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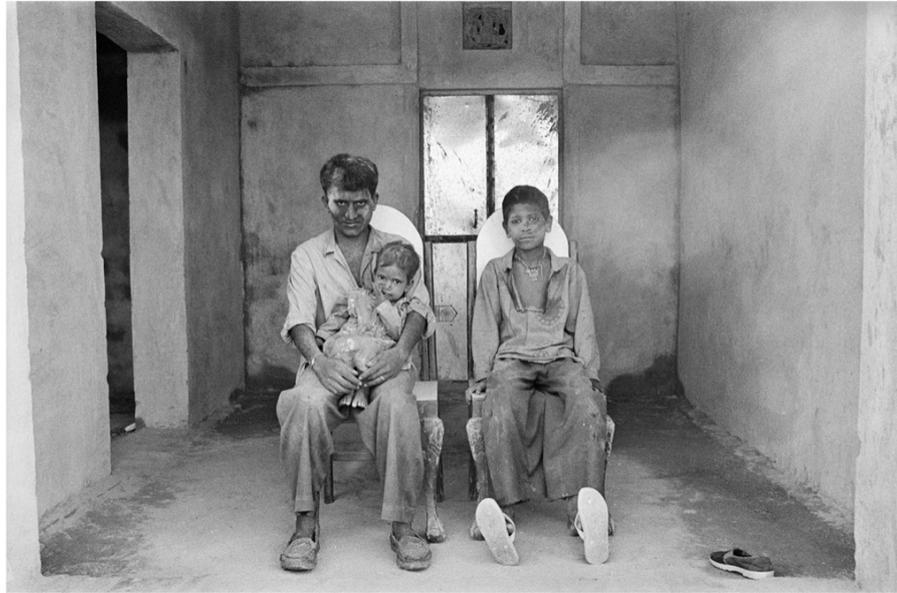
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## Beyond the Headlines



Piercing insights: an image from the series 'Notes from the Desert'  
Image: Gauri Gill

PHOTO OF THE WEEK / INDIA

### Human interest

This picture, taken by Indian photographer Gauri Gill, is part of a series that won the Prix Pictet yesterday. The global award for photography and sustainability comes with a prize of CHF100,000 (€103,000). Gill's work, which was selected from a shortlist of 12 photographers by an independent jury, emphasises her belief in working with and through communities in what she calls a process of "active listening".

Gill began her winning series, *Notes from the Desert*, in April 1999 when she set out to photograph village schools in western Rajasthan and started engaging with marginalised communities in the desert region. According to the jury, Gill's work perfectly encapsulated the theme of 2023's competition, "Human", which encouraged artists to capture and communicate the stories, struggles and triumphs of individuals and communities around the globe.

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