



# 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.

## LINK TO WEBSITE

## 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

2020 - 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**

🔗 **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**

**Creating a Photo Story, Arthshila,**

Ahmedabad, 2025

**Elective on Architectural Photography,**

**Woxsen University, Hyderabad, 2025**

**Photography Workshop, Odkhaan - Heritage  
Festival, Ahmedabad, 2025**

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

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

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**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**

**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**

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

**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**