



Anirban Dutta

Filmmaker, Ethnographer & Founder, Explorer at Darjeeling Walks

HERE'S MY STORY

I am passionate about travelling and storytelling. Besides my expertise in creative travel curation and research, I am a Film Director and Screenwriter.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Travel & Management

Founder, Explorer of Darjeeling Walks - A Community Travel Organisation based in Darjeeling, known best for experiential travelling and research in Darjeeling & North-Eastern India.
Sr. Travel Consultant & Explorer- Calcutta Walks
Manager of Operations - Calcutta Bungalow

Filmmaker, Photographer & Researcher

FILM DIRECTOR, SCREENWRITER, CREATIVE PRODUCER,
COMMISSIONED PHOTOGRAPHER

- Have been assisting, co-directing and directing documentary and fiction films with international Co-producers for the last 8 years.
- Have worked as commissioned filmmaker for more than fifteen brands / organizations.
- Have been exhibited internationally and nationally in more than twenty Film and Photography festivals & exhibitions
- Have assisted more than fifty Award Wining International Scholars & Filmmakers in their published Research Projects

VOLUNTEER WORK

With TISHED

ON BOARD STRATEGIST - EDUCATION & LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME

- Have been actively taking part in developing the Livelihood & Education Programs for TISHED (www.tished.org)
- Volunteer at Covid 19 & Amphan Relief Operations by TISHED
- Filmmaker, Personality Development & Photography Mentor at TISHED.

West Bengal University of Technology

PLATFORM BUSAN - BIFF 2019
KYOTO FILMMAKERS' LAB 2021

- Graduated in Information Technology in 2009
- Attended Screenwriting & Cinematography Workshops at various institutions.
- Selected for Creative Residency Programme (Arts in Peace and Piece through Community and Self Exploration) at the Leeds Arts University

CERTIFICATIONS

An Alumni of 'Platform Busan' - Busan International Film Festival 2019, Busan, South Korea
Kyoto Filmmakers' Lab 2021
Certified by IITFC, Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India

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www.darjeelingkeepsakes.com

REFERENCES

Martin Ferrabee
Multi Disciplinary Artiste, U.K.
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Jane Manson
Educator, Fundraiser, Social Activist, UK & India
jane@theshantytrust.org

ANIRBAN DUTTA

FILM DIRECTOR
SCREENWRITER
ETHNOGRAPHER

SKILLS

- Filmmaking and Film editing (Industry Standards)
- Camera operation
- Cinematography
- Basic sound editing
- Screenwriting software
- Pre Production and Planning
- Post Production
- Show Direction

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<https://g.co/kg/GdvP73>

PROFILE

Anirban is a passionate Storyteller and Filmmaker. He has worked as a Screenwriter for various documentary and fiction films. He has also worked on commissioned Art Projects of Photography, Films, Advertising, Creative Content Writing, Publishing and Editing et al.

He has been invited to several international film & art festivals besides film labs and development programs. He has been rewarded with critically acclaimed reviews by Critics & Artistes across the world. Anirban has participated in several Film Markets, Screenwriting Workshops and has attended workshops in Creative Photography too. He has been invited as a Resident Artiste in one of the reputed Art Practice Programs, i.e., "Arts in Peace and Piece through Community & Self Exploration"

FILMOGRAPHY

I have assisted, co-directed and directed more than fifty international and national film productions.

Some of the most popular from the bunch are Joanna Lumley's India, Sue Perkin's India, Calcutta TVC with Singapore Airlines & Culture Trip, "Ghumjeeling - A Meeting by the Railways" with Martin Ferrabee, U.K., Calcutta & its Cuisine with Will Meyrick, Indigo Revolution in Colonial India with Dr. Sarah Dietz.

Jahnabi : Debut fiction film - based on various mythological and oral stories of the mighty Indian River Ganges. A personification of a river as a woman and vice versa.

Trailer at <https://vimeo.com/431167272>

The film had its World Premier in May 2019 at Ilkley Cinema (Independent Cinema) Ilkley, West Yorkshire, UK

<https://www.ilkleycinema.co.uk/film/jahnabi-screening-and-director-qanda-with-anirban-dutta>

Mediawave Film and Music Festival

<http://mediawavefestival.hu/index.php?modul=filmek&kod=19758&nyelv=eng>

Satyajit Ray Film Society, Bengaluru

<https://www.srfsb.co.in/events/accomplished-events/documentary-trio>

Gorky Sadan - Russian Centre of Science and Culture in Kolkata as the New Indian Cinema - dedicated to the 45th Anniversary of Gorky Sadan

<https://www.facebook.com/gokrysadancsc/photos/a.804228306373154/1806720879457220/?type=3&theater>

Indian Council for Cultural Relations Kolkata - Press Screening

Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute as a part of weekly film screening event

Shamiana Special Screening by Shamiana Short Film Club - Bombay

The film has been streaming in Amazon Prime Video US UK & Canada. It is releasing in India on 1st Aug'20 through one of India's finest new OTTs Cinemaprenur India.

