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PROFILE

I am Aryan Desai, a Dadasaheb Phalke nominated director-cinematographer.

I found my passion very early and driven by passion and an unquenchable thirst to create, i have been fortunate enough to find success and satisfaction in any direction I have dared to explore. Aside from my work, I am an adrenaline and thrill seeker. I am a certified scuba diver, tandem skydiver and backpacker.

EDUCATION

- **2012-2014** **JAMNABAI NARSEE SCHOOL**
Juhu, Mumbai
ICSE BOARD
SECURED - 83%
- **2014-2016** **MITHIBAI COLLEGE**
Juhu, Mumbai
HSC BOARD - Arts
SECURED 85%
- **2016-2019** **USHA PRAVIN GANDHI COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT**
Juhu, Mumbai
B.M.M (Mass Media)
SECURED 'O' GRADE (9GPA)

EXPERIENCE

- **2008-2017** **THEATRE AND DRAMTICS**
School, National, Commercial
Trained in and taught and performed dramatics and theatre including street play, one act, festivals, competitions and performed at prestigious venues such as Prithvi Theatre, NCPA, etc
- **2015** **FUNDRAISER EVENT: "MASOOM"**
Mumbai
Director, Photography and Video Head for a fundraiser for orphans and underprivileged children
- **2017** **VIDEOGRAPHY HEAD OF DEPARTMENT**
College
Videography and Photography Head of Department for Montage - Photography Club
- **2018** **PRESIDENT - MONTAGE CLUB**
College
President of Montage - Photography Club
- **2014-2019** **COLLEGE FESTIVALS AND COMPETITIONS**
Mumbai and other cities
Participated, hosted and won several competitions for Short films, Documentaries, Photography, Sports and Festival After-Movie competitions across the country

● 2017-2018

YUVAHASHTAG FESTIVAL

Mumbai and outskirts of Maharashtra
Over 55 colleges got together to host the biggest festival in Mumbai which included events like Junior Marathon and Film Promotions along with sports and competitive media events

I was the youngest Head of Department responsible for all Media and Broadcast (Video and Photo Coverage, Graphic Design for hoardings and banners, Editing, etc)

● 2017-2019

**FOUNDER AND CHAIRPERSON:
LITERATURE FESTIVAL**

Mumbai

Founded and organized the first non competitive literature festival in the city open for college students and industry professionals alike. With honourable guests like Irshaad Kamil, Vicky Kaushal, Abhishek Upamnyu, etc in attendance and curating masterclass'

● 2016-2019

FOUNDER AND CEO: LENSTALK

Mumbai

Started my own company offering a range of media coverage and broadcast including videography and photography for events, promotions, etc for several MNC's and brands such as HDFC, Masterchef Australia, Pearl Academy, Audi, Jeep, Mercedes and many many more.

LensTalk had a team force of over 40 independent college going freelancers and few industry professionals.

● 2019-2020

FEATURE FILM: KALANK

Mumbai, Indore, Hyderabad

Worked as an assistant to Binod Pradhan on Kalank starring Varun Dhawan, Aditya Roy Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, Madhuri Dixit Nene, Sanjay Dutt and many more

● 2020

FEATURE FILM: BRAHMASTRA

Mumbai

Worked as an assistant to Sudeep Chatterjee on Brahmastra, directed by Ayan Mukherjee, starring Ranbir Kapoor, Amitabh Bachchan, Alia Bhatt, Nagarjun and many more.

● 2020

FEATURE FILM: CHHALAANG

Jhajjar

Worked as an assistant to Binod Pradhan on Chhalaang, directed by Hansal Mehta, starring Rajkumar Rao.

● 2020

FEATURE FILM: VEERGATI

Shimla, Kashmir

Worked as a second unit Director of Photography for a Veergati, a feature film released on Zee5

● 2020

FEATURE FILM: CHEHRE

Mumbai, Poland

Worked as an assistant to Binod Pradhan on Chehre, directed by Rumi Jaffery, starring Amitabh Bachchan, Annu Kapoor, Emraan Hashmi, Rhea Chakraborty and many more

● 2020

FEATURE FILM: WILD WILD PUNJAB

Chandigarh

Worked as an assistant to Binod Pradhan on Wild Wild Punjab, produced by Luvv Films, starring Sunny Singh, Varun Sharma, etc

● 2017-Present

SHORT FILMS

Mumbai and many other cities

Directed and Shot over 45 short films for various platforms such as Youtube, MX Player, Amazon Prime, Disney+ Hotstar, Zee5 and many more

● 2018-Present

MUSIC VIDEOS

India, Europe, USA, UK, etc

Worked as an independent cinematographer on music videos for several independent artists and celebrities such as Mika Singh, Sachin-Jigar, Arijit Singh and many more for several labels such as T-Series, BLive, Zee, etc

● 2018-Present

AD FILMS

Mumbai and other cities

Assisted in several capacities and roles on Ad Films for TV for several renowned directors and cinematographers and for several brands and companies such as TataSky, NECC, Force, YesBank etc with celebrities like Salman Khan, Dharmendra and many more.

● 2018, 2021

DOCUMENTARY

Mumbai

Ajal - Hour of Death, a documentary directed and shot by me was nominated for Mumbai Film Festival in 2018 and screened at PVR cinemas across Mumbai.

I am also nominated for the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 2021 for the same film.

It talks about the struggle and life of Pappu, a crematorium worker who burns bodies for a living

● 2019-Present

DIGITAL PLATFORMS

Mumbai and other cities

Worked as a Director of Photography and consultant for several groups such as Rajasthan Royals (IPL team), MJ5 (dance group), Dhanda (app), Adani Wilmar, Godrej and many more for digital content

The setups ranged from Green Screen Chroma shoots, interview setups, AV and In-House Videos and Social Media Promotional Content

SKILLS

PROFESSIONAL

Cinematography	●●●●●
Direction	●●●●●
Editing	●●●●●
Graphic Design	●●●●●
Drone Pilot	●●●●●
VFX	●●●●●

PERSONAL

Communication	●●●●●
Dedication	●●●●●
Punctuality	●●●●●
Ethics	●●●●●
Honesty	●●●●●
Modesty	●●●●●