

# SPOT STALK SPY SNOOP: DELHI



A COVERT MISSION OF ILLUSTRATIONS ON DELHI

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Delhi is not exactly a flâneur's delight. Between the renegade cows, stray dogs and rambunctious truck drivers it can be quite difficult to marvel at the sights and sounds that Delhi offers. Romantic meandering is often reduced to dodging the Tetris like traffic. It's way easier to hate Delhi than like it, let alone be devoted to it.

The rudeness, the lack of grace, wanton abuses flinging at you from unexpected quarters, administrative apathy, lack of empathy... the list can go on. Yet, if you start paying attention to the particulars, the minutiae of daily life, you discover a wealth of cultural representations, casually holding their own against the monochromatic uniformity that disguises as urbanization.

This exhibition is an investigation of the city, represented by its unremarkable common inhabitant, in a daily transaction with the city's seasons and moods in its public spaces. It is also a comment on the special type of isolation that only crowded cities radiate, where strangers communicate in wordless glances- awkward, flirtatious, suspicious, threatening- while the drama of daily life plays out around us.



ओस मी दुख है जगाने में योहव्वत के सिवा,  
राहरे और मी है वस्त की राहत के सिवा

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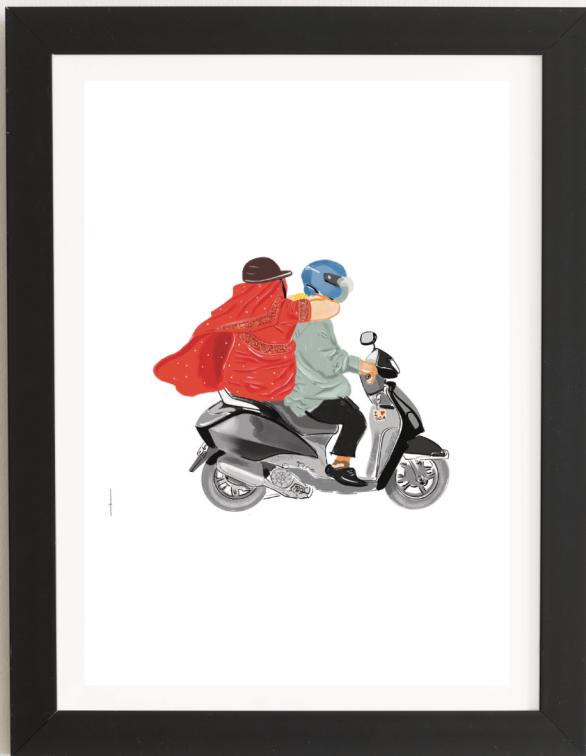
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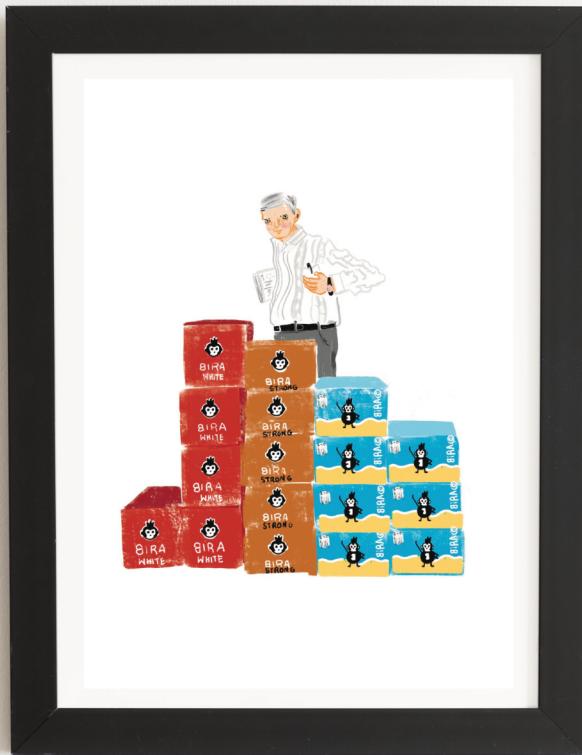
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UNTITLED 8

