(on the side)

2023-25
Member,
ICOM's Working Group on
Decolonisation

2022, 2023, 2024 3-day Workshops on Visual communication for Science

Children's Book: Know Sikkim

Chimi in the land of Kanchendzonga (INTACH HECS)

2021

Presentation & Research Paper

Co- Presented a social experiment 'Being Co-Conspirators' at the Pivot 202' Conference

Competition Long list

Reimagining Museums for Climate Action

2018, 2020

Children's Book: Know Nagaland Children's Book: Know Meghalaya

Naro and the Hornbill Warrioi Teseng builds a Root Bridge (INTACH HECS)

2017

Presentation

Presented project 'Uncovering the Universal Museum' at Museums Showoff, London

2016

Creative Congress, ARUP Fellow

Selected participant at 'Chaos at the Museum 2016' congress, Buenos Aires

Exhibition

'Stratford' project with ARUP part of the Museum of Architecture 'Well Built exhibition. London

Exhibition

'Evolving Beauty' project with RAA film showcased at YiHaus 2016, in Shanghai shooping village

2011

Competition + Exhibition

Second Prize for IGBC Green Design Competition.

Volunteer

Ecosphere (since 2019)

Visitor Experience Volunteer

London Design Biennale 2016

Exhibition Build Volunteer

Well Built Exhibition, Museum of Architecture 2017



ODD-JOBBER, Museum tinkerer

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(currently working on,

(2012- current) FREELANCE/ DESIGN CONSULTANT

Interpretation Design, Strategy development, design research, content writing, exhibition development for a range of projects and clients. Some key works and studios are:

Strategy Consultant/ Research Fellow

IISER Pune Wall-o-books/ Mote (Calcutta, Kurseong) GreenHub (Tejpur/ Bhopal)

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Spatial & Museum Design Consultant for:

Design Factory India (Noida) Lokusdesign (Pune) Collage Design (Mumbai) Past: Museum Memories Project (Communication Lead)

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Illustrator, Web & Visual Communication designer

Aditya Birla Group (Mumbai)
Migration and Asylum Project (MAP India)
International (Delhi)
TIC (Mumbai) with TATA
Dusty Foot Productions (Delhi)
Environmental Pulse Institute (Virginia, USA)
with UNEP, UNDP
Prakriti School (Noida)
RHU Organics (Brand design)
HealthyWhisker (Brand design)
MuseumFutures Africa (visual research)

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Copywriter/ Researcher

AWOO Foundation (Mumbai) for Exhibitions and children's book (self-published)

Research interests:

museums + decoloniality; design education; education/ learning and decoloniality; de-tooling; storytelling, structures and tools

2018 - 2020

The Design Village, Noida FACULTY, TASKBOX MANAGER & ACADEMICXADMIN Coordinator

Faculty for different design courses across disciplines; Mentor for design projects, thesis and final year projects;

curriculum design and academic mapping alongside managing the student design projects, identifying academic deliverables and intent

2021 onwards The Design Village, Noida VISITING FACULTY, CURRIULUM DEVELOPMENT, RESEARCH

Visiting faculty for Visual Culture and design projects, Dissertation & Final Design project mentor

Academic curriculum development design and development

2018 - ongoing INTACH Heritage Education, Delhi PUBLICATION DESIGN

Children's book series development for India's North Eastern states-Responsibilities: research, concept, content writing, story, illustration, publication

Published:

Know Nagaland (English 2018); (Translated to Ao, Lotha, Pochury, Tenyidie 2023) Know Meghalaya (English 2020 ; (Translated to Khasi 2022) Know Sikkim (English 2022; Translated to Lepcha 2024) Know Assam (English 2024)

Self-Published Children's book:

Tsomo's day in Sol (for Spiti Ecosphere)

(education

2015 - 2017 UAL Central Saint Martins, London MASTERS

MA in Narrative Environments (Distinction)

2008- 2013 MIT Institute of Design, Pune GRADUATION

Graduate Diploma in Retail & Exhibition Design (Best Student, Academic Excellence)

2023-24

Research + Visual Interpretation MUSEUM FUTURES PROJECT, AFRICA

Vision:

To visualise the intention of the MuseumFutures project (2020- 2024), which was 'to test, explore and study potentials for new formats of Southern museology and decolonisation of museums.

Approach:

A proposed diptych- The first artwork is a visual research culminating in the anatomy of a colonial museum, the second is an imaginative and experience based leap into the possibilities of what a museum in the Global South could be

Outcome:

Large format artworks

2023

Research, museum narrative design, Communication and Exhibition strategy for Museum on Life (Biological Sciences) and Smritivan Earthquake Museum and Memorial (Bhuj)

DFI. INDIA

SEMM Bhuj is a museum to reflect on the 2001 Gujarat Earthquake and in its wake the impact on lives and on disaster management in the country. The museum embodies Kutch's resilience.

'Life' is an experiential science museum to celebrate 'Life' as the ecological wonder within and around us.

2023- ongoing

Museum Designer, Facilitator for a Community built & sustained Museum Independent Project, GREEN HUB TEJPUR

Vision

To research, plan and build a Lepcha Museum in Gnon-Sangdong, Dzongu, Sikkim as an ecosystem activator

Approach:

Community facilitation, master planning and strategy design with the community through a participative approach

Outcome:

KCA London, London

2017

DESIGNER

Physical museum + Museum-led ecosystem creation

(past work experience

INTERPRETATION & COMMUNICATION

Internship (1 month); Freelance (4 months)

Worked with the Design+Interpretation

communication mediums, information design & content writing, visitor experience

draft for MiSK Science Museum, Riyadh

team on concept development,

2014 - 15; 2018 Lokus Design, Pune MUSEUM DESIGNER

Core member of the museum design team responsible for 7 long term museum projects & short term museums and exhibition pitches.
Completed 2, in development 3

KEY PROJECTS:

Jain Museum (ongoing, expected 2023) Dajikaka Museum (completed 2014) Anatarnaad Museum (completed 2015)

2023- ongoing

Exploring Science Communication In India IISER PUNE x UWE Bristol

Vision:

To research and design the project page for 'Exploring'- a collaborative project

Approach:

Online interviews with various activists part of people movements (conducted during the pandemic) in order to create th online archive and teen collating digital objects from the movements.

Outcome:

Visual branding + Identity and a Continuously building Program Website

2022- ongoing

Visual Communication Strategy + Digital Archive Environmental Justice Project, IISER PUNE

Vision

To document and create a living archive of the grassroots people's movement across India within the macro umbrella of environmental justice.

Approach:

Online interviews with various activists part of people movements (conducted during the pandemic) in order to create th online archive and teen collating digital objects from the movements.

Outcome:

Online living archive and a teacher's program

2019

Power of Space, Research Project The Design Village, NOIDA

Vision

To reimagine 'education' and learning spaces outside inherited colonial structures of teacher/ student.

Approach:

Dialogue based approach to create equitable learners hosted in spaces of apparent pluriverses to explore and understand the nature and poetics of spaces.

Outcome:

Site and Situation specific dialogues + research paper presentation at Pivot 2021

2013

Heritage Transport Museum & National Museum, New Delhi

FREELANCE EXHIBITION DESIGNER

2012

Siddhartha Das Studio, New Delhi EXHIBITION DESIGN INTERN (8months)

Headed the design and project management of 'IIC at 50' exhibition. (completed from start to end in 4 months)