

## **The Tools We Need | Sujit Mallik**

**July 9, 2022 | 2 to 6 pm**

Vadehra Art Gallery, D 53, Defence Colony, New Delhi 110024

Please register at [info@ficart.org](mailto:info@ficart.org) to participate in this session.

**The Tools We Need** is a workshop led by Sujit Mallik to explore and design agrarian tools, that will be held on **Saturday, 9 July from 2 PM - 6 PM at Vadehra Art Gallery**. The session will use drawing and maquette-making to imagine the possibilities of tools that are part of different agrarian experiences.

As Sujit writes,

Tools to dig, scratch, lift, suck, blow and drag our body.

They detach us from the soil.

Those are the connectors and disconnectors.

They help us to find our body in the soil and soil in the body.

A tool has a body and a brain as well. Tools evolve over time.

Their predictability is what gives them their name; their name births more possibilities. This is what makes a family of tools that grows with time. Tools—as family and possibility—build us a recognizable earth; they are owners of what they produce. Our relationship to tools needs to be studied as our lives and the lives of our tools remain as intertwined as ever.

There are two kinds of tools that we need in agrarian practice:

### **Tools for the harvest period:**

These are very basic and well-known tools that differ according to the geography and its soil structure. They are usually needed to help humans in processes of growing and harvesting. These are easy to design, and easily recognisable.

### **Tools for the post-harvest period:**

It is difficult to understand the post-harvest period and what it requires. As a result, the tools are a bit more complicated, and we need to find ways of imagining what will best support the post-harvest period and our needs/our lands' needs during the time.

The session is structured as an interactive session around the idea of tools shared across different contexts, and accompanies FICA's ongoing display, *Many Acts of Reading* at Vadehra Art Gallery. It will also be accompanied by two Vanishing Spices sessions to be held at Saagwala Farms in early August 2022.