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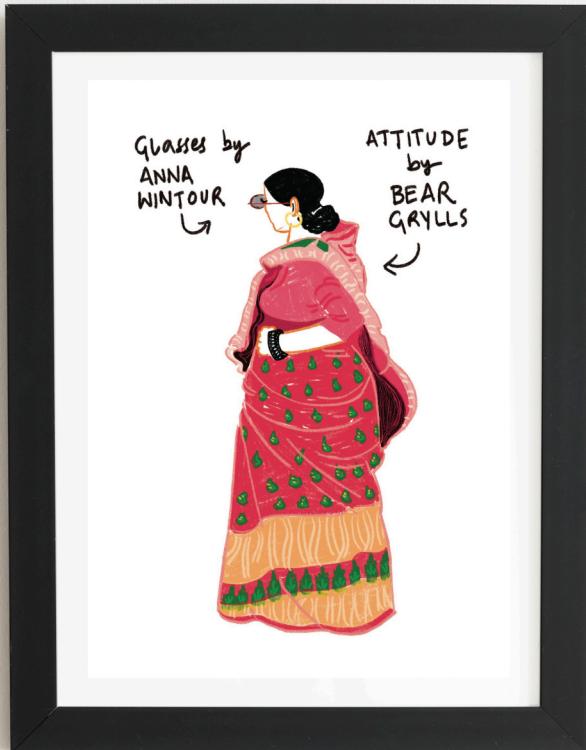
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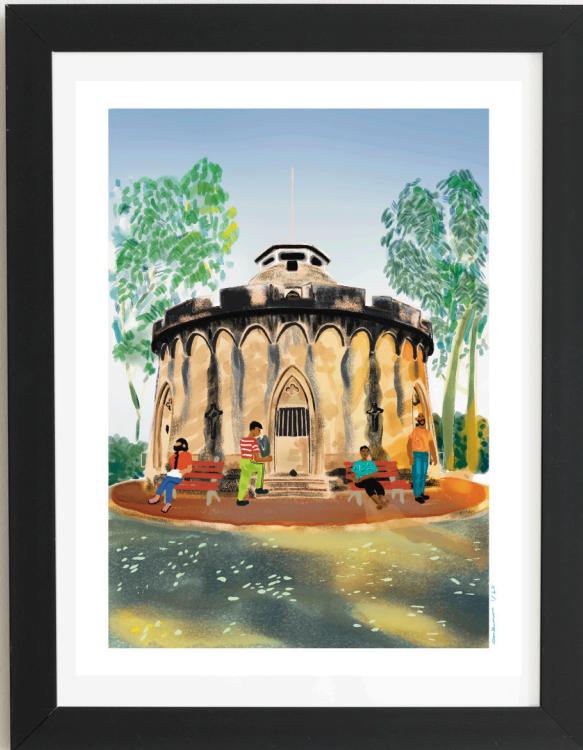
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UNTITLED 16

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**UNTITLED 17**

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UNTITLED 18

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UNTITLED 19

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UNTITLED 20

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UNTITLED 21

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UNTITLED 24

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UNTITLED 25

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UNTITLED 26

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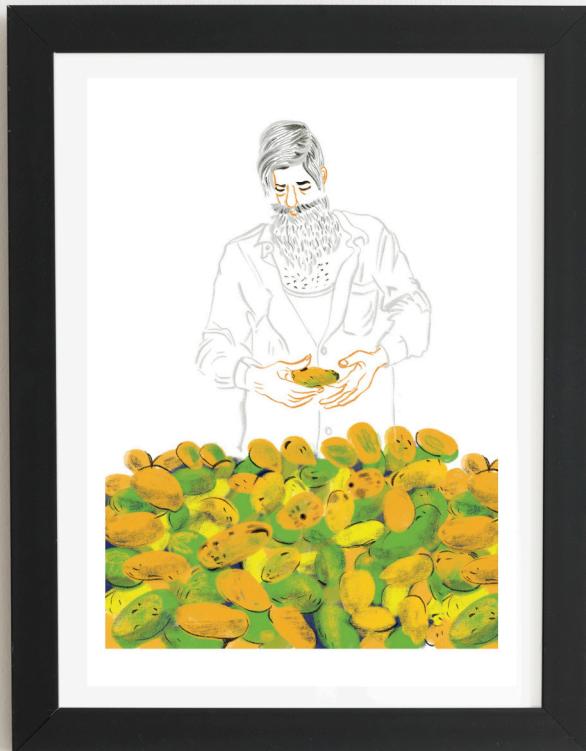
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UNTITLED 31

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UNTITLED 32

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UNTITLED 33

11x15.5 in.

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**UNTITLED 34**

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CAN I JUST  
HAVE MY  
COFFEE  
IN  
PEACE?!

UNTITLED 35

6x6 in.

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UNTITLED 36

11x15.5 in.

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**UNTITLED 37**

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UNTITLED 38

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UNTITLED 39

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UNTITLED 40

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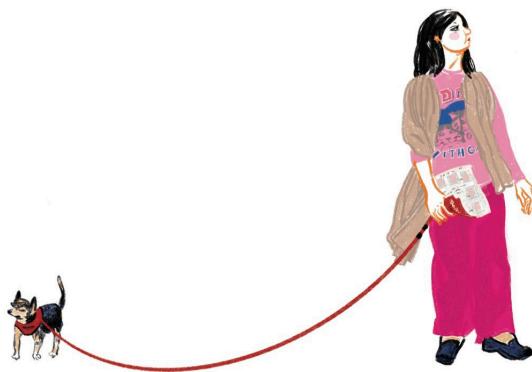
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UNTITLED 42

