

# The Clay Way

Advanced ceramics practice

With Neha Kudchadkar

Dates: Mon Jan 23rd - Fri March 31st 2023

Full time, residential course on a farm studio in rural Maharashtra.

6 days a week

4 students max

Enrolment closes on the 15th of Jan.

Program:

Each student will work on developing a self-defined project over the course of the 10 weeks. It is not necessary that you know exactly what you want to make for your project when you enrol; we will work on it during your time in the studio.

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1 personal tutorial for your project a week

Group critiques and self reflection every 3 weeks for your project

Assigned reading for the group

Assigned films for the group

Assigned artists for the group

1 discussion every week on assigned reading/film/artist

5 short side assignment prompts (image construction/play/challenging form/drawing/ self portrait/collage)

Development of a daily *riyaz* schedule.

Development of research methodology. (I will start you off with personalised readings, books, films, artists for each student, you will work to find the best methodology for your self and your practice)

We will occasionally make trips to Mumbai for Art Night Thursdays or to see interesting or important exhibitions.

(A detailed week-by-week break up of the program will be shared once you sign up)

This course is not designed for beginners. It is for someone who has been working with ceramics for a while and who wants to explore conceptual practice in ceramics or think about their existing work in a deeper way.

It is also not meant to be a technical program. Polishing skills you have already acquired will happen as part of a daily *riyaz* schedule.

The program is meant to be an intensive, immersive experience and you will be expected to be present and contribute to each others' practice as a cohort.

Studio equipment:

Each student will have their own work bench and banding wheel, access to a potters wheel, extruder, gas kilns, and basic tools (you are welcome to carry your own) .

Fees:

Rs 2,50,000 early bird until 15th oct

Rs 2,75,000 from 16th Oct - 15th Dec

Rs 3,00,000 from 15th Dec - 15th Jan

Fees are inclusive of course tutoring, material, limited number of shared firings, shared accommodation.

To apply send me a message on [nehakudchadkar@gmail.com](mailto:nehakudchadkar@gmail.com) AND fill out this form <https://forms.gle/6omHzfJQ3oUbgKL16>

Enrolment is complete and fee slab is fixed on payment of a Rs 25,000 deposit. Once accepted I will share account details.

\*Meals are not included. But the studio has a kettle and hot plate. We will host a shared, home-cooked *gavran* lunch on Saturdays.

\*\*Travel to Mumbai as a group for events is included in the price, but not meals. We can share stay in my home in Mumbai, but if you have your own space or want luxuries, you are welcome to make your own arrangements.

\*\*\* I do not give certificates at the end of this program, but if you have sincerely engaged with the course, I would happily write honest recommendations for you for opportunities you apply to.

\*\*\*\* The studio is situated on a farm in rural Maharashtra. We try to generate as little waste as possible. All wet waste can be composted on the farm. Dry waste generated will need to be carried back with you. You will need to carry back anything you fire. All clay not fired will need to be recycled. The objective is to try and be as mindful as possible of where what we use comes from, what we make from it, and how it is disposed.