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## Silent Acts of Care: Mapping Culture's Inherent Compassion

### ABOUT

Ketki Pathak is a Landscape architect. She has background in landscape architecture, conservation and sustainable design. Working closely with Khasi & Jaintia communities of Meghalaya, she has been involved in Primary research, documentation and analysis of Cultural landscape of Khasi hills. Her interests include exploring art, craft, culture, traditions and their relationship with the context.



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Kirti Kumari is a photographer based in Shillong, India, whose work lies at the intersection of art, nature, and culture. Committed to Visual research, her projects explore ancient knowledge systems, oral traditions, myths, rituals, folklore, and related cultural narratives. Her practice is rooted in long-term, grassroots engagements, where the camera serves as her primary tool of inquiry.



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### OVERVIEW

Human interaction with the natural context over a significant time gives rise to a distinctive landscape, recognized as 'Cultural Landscape'. Emerged from profound interconnections, cultures demonstrate an inherent sense of care for all. These silent acts of care are often effortless, mirroring across in myriad forms. Through the workshop, we bring to light these traces of care which subtly embellish a cultural landscape, and introspect on how they are woven into the meshwork of one's own life. Drawing from Indigenous wisdom of Khasi community, we learn to recognize 'care' as far in our roots as we can, acknowledge and appreciate.

### METHODOLOGY

The elective develops skills in reading landscapes, mapping, and analyzing spaces, focusing on the art, craft, and narratives that shape cultural landscapes. Students will map spatial, ecological, sensory, and socio-cultural layers, revealing interconnected elements of the cultural landscape. Guest sessions with Khasi community members will offer insights into their care-centered traditions and nature relationships. Students will explore the NID campus to observe how care is embedded in everyday spaces. Through collaborative and individual exercises, they'll document subtle expressions of care and reflect on their own cultural contexts, using an intuitive, flexible approach throughout the course.

### KEYWORDS

Cultural landscape, Nature and Culture, Community, Mapping ancestral wisdom.

### LOCATION

Ahmedabad

### MAXIMUM PARTICIPANTS

15