

About the Documentaries & Director

Out of Court Settlement

This 66 minutes long documentary illustrates the