Screened at a Specially invited Screening by Shorted.in

Official Selection & screened at the World Cinema Carnival organised by Sphere Digital & Zero Degree Arts

Anubhuti - अनुभूति (Hindi Feature Film)

The Film is now waiting for its World Premier following the Global Release.

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt13378294/>

Home and Ahead (Short - Experimental)

Work in Progress

Trailer at <https://vimeo.com/435156252>

We and Our Time (Avant - garde. Short) (Commissioned for a Museum's Video Art Installation)

Trailer at <https://vimeo.com/446389703>

Official Selection at Rome Prisma Independent Film Awards

Official Selection at the World Cinema Carnival organised by Sphere Digital & Zero Degree Arts

Ghumjeeling - A Documentary Film based on the English Artist Martin Ferrabee's miniature artwork of the UNESCO World Heritage Site Darjeeling Himalayan Railways and his journey from London to Darjeeling - Work in Progress (A UK & India Co Production). The Film is now waiting for its World Premier following the Global Release.

More details at

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/entertainment/bengali/movies/news/a-film-on-toy-train-miniatures/articleshow/71123106.cms>

<https://www.facebook.com/DarjeelingHimalayanRailwaySociety/posts/a-film-on-toy-train-miniaturesby-tnnzninia-sencreated-sep-14-2019-1214-istfaceboo/3489777851036035/>

<https://www.lincolnshirelive.co.uk/news/local-news/amazing-train-buff-lovingly-recreates-3384506>

<https://www.dhrs.org/page63.html>

<https://www.martinferrabee.com/ghumjeeling>

ANIRBANDUTTA

Travel expertise

Founder, Explorer at Darjeeling Walks
An Inbound Travel Consultant & Explorer with Calcutta Walks
Manager - Operations at Calcutta Bungalow

Anirban is passionate about storytelling. Poetry and travelling transfix his works in cinema to an alternative world of imagination. They create an observant existence, parallel to the audience. It was his father who inspired him initially through his poetry and prose works. Eventually, travelling has transformed his mind with immaculate possibilities of making films and composing narratives from constantly expanding imaginations and the very dynamic realities of life. His works diversify among a wide horizon of non-fiction, fiction films, shorts, photography, creative writing, travel curation et al. Among his works Jahnabi, Ghumjeeling : A Meeting by the Railways, We and Our Time, Home & Ahead are critically acclaimed and played worldwide. One of his recent works, i.e., "Anubhuti : A World of Her Own" is an atmospheric experience based on the 15th-century Indian poetess Meera Bai's literature. His film "Outside the Burning Ghats" made its place as one of the best #22 Submitted Works by Asian Movie Pulse in 2020. His works in travelling are featured and celebrated worldwide in National Geographic Traveler, Conde Nast, The Guardian, Outlook Traveller to name a few. A Kyoto Filmmakers Lab 2021-22 fellow, he is currently working on his new film "A Man who loved Kiarostami's Roads in the Hills". Anirban owns and runs a boutique travel organisation in Darjeeling and lives there.

Accolades in travel and tourism

Official Tourism Partner : Darjeeling Walks, Ghum Festival 2021 by Darjeeling Himalayan Railway

"Ghum Festival: A Window To Unknown Darjeeling"

<https://www.outlookindia.com/outlooktraveller/travelnews/story/71708/ghum-festival-a-window-to-unknown-darjeeling>

In TripAdvisor

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g304557-d23609578-Reviews-Darjeeling_Walks-Darjeeling_Darjeeling_District_West_Bengal.html

https://www.tripadvisor.in/Attraction_Review-g304558-d1650986-Reviews-Calcutta_Walks-Kolkata_Calcutta_Kolkata_District_West_Bengal.html

https://www.tripadvisor.in/Hotel_Review-g304558-d14168815-Reviews-Calcutta_Bungalow-Kolkata_Calcutta_Kolkata_District_West_Bengal.html

