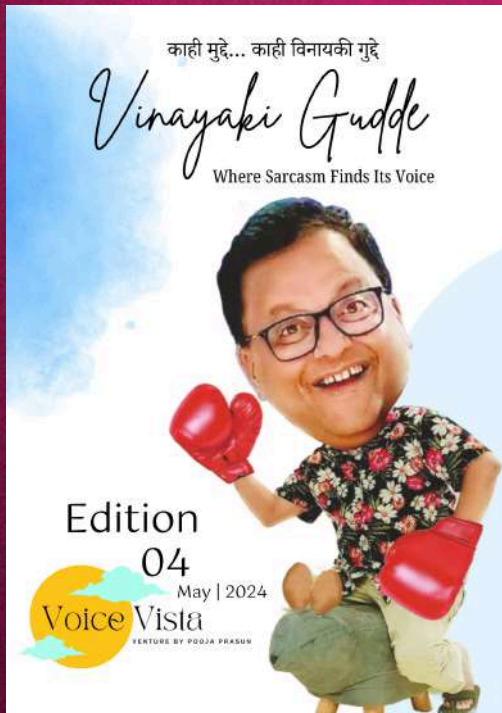
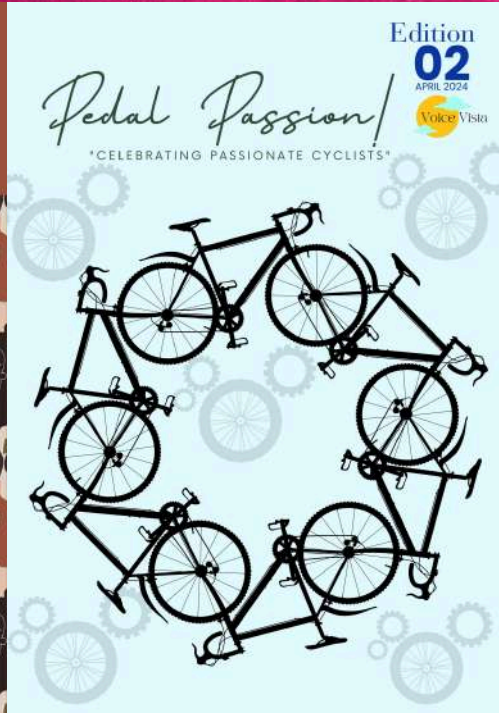
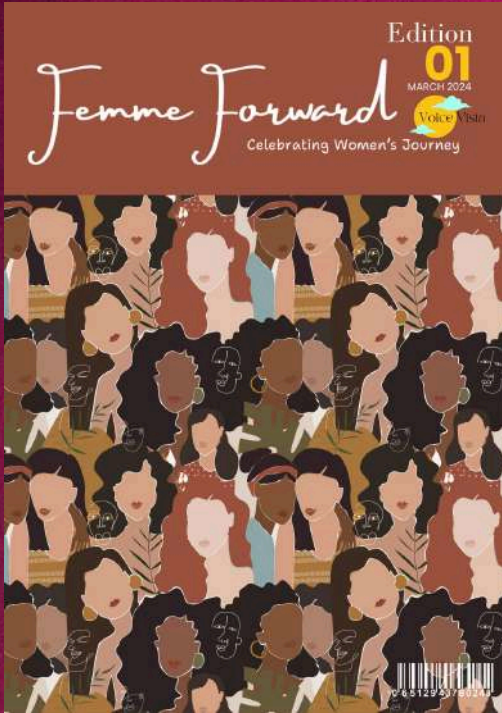
- Reflecting on my journey as a sculptor, I am filled with gratitude for the experiences that have shaped me. While there may have been moments of uncertainty or challenges along the way, each has contributed to my growth as an artist. My advice to others is to embrace every opportunity for learning and growth, for therein lies the true essence of artistic fulfillment.

As the curtain falls on the canvas of time, Aruna Garge's legacy stands as a testament to the enduring power of art to uplift, inspire, and transform. Her indelible imprint on the realm of creativity serves as a guiding light for generations to come, reminding us that true artistry knows no bounds, and the human spirit, when unleashed, can create beauty that transcends lifetimes.



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Introducing "Feminine Fortitude" - a testament to the powerful female faces of Nashik who have not only excelled in their respective fields but have also set a benchmark in their domains. These remarkable women are the embodiment of commitment, dedication, and resilience, and their inspiring journeys serve as a beacon of hope and motivation for others.

"Feminine Fortitude" delves deep into the remarkable stories of these trailblazing women, uncovering the challenges they have overcome, the triumphs they have celebrated, and the lessons they have learned along the way. Through captivating narratives, insightful interviews, and stunning visuals, this magazine provides a platform to celebrate the indomitable spirit of women who have dared to dream and achieved greatness against all odds.

Each issue of "Feminine Fortitude" is a celebration of strength, perseverance, and empowerment, showcasing the diverse talents and accomplishments of women from all walks of life. Whether it's in the fields of business, arts, education, or social activism, our magazine shines a spotlight on the unsung heroes whose stories inspire and empower generations to come.

Join us on this extraordinary journey as we honor the resilience and fortitude of Nashik's formidable women, and celebrate their unwavering commitment to making a difference in the world.