



MITUL KAJARIA

PERSONAL PROFILE

Mitul Kajaria is an international award-winning photographer, curator, educator & archivist with a background in architecture and over fourteen years of artistic practice. Their work explores mental health, diverse archives, and the relationship between built environments and human experience.

Mitul is the founder of 'Aaste - Mental Health & Wellbeing', where they offer psychotherapy and facilitate psychodrama workshops.

Their interdisciplinary practice is grounded in relational ethics, collaborative meaning-making and collective memory-building—centred on a commitment to care, collaboration, and slow, attentive processes across fields.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

Master of Science - Psychology

Jain University, Bangalore

2024 - Present

International Program on Person-Centered Therapy

Maanas, India & Center for Studies of the Person, USA

2023 - 2025

Psychodrama Training Program

Australian and Aotearoa Board of Psychodrama

2019 - Present

Bachelor of Architecture

College of Architecture, Kolhapur

2006 - 2011

WORK EXPERIENCE

Aaste - Mental Health & Wellbeing

Founder, Psychotherapist, Psychodramatist

2025 - Present

National Photography Festival: Edition I & II

Ahmedabad

**Co-Curator, Exhibition Design Consultant,
Program Manager**

2022 & 2025

CEPT Architecture Archives

Ahmedabad

Professional Consultant

2022 - 2023

Chennai Photo Biennale Foundation

Chennai

Program Manager

2022 - 2022

Satya Art Gallery

Ahmedabad

Associate Curator

2014 - 2021

Rangjyot, Fine Art Print Studio & Archive

Ahmedabad

Associate

2014 - 2021

Navajivan Press Archives

Ahmedabad

Associate

2019 - 2021

Gajbar & Associates

Kolhapur

Architect

2013 - 2014

Vee Design

Ahmedabad

Architect

2011 - 2013

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CURATORIAL WORK

National Photography Festival 2025

Ahmedabad

Co-curator

Moderator - 'EM/NO'

Conversation with Tarun Bhartiya

Aadi - International Psychodrama Conference

Ahmedabad

**Curator: History of Psychodrama in India & the
world**

2025

National Photography Festival 2023

Ahmedabad

Co-curator

Moderator - 'Are we Home yet?'

*Panel Discussion with Shuchi Kapoor, Natasha
Raheja*

Communities of Choice

Kochi-Muziris Biennale 2022-23

Co-curator

*Exhibition - CPB Foundation and Ffotogallery
Wales*

Moderator - 'Co-existence: Navigating multiplicity in communities'

Panel Discussion - Kochi-Muziris Biennale

Constructing Personal Archives

Multi-city

Co-curator

2021

Abhivyakti: City Arts Project, Edition II

Ahmedabad

Curator: Visual Arts

Multidisciplinary Arts Festival, 2018 - 2019

Bhavna Y/10

Ahmedabad

Curator

Independent Photo exhibit, 2019

A Tryst with Poetry in Light - PN Mehra

Ahmedabad

Co-Curator

Retrospective, 2018

Gujarat Photo Festival, Edition I & II

Ahmedabad

Co-curator

Photography Festival, 2015 & 2016

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FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Sony World Photography Awards - 2024

**Photobook Workshop by Yumi Goto,
Jakarta International Photo Festival** - 2022

Khoj Support Network fellow - 2020

Gujarat State Lalitkala Grant - 2017

**Photo Workshop by Lars Willumeit and
Salvatore Vitale, Photo Kathmandu, Nepal** -
2016

INDIAAFRICA Photo Award - 2014

Mumbai Moments Photo Award - 2012

Ahmedabad Archives Photo Award - 2012

SOLO EXHIBITS

🔗 **Ahmedabad: The Capital of Goozerat to
Ahmedabad: India's first World Heritage
City | Recording the transition: Late 19th
Century - Early 21st Century'**

Ahmedabad, 2018

Dehari, Abhivyakti: City Arts Project

(In collaboration with Piyush Pandya)

