





# Portfolio

#### Prof. Manish Arora









#### About me

As Professor & Head , Manish Arora, serve in the Department of Applied Arts, Faculty of Visual Arts, Banaras Hindu University. I received the degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), Master in Fine Arts (MFA) (Visualization and Campaign Planning), and Ph.D. in Applied Arts. Johns Hopkins University in the United States awarded me a Post-Doctoral Fellowship. As a Researcher and Lecturer in Design, I have over 20 Years of experience. My areas of interest are Research in Packaging Design for Indian Handicrafts, Visual Arts and Design Education, Social Design, Sustainability, Digital Media, Cluster Development, and Design Innovation.

I received various honors and scholarships in the field of research and teaching, including the Prestigious Raman Post Doctoral Fellowship at Johns Hopkins University in the United States. 36 Research papers have been published in Peer- Reviewed journals and 78 research papers at different national and international conferences. The Design Innovation Centre (DIC), a project supported by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, aims to advance Design Innovation in India using the Hub and Spoke Model.

I am the DIC Coordinator at BHU, in collaboration with IIT BHU. I created the Digital Innovation Gallery, Design Café, and Graphic & Digital Media Lab at DIC BHU. To establish an ecosystem of Design Innovation at BHU, Ialso organized 1473 events, including student and faculty projects, idea talks, the Smart India Hackathon, the Toycathon, talks, lectures, demonstrations, field visits, Collaboration, Dissertations, Research Papers, Seminars, Conference, Webinars, and Lab Development. I also work as a practicing designer in addition to my academic job. I have worked on different Design Projects, including the Visual Identity Programme of Banaras Hindu University and Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), which included the Logo, Seal, and 100 Years Logo of the University of Lucknow. My design got selected as one of the top three logo designs for the Ayodhya Smart City and the Ministry of Education Innovation Cell Institutions Innovations Council. With 12 solo Art Exhibitions and participation in 59 Art Exhibitions, I have been active in Creative Practices. My Artwork has been exhibited in numerous galleries and museums both domestically and internationally, including AIFACS, U.P. State Lalit Kala Academy, I am skilled in Drawing, Painting, Photography, and Graphic Design. I am a fierce supporter of Design. I think that Design can be utilized to address societal issues, enhance people's lives, and change the course of the planet. I am dedicated towards advancing the use of the design.

#### **Notable Successes:**

2010: Visiting Fellow at the University at Buffalo in the USA

2013: Created identity of Banaras Hindu University

2013: Founded Visual Identity of Indian Institute of Technology BHU

2014: Johns Hopkins University Raman Postdoctoral Fellowship

2018: Campaign Poster sets a World Record of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao

2019: Logo of 100th Anniversary, University of Lucknow

2021: Selected Logo for India's Ayodhya Smart City

#### **Towards the Design Field**

Leading authority in Design for Social effect. My studies have concentrated on applying Design to alleviate social issues like inequality, poverty, and Environmental Degradation. A pioneer in Design Education, I have created cutting–edge teaching strategies that help Design students strengthen their critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. I strongly desire to use Design to improve the world, and I am dedicated for promoting the use of Design to address social issuesandenhancepeople'slivesthroughresearchandteaching. Aside from those mentioned above, I am also handling the role of coordinator, convener, SPOC, Nodal person, International Hostel Warden, and member for other tasks and committees in Academic Administration.

Recently, I have been provided with the responsibility of the Founder Convenor of Obscura-ThePhotographyArtClubofBHU.

So, this was all about myself in a nutshell.

Program Information Page.

## Arts Experience Summary

Experiencing Art encompasses aesthetic pleasure, emotional engagement, intellectual stimulation, cultural exploration, personal expression, and community involvement. It is a transformative and enriching journey that allows us to connect with ourselves, others, and the world in profound and meaningful ways. Art is everything, and Art is nothing. Art is a personal feeling and relevant thing which dispelled ourself views and observations through experiences received from the different level and time frames from the society and personal including family and facts.

During my academic student, I learned arts as a journey to earn money and a good life. During the study period, I have convenient experience in Visual arts, including composition, creative painting, still life, murals, sculpture, pottery, ceramic design, and textile design, of basic level, and then in specializing in applied arts (Visual Communication). These art forms in the stream have given me new exposure to learning and thought to understand the Art world and Practice undergraduate education.

I completed my Post Graduation with a specialization in visualization and campaign planning. During both courses, I also participated in regional and national level art competitions, exhibitions, and talks for a better practical understanding. During the research period, my focus on understanding the art world at a global level continues with participation in seminars, National and international conferences with Art practices, and more graphic design practices. After 2007 my thought about art practices dramatically changed, and I worked on abstract forms of Art and literature. I am especially inspired by the Sant Kabirdas (Social Reformer of India); my confidence gained with this new painting style.

