

LAND OF MY DREAMS

A Film by Nausheen Khan

Duration- 74 minutes

Language- English, Hindi

Subtitles- English

Short Synopsis

Protests rage against the Indian Citizenship Amendment Act (2019), which persecutes Muslims. The director listens to the voices of the protesters and observes her own identity as a Muslim woman.

Long Synopsis

In 2019, the Indian Government passed the Citizenship Amendment Act, which made religion a criterion for citizenship and intended to exclude Muslims. Viewing this as discriminatory, working-class Muslim women gathered in Shaheen Bagh, Delhi, and began a nonviolent sit-in protest.

In an atmosphere of uncertainty and fear, the film follows the stories of women who sustained a peaceful protest for over a hundred days. They galvanized resistance across the country and transformed the protest into a nationwide pro-democracy movement, which became the most persistent show of opposition to Narendra Modi's BJP government that took office in 2014.

Drawing on her identity as a Muslim woman, the filmmaker questions contemporary notions of belonging, patriotism, and identity in India by examining shared human responses to exclusion, polarization, and repression.

The film recounts how the women of Shaheen Bagh weathered institutionalized and societal repression to provide a precedent for a new form of public dissent in modern India.

Complete Cast and Crew (As appears in Film Credits)

Director, Producer, Cinematographer, Editor - Nausheen Khan

Music by Kush Asher

Special Thanks

Amar Kanwar
NayanTara Gurung Kakshapati
Javed Sultan
Arunima Tenzin Tara
M M Shashwath
Prateek Shekhar
Sherna Dastur
Sameera Jain
Adnan Abidi
Arsh Mehdi
Avani Rai
Ayaan Khan
Gaurav Arora
Junaid Bhat
Jyotsna
Maktoob Ahmed
Masoom Nabi
Mubasshir Naqvi
Mustafa Qureshi
Naman Saraiya
Raghu Rai
Rayees Amin
Shadab
Tipu Sultan
Vinod Kumar

Voice Over Recording and Sound Post-production Lohit Bhalla (Depot Records)

Hindi Translation Kabeer Ahmed, Aryan Mahtta, and Javed Sultan

Titles Srishti Saxena

Colourist Divya Kehr

Biography

Producer/Director -

Nausheen Khan is an independent filmmaker working on gender perspectives amid conflict and political unrest in contemporary times. Her recent work has been about women's and children's issues in Kashmir.

Land of My Dreams is her first self-financed feature-length documentary film. It won Best Long Documentary at the International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala, 2023, and the Citizens' Prize at the Yamagata International Documentary Film Festival, 2023.

Film shooting date- December 2019-March 2020

Film completion date- July 2023.

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