The Sahmat Collective: Art and Activism in India since 1989

The following web and book resources allow for further research about Sahmat, Safdar Hashmi, and the exhibition *The Sahmat Collective: Art and Activism in India since 1989*.

Exhibition-specific Resources

- **Smart Museum of Art — The University of Chicago**
  *The Sahmat Collective: Art and Activism in India since 1989*, exhibited February – June 2013

- **Ram Rahman Photography**
  Ram Rahman is the co-curator of the exhibition and an active participant in the Sahmat collective.


Sahmat

- **Sahmat webpage**
  Sahmat’s official website includes a history of their activities, posters, publications, and listing of current events and projects.

- **"Indians shocked by impresario's murder." *The Independent*, January 4, 1989.**
  *The Independent*, a UK newspaper, published an article on Safdar Hashmi’s assassination.

  A compilation of all of Sahmat’s public statements from the last two decades.

- **Participants in Sahmat Projects**
  Sahmat is not a small group of artists. Here is a comprehensive list of Sahmat projects and the artists that have participated in them.

  An academic article analyzing the progress of Sahmat since its beginnings paired with Indian politics and culture.

- **Guha-Thakurta, Tapati. *Iconography Now.* New Delhi: SAHMAT, 2006.**
  Published by Sahmat, this book is a great example of how they mix art and politics. The focus of the publication is exploring ways that iconography has been and can be wrongly interpreted to push a certain value.
  This article reports on the assassination of Safdar Hashmi.

Modern and Contemporary Art from India

  Of the 20 artists included in this volume, the following nine have been involved with Sahmat.
  The book includes an interview for each artist as well as some examples of their work.

  Atul Dodiya, p.38
  Bharti Kher, p.58
  Ravinder Reddy, p.80
  Jitish Kallat, p.110
  Nataraj Sharma, p.140
  N. S. Harsha, p.150
  R. M. Palaniappan, p.160
  Shibu Natesan, p.170
  Subodh Gupta, p.178

Performance and Theater

- Janam’s Official Website
  Janam, the theater group started by Safdar Hashmi, has past and present activities, plays, and other information listed on their website.

- Janam’s YouTube Page
  The official YouTube page of Janam, Safdar Hashmi's theatre group.

  Published by Janam, this book is written by activists, members of Janam, as well as an article by and interview with Hashmi.