I have participated in national and international competitions, and my work has been awarded. Meanwhile, I regularly work for photography as Art with the thought process of capturing the time and moment with portfolio-based photography. And I covered many local, regional, national levels Indian festivals, including Ramleela, Krishnaleela, Durga pooja, Lakkhimela. And during my photography work, I covered the most significant public festival across the globe Kumbh-2013. I captured the spiritual and sacred moments of the life of ordinary men to dedicated Saints.

Recently I converted my thought process of pure painting based on Maximum expression via minimal approaches. Nothina is Everything no-thing, Nothing, or thing nothe complete absence of anything, is the opposite of everything or its complement. If we see a black hole, it seems like nothing, but it can suck it all! The same can be seen in the birth, death, and salvation cycle. When a human is living, his needs and wants are endless. He keeps on achieving or losing his goals and then sets another goal. In short, human wants are never-ending. On the other hand, when he dies, all the needs wants, and goals disappear, and he becomes still as if he never desired anything. The primary goal of each living soul is salvation- to be liberated from the cycle of birth and death and "vanishing into nothingness". This exhibition is about finding yourself, finding what you want to see on the canvas, finding how you assume the canvas, finding how you want to relate the canvas with yourself, and finding what you want to find in nothingness. The first significant departure in the exhibition is the idea and concept of color. Color raises severe metaphysical issues concerning the nature of physical reality and the mind. Here, color is used as a meditative state. Each one has something to whisper: black, white, violet, indigo, blue, green, orange, yellow, and red. It is your state of mind deciding what to hear and what not from these colors.

The second significant feature of the exhibition is the idea of shape. The shape can communicate many things about an element, including its current state, the result of a viewer's interaction. All the visual objects can be analyzed in terms of shape. People may not always notice what figures and shapes surround them, but they still significantly impact our consciousness and behavior. The study claims that each shape has meaning and influences our minds and reactions differently. Many years of research and tests have helped professionals to define what meaning each shape typically brings and how it can influence human perception.

## Portfolio Description

I have included variety of works in my portfolio that ranges from commercial design to fine arts. My field of study is based on Commercial Arts (Applied Arts). I believe that any design is incomplete without aesthetics, under which I have focused on painting, photography, sketching as well as commercial work. I have tried to work on minimalist design concept with use of line and form. According to my topic in this prestigious fellowship, I am trying my best to represent my released work, and my passion and my profession i.e Teaching.

#### Professional Work of Design

- 1. Graphic Identity of Brand Banaras Hindu University
- Graphic Identity of Brand Indian Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University
- 3. Signage for IIT BHU
- 4. Lucknow University 100 Years Seal
- 5. Visual Identity for Ayodhya City
- 6. Visual Identity for STRIDE
- 7. Branding for Munger University, Bihar

### 1. Graphic Identity of Brand Banaras Hindu University

Logo

Seal

### 2. Graphic Identity of Brand Banaras Hindu University

Logo

Seal





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Prof. Rajeev Sangal DIRECTOR आचार्य राजीव संगल निदेशक

IIT(BHU)/ 5002./4 August 06, 2014

Dr. Manish Arora Assistant Professor Deptt. of Applied Arts, Faculty of Visual Arts, Banaras Hindu University VARANASI – 221 005

Dear Dr. Arora.

Lappreciate your efforts in preparing Graphic Identity Programme of Brand of IIT(BHU) including New Seal/Emblem, New Bilingual Logotype, Logo, Symbol, Typefaces, Tagline, Signage System (Indoor and Outdoor), Website Design and Colour schemes with guideline for appropriate use by IIT (BHU) community. It has been adopted by Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) and the Institute is proud of it.

I hope you will continue striving hard to achieve more academic and professional excellence. I wish you success in all your future endeavours.

With regards,

Yours sincerely.