"How Calcutta Walks is promoting sustainable tourism in the city of joy"

<https://yourstory.com/2018/02/calcutta-walks/amp>

Ministry of Tourism organises its second webinar under "DekhoApnaDesh" webinar series today. The webinar was titled Calcutta – A confluence of Cultures

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1615015>

<https://iato.in/circulars/view/704>

<http://www.uniindia.com/~tourism-ministry-organises-2nd-webinar-under-dekho-apna-desh-webinar-series/India/news/1957168.html>

<https://travel.economicstimes.indiatimes.com/news/ministry/minister-of-tourism-hosted-its-second-webinar-on-kolkata-to-promote-domestic-travel/75181781>

"Celebrate in Style" - A Specialty in Durga Puja Bonedi Bari Tours : A feature by India Today

<https://www.indiatoday.in/magazine/supplement/story/20181008-celebrate-in-style-1350727-2018-09-28>

Calcutta Bungalow: A Love Letter to the City

<https://two-together.com/calcutta-bungalow/>

Testimonials

<http://calcuttawalks.com/category/testimonials/>

Calcutá a pé com os locais

<https://viagemviva.org/calcuta-a-pe-com-os-locais/>

The Calcutta Bungalow

<https://www.thearchjournal.com/post/the-calcutta-bungalow>

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/art-and-culture/check-out-breathtaking-examples-of-adaptive-reuse-in-five-indian-cities/story-AuXRN4ydcDyOEF4FFEDrK.html>

<https://www.outlookindia.com/outlooktraveller/stay/story/67036/heritage-stay-calcutta-bungalow>

Man and His City- a study in images and lyrics

<https://calcuttawalks.wordpress.com/2020/05/11/man-and-his-city-a-study-in-images-and-lyrics/>

PROFILE

Founder, Explorer at Darjeeling Walks & Darjeeling Keepsakes

<https://darjeelingwalks.in/>

<https://darjeelingkeepsakes.com/>

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EDUCATION & TRAINING

IITFC, Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India

A CERTIFIED TOURIST FACILITATOR

7 Years of professional experience in Inbound Travelling, Experiential Travel

NOTABLE WORKS

Have composed and led "The Independence Day Walk - Vande Maataram" to commemorate the 60th Independence Day and pay tribute to the legendary history of struggle and freedom, witnessed in Calcutta. This Walk was organised in association with The Telegraph and the Presidency University, Calcutta <https://www.telegraphindia.com/west-bengal/time-travel-leaves-walkers-in-awe/cid/1505900>

Have led the first Heritage Walk of "Sundays at Dalhousie" organised by the Delhi Art Gallery

<https://calcuttawalks.wordpress.com/2020/03/11/three-reasons-why-you-should-spend-a-sunday-with-calcutta-walks-in-march/>

Short film from Kolkata raises awareness

<https://m.timesofindia.com/entertainment/bengali/movies/news/short-film-from-kolkata-raises-awareness/articleshow/70768360.cms>

Kolkata city guide

<https://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/travel/2019/04/kolkata-city-guide>
<http://www.ameliaduggan.com/kolkata-city-life/>

Culture Trip : Travel Insiders with Singapore Airlines

[https://partner-singaporeairlines.culturetrip.com/kolkata/p/1?](https://partner-singaporeairlines.culturetrip.com/kolkata/p/1?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=ad&utm_campaign=video_kolkata)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6Ovjsoe4p0>

Gastronomic Tour of Calcutta with famous Scottish Chef Will Meyrick

The Street Food Chef exploring Calcutta

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQd4n0EGuQeG9zXO28vGUG>

Assisted in Various Literary Research Projects such as Entrepreneurship in the Age of Empire: Colonialism, Collaboration and Exploitation by eminent English Scholar and Award winning Textile Artiste Sarah Dietz <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/54806558-entrepreneurship-in-the-age-of-empire>

[https://www.amazon.com/Entrepreneurship-Age-Empire-Collaboration-International-ebook/dp/B08QY4L7XF/ref=sr_1_1?](https://www.amazon.com/Entrepreneurship-Age-Empire-Collaboration-International-ebook/dp/B08QY4L7XF/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&qid=1621865220&refinements=p_27%3ASarah+Dietz&s=books&sr=1-1)

[dchild=1&qid=1621865220&refinements=p_27%3ASarah+Dietz&s=books&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Entrepreneurship-Age-Empire-Collaboration-International-ebook/dp/B08QY4L7XF/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&qid=1621865220&refinements=p_27%3ASarah+Dietz&s=books&sr=1-1)

