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 Narender 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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