

Report on –Design Hive Interaction with Sculptor Indira Purkayastha Ghosh Held on 28.09.2020

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Master artist, Pablo Picasso once said, Inspiration exists, but it has to find you working. And for a female sculptor Ms. Indira Purkayastha Ghosh, who is also an educator, her daughter and students became the inspirations for her wooden sculptures, which she is doing from last twenty years. Her poignant observations and the ability to translate deeply personalised tropes into sculptural forms are inspired by her experiences as a mother and educator. Being an art educator for over two decades has given Indira the perspective and empathy to understand children coming from different social backgrounds, to observe their enactments of fantasies and their ability to find wonder in the mundane. Importantly, it also creates for her a perspective to be self reflective about her own motherhood, opening up delicate sensibilities.

Indira Purkayastha Ghosh has been an alumnus of the prestigious Banaras Hindu University, from where many other great artists have received their education. After completing Masters in Sculpture; there has been a slight gap in her art creation due to marriage and the birth of a daughter. But after that, Indira has continuously maintained herself in art practice. The main medium of her art is wood, through which she did many innovative experiments in her artworks. Indira has also been awarded with many prestigious awards, the main one being the National Award by the Ministry of Human Resources and Development, Government of India.

Students of Arka Jain University got a chance to know and understand Indira's sculptures through virtual exhibition. After seeing her artworks, students could not live without being delighted, amazed and overwhelmed. In one of her sculpture shows a child finding shelter under her father's helmet to escape social and academic pressure. On this Indira said, "my daughter inspired me to make this one as I observed her withdrawal from reality to survive the pressures surrounding her." In another sculpture, titled "Lessons from My Daughter", illustrates how a child can teach you much more about life. She said, 'my daughter taught me a very important life lesson and I wanted to carve that learning in a sculpture. The sculpture shows a child draped in a sari emphasising maturity. Indira shared her

experiences of her art journey to the students of University. She answered the curious questions of the students very well. One of the question of the students that despite being a woman, a mother and a teacher, how can she take so much time to make these sculptures, Indira gave a very beautiful and inspiring answer that if one has a strong determination in his/her mind, nothing is impossible. Obstacles do come in life, but we should face them with our strong intentions.

In the end, while giving the vote of thanks, the Program Coordinator Ms. Usha Kiran Barla said that this session was very inspiring and informative, which will prove to be very useful and fruitful for the students. Along with this, she also thanked all the professors of the University for their Cooperation.



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