Have assisted in various Documentary Films made on Calcutta

One such was with Award winning Filmmaker/ Producer/DoP Lawrence Richards www.indievisuals.de

Have led the Heritage Walk on Sweets of Calcutta aka 'Mishti' produced and presented by Zee Bangla TV Channel in association with Calcutta Walks <https://fb.watch/5HvfoLiQv8/>

Have participated as an Expert in a Popular Talk Show on Economics & Tourism presented by the Doordarshan, DD Bangla TV Channel

Have participated as an Expert in an evening show on Heritage Tourism of Calcutta presented by the 24 Ghanta News Channel

<https://www.outlookindia.com/outlooktraveller/stay/story/67036/heritage-stay-calcutta-bungalow>

Anirban has led and assisted numerous Photography and Heritage Tours besides leading food tours, culinary experiences, river cruises, architectural tours, literary research projects, documentary projects et al

ANIRBAN DUTTA

PHOTOGRAPHER

ASSIGNMENTS & ENDORSEMENTS

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECTS, EXHIBITIONS & SHOWS

Photograph of the Month - FOTORBIT MEGA PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE 2016-17. Exhibited at the Gallery Gold, Calcutta as a part of the first ten photographs for the Annual Event.

<https://tinyurl.com/c8x3fzsw>

<https://tinyurl.com/bfet53re>

Nominated and Selected under the category of 'Life' for FOTORBIT MEGA PHOTO CONTEST 2017. <https://tinyurl.com/k2w6ndt6>

Featured Photographer : The Uncommon Box - "A Blending of Moods of Calcutta by Anirban Dutta"

<https://theuncommonbox.com/musings/tales-of-a-life/12-photo-tales-blend-many-moods-calcutta>

Participated and have won the Best Video Contest as a part of "Kurlotsav Kaptures 2016" by Kurl On.

<https://tinyurl.com/2adwjfc5>

<https://tinyurl.com/a4k656k7>

Jury Mention - FOTOJAJS

Official Photographer for the boutique travel company Calcutta Walks
<http://calcuttawalks.com/>

In-house Photographer / Contributor at Calcutta Bungalow

<https://calcuttabungalow.com/>

"Calcutta Juxtaposed" - A Critically Acclaimed series on collaged emotions and teeming timelines of Calcutta.

Few of his photographs have been transformed to City Postcards by "Calcutta Collectibles".
<https://calcuttacollecibles.com/>

Anirban has been an integral part of the Creative Team that created one of India's first edutainment audio-visual series on elements, forms and spaces of Architecture! 8 unique episodes introducing architectural elements in an unheard, unseen, untouched world of inhabited spaces!

Of Spaces and Other Stories (They Speak When We Listen)

Eight episodes, in India's first edutainment audio-visual series on Architectural elements, forms and spaces - each introducing a specific architectural body in an unheard, unseen, untouched world of inhabited spaces.

[https://www.acedge.in/courses/Of-Spaces-and-Other-Stories?](https://www.acedge.in/courses/Of-Spaces-and-Other-Stories?fbclid=IwAR06S42tmYTPrWAv6N6KOcLKOCyq2PcZ1ejFfiRGwTZsx-I8NV6n3Kub_cQ)

[fbclid=IwAR06S42tmYTPrWAv6N6KOcLKOCyq2PcZ1ejFfiRGwTZsx-I8NV6n3Kub_cQ](https://www.acedge.in/courses/Of-Spaces-and-Other-Stories?fbclid=IwAR06S42tmYTPrWAv6N6KOcLKOCyq2PcZ1ejFfiRGwTZsx-I8NV6n3Kub_cQ)

Gain in-depth understanding of architecture through this one of a kind - story telling experience. Presented by architect and Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puruskar award winning actor Anubha Fatehpuria; Asijit Datta and Anirban Dutta, the series will make you look beyond the superficial.

Anirban has contributed photographs to Times of India as a Citizen Reporter

Featured Photographer in "Celebrate in Style" by India Today

<https://www.indiatoday.in/magazine/supplement/story/20181008-celebrate-in-style-1350727-2018-09-28>

Anirban has been Jury and Judge to many Photography Competitions such as Annual Photography Competition by Scottish Church College, Calcutta

Anirban has participated and been invited to more than twenty Photography Shows, Talks, Exhibitions, Workshops and Festivals.



SKILLS

Documentary photography
Digital Ethnography
Editing



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