Ahmedabad, 2018

🔗 **Folded Landscapes**

Ahmedabad, 2017

Silent Ruminations

Ahmedabad, 2016

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITS

🔗 **Work in Process, Khoj Studios**

Delhi, 2021

**A Lens on Mental Health, Chennai Photo
Biennale**

Virtual, 2020

Living Waters Museum

Ahmedabad, 2018

Perceive, Natya Darshan

Chennai, 2016

Indian Photography Festival

Hyderabad, 2015

Barbican

London, 2014

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Exhibition for CRY

Delhi, 2014

Vision Extended

Ahmedabad, 2014

Exhibition for CRY

Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Pune, Bangalore, Chennai,
2013

Kachchh calling

Ahmedabad, 2012

PUBLISHED

- 🔗 **Outlook India** - 2025
- 🔗 **Frontline - The Hindu** - 2024
- 🔗 **Climate Home News** - 2023
- 🔗 **BBC Future Planet** - 2023
- 🔗 **ASAP Art: Memory's Images** - 2021
- thearchitectsdiary.in** - 2020
- elevemagazine.com** - 2020
- vice.com** - 2020
- firstpost.com** - 2019
- theindiaforum.in** - 2019
- rollingstoneindia.com** - 2017
- rockstreetjournal.com** - 2017
- 🔗 **architectsjournal.co.uk** - 2016
- Volumezero.com** - 2016
- Better Photography Magazine: Eloquence in Silence** - December 2016
- Dimension Next Magazine** - January 2016
- Touriosity Travel Magazine** - August 2013
- National Geographic Traveler India Magazine** - November 2012
- National Geographic Traveler India Magazine** - August 2012

TEACHING/MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Photostory-telling Workshop, Rangjyot, Navajivan Trust, Ahmedabad, 2025

Creating a Photo Story, Arthshila, Ahmedabad, 2025

Elective on Architectural Photography, Woxsen University, Hyderabad, 2025

Photography Workshop, Odkhaan - Heritage Festival, Ahmedabad, 2025

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Lecture on Heritage & Wellbeing, INTACH,
India, 2022 & 2023

Workshop on documentation & digitisation,
Curating for Culture, India, 2020

Photography training, SEWA Cooperative
Federation, India, 2020

Photo workshop, Center for Environmental
Education, Ahmedabad, 2019

Photo workshop, Creative Co: lab
Bhuj, 2019

Photo workshop, School of Architecture
Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya,
Indore, 2019

Photo workshop, Ahmedabad Design Festival
Ahmedabad, 2018

Talk for Centre for Heritage Management
Ahmedabad, 2018

Talk, Srishti School of Art Design and
Technology, Bangalore, 2017

Photo workshop, S.P.S.M.B.H s' College of
Architecture, Kolhapur, 2015

Photo workshop, Ip School of Architecture,
Rajkot, 2014, 2013

PSYCHODRAMA FACILITATION

Photography X Psychodrama Workshop,
National Institute of Design,
Ahmedabad, 2025

Community: Loving Communion, Pil,
Ahmedabad, 2025

Everyone is an Artist, Indigo Museum,
Ahmedabad, 2025

(SELF) LOVE ON MY MIND - Self-first ≠ Selfish
Ahmedabad, 2025

Everyone is an Artist, Mould Art Space,
Ahmedabad, 2025

Aaste - the act & practice of slowing down,
Mould Art Space, Ahmedabad, 2025

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PSYCHODRAMA FACILITATION

**Jhatpat Match, Karnavati University,
Ahmedabad, 2025**

**Psychodrama for Screen Actors in collab
with SENSEACT, Gir, 2024**

**Time Travelling Emotions, Mould Art Space,
Ahmedabad, 2024**

**Time Travelling Emotions, Psychodrama &
Therapeutic Photography, in collab with 'The
Expressive Lens', India, 2024**

**Here to stay even when I am gone, Pil,
Ahmedabad, 2024**

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