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UNTITLED 43

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UNTITLED 44

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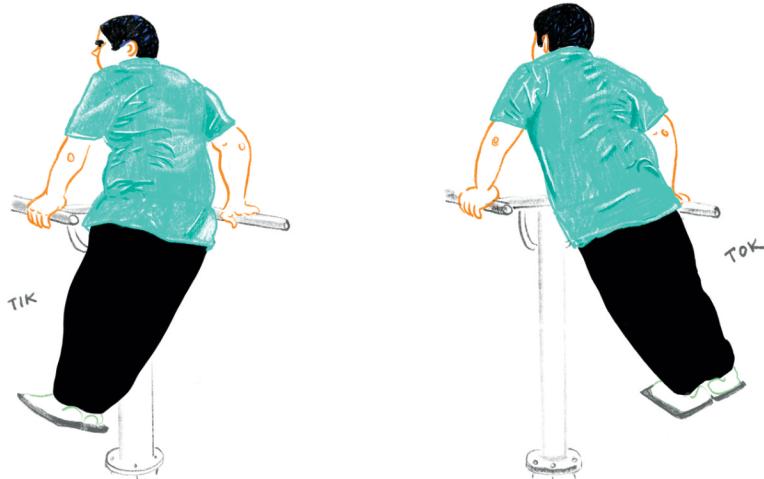


\* चिट्ठी = shuttlecock, also means bird

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10x7 in.

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UNTITLED 46

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**UNTITLED 47**

21x9 in.

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UNTITLED 48

18x7 in.

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zinda hun yaar, CAWFFEE hai

UNTITLED 49

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UNTITLED 50

12x17 in.

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UNTITLED 51

12x17 in.

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UNTITLED 52

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UNTITLED 53

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UNTITLED 54

12x17 in.

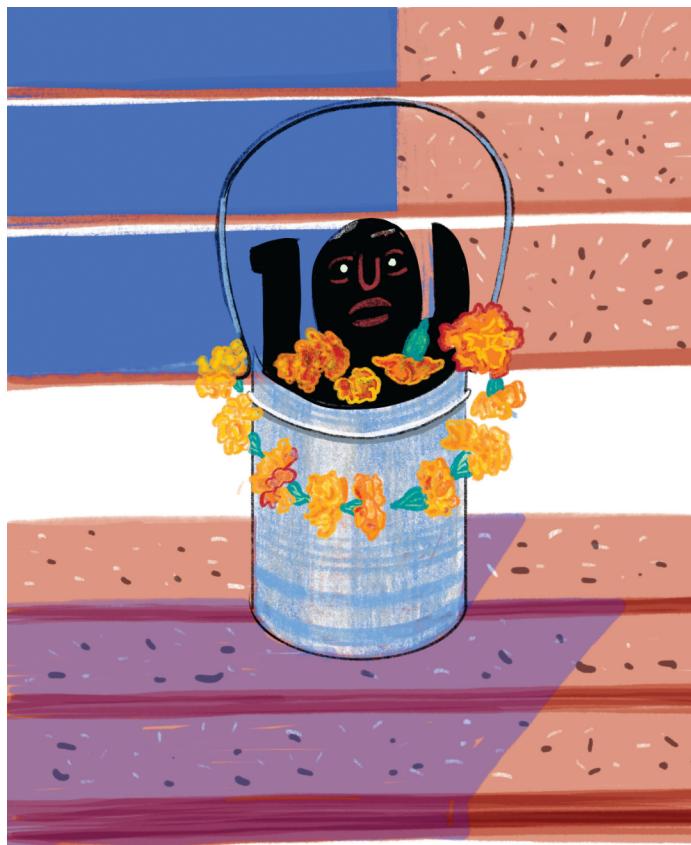
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UNTITLED 55

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Delhi based cinematographer Ankur Ahuja is a self-taught artist.

Her work lies in the overlap between photography, cinematography, filmmaking and Illustration, deriving its best inspiration from the heart of visual documentation. It reflects upon the ironies of human existence and the mundane nature of life. It's a chronicle of sociopolitical and cultural aspects of daily life.

Her special interest is in the banal, everyday aesthetic and everyday people.

For the last few years she has been documenting Delhi through portraits of people on the streets. Her current work is informed by her troubled and tense relationship with Delhi and her identity as a second-generation Partition Punjabi.

She is a published writer and illustrator.

She is also the Production Manager for Delhi Comic Arts Festival that brings together artists working with graphic novelists around the world together under one roof for exhibitions, talks, and interactions.

She has been part of several group shows.

This is her second solo exhibition.

2020- GAAF, Goa Musuem of Art, Goa.

2021 Tic-Tac-Toe, iiconline.com

<https://iicdelhi.in/programmes/tic-tac-toe>

2021 Kintsugi, Serendipity Arts Festival

<https://creationrecreation.cargo.site/The-idea-of-impossible-repair-II>

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