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Documentary Film/TV producer & director

I create international, multilingual non-fiction content between the US and India – from award-winning documentary TV series to social justice films. I carry a solid foundation in journalism and a nuanced cultural worldview that helps me navigate spaces as a team player, and, when needed, a one-woman band.

DOCUMENTARY WORK

THE LAST RESORT (INDEPENDENT DOC)

FIELD PRODUCER | October 2021 onwards

Currently producing shoots and sample trailers for this documentary about an Indian seniors' retirement community, directed by Sarita Khurana.

CATEGORY 6 MEDIA (A+E NETWORKS)

STORY/FIELD PRODUCER | JULY-AUGUST 2021

Story & field producer on 9/11: The Legacy – a History channel documentary on the legacy of 9/11, 20 years after.

THE ESSENTIAL WORKER (INDIE SHORT-DOC)

DIRECTOR, PRODUCER, CINEMATOGRAPHER | 2021

Awarded the Asian American Documentary Network grant for my short film, The Essential worker – a film about a Muslim Covid responder – airing on The World channel.

TOOFAN AALAYA

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR/ CO-WRITER (TV Series)

Mumbai, India | 2017 – 2019

Produced, associate directed & wrote, Toofan Aalaya, an Indian docu TV show on the issue of water, hosted by one of India's most eminent film personalities, Aamir Khan.

CONTENT FOR NON-PROFITS

DIRECTOR (NYC & MUMBAI) | 2014-2020

Made impact films for non-profit organizations like Change For Kids (USA), Population Foundation of India, Going To School (USA) among others.

SENIOR PRODUCER (MUMBAI, INDIA)

AAMIR KHAN PRODUCTIONS PVT. LTD. | 2010 – 2014

Produced & directed documentaries as part of the core team on the internationally acclaimed TV show on social issues, Satyamev Jayate, hosted by Aamir Khan and watched by over 600 million viewers worldwide.

JOURNALISM

NEWS ANCHOR & CORRESPONDENT

MUMBAI, INDIA | 2004 – 2010

Reported from the frontlines of conflict and politics, led the news desks, and been a prime time news anchor for national Indian broadcast & print organizations like NDTV, India Today etc.

DOC COMMUNITY WORK

KALAKARS

SOUTH ASIAN ARTISTS COLLECTIVE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | NEW YORK

BITCHITRA COLLECTIVE

INDIAN WOMEN IN DOCUMENTARY

FOUNDING MEMBER | NEW YORK

TECHNICAL SKILLS

CAMERA & EDITING

Sony A7siii, Canon 7D, Zoom audio recording systems, Adobe Premiere Pro

LANGUAGES

English, Hindi, Urdu, Marathi

EDUCATION

XAVIER INSTITUTE OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS

MUMBAI, INDIA | 2003-04

Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism

UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

DELHI, INDIA | 1999-2002

Bachelor of Commerce