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(Rajeev Sangal)

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## 3. Signage for IIT BHU

4. Lucknow University 100 Years Seal

Logo

#### 5. Visual Identity for Ayodhya City

Logo

6. Visual Identity for STRIDE

Logo

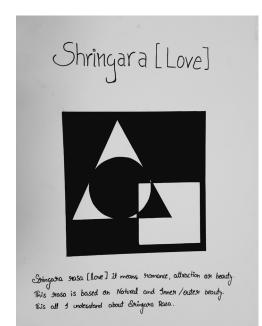
#### 7. Branding for Munger University, Bihar

Seal & Monogram

## Teaching experience and responsibilities (Work under my Supervision)

- BFA 1st year
  (Graphic design/ photography )
- BFA 2nd year
  (Graphic design (3rd Sem) Corporate Identity design (4th Sem)
- 3. BFA 3rd year(Direct mail/ Calligraphy )
- 4. BFA 4th year (Calligraphy)
- 5. Masters of Fine Arts
- Visualization & Campaign Planning
- Illustration
- IMCD Integrated Marketing Communication Design

 BFA 1st year- Graphic design Graphic representation of Nava Rasa



BFA 1st year- Photography (Product Poster)

2. BFA 2nd year (Graphic design (3rd Sem) Graphic representation of Classical Dance Corporate Identity design (4th Sem)

Logo of Indian Institute of design innovation center With the help of icons

3. BFA 3rd year (Direct mail) Art Fair/ Dompiz 4. BFA 4th year (Calligraphy)

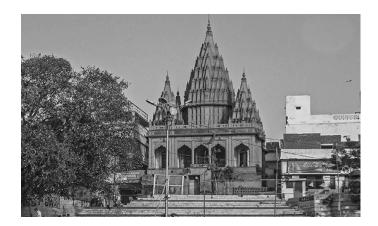
5. Masters of Fine Arts Visualization & Campaign Planning, Banarasi Silk

#### Masters of Fine Arts Illustration

Masters of Fine Arts IMCD Integrated Marketing Communication Design, Branding of The Ghats of Banaras

Brain storming

#### Contemporary and Historical reference



Existing Assi river meet to the river ganga in southern border of Kashi. (satellite image)

Graphic Presentation of the Assi - Ganga river sangam.

Symbolic Presentation of the Assi - Ganga river sangam.

Type exploration and logo type development

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In the Logotype of the Assi ghat I used symbol of the Assi and Ganga river Sangam

Type exploration and logo type development

Final Logotype

Symbol or mark





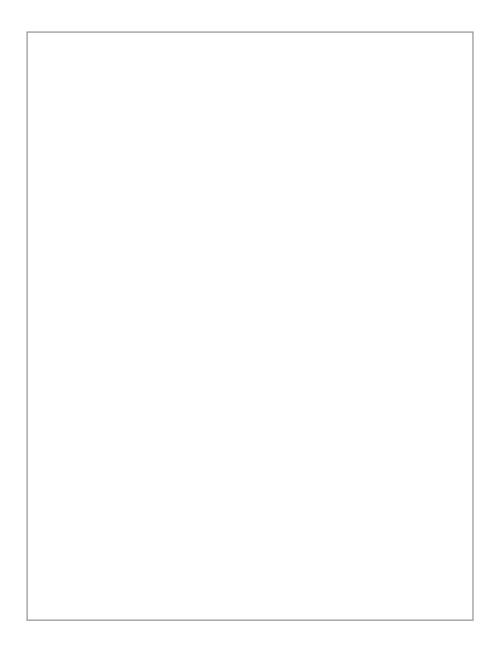


1. Assi Ghat, Varanasi

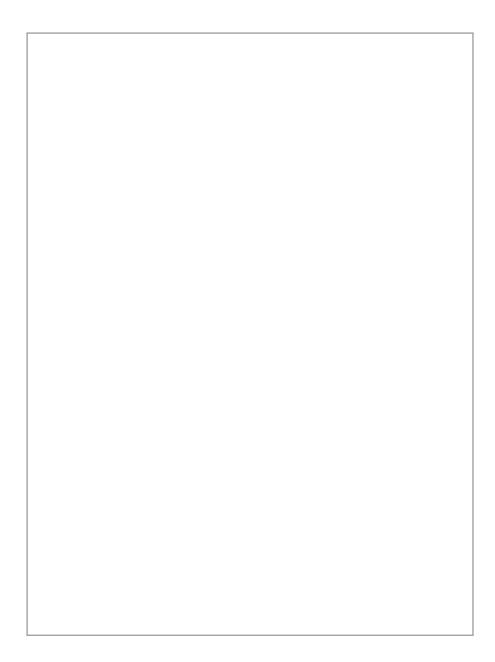
Visual identity (LOGO) in Colour & Black & White

Recent Paintings & Exhibition

Rhythm of Life



Rhythm of Life I



Rhythm of Life II

Exhibition Poster

## Photography

Maha Kumbh

Journey till end

Religious Gathering

Religious Gathering 1

Colour of Winter

The narrow lane

Dev Neel

The Stairs of Peace

Poster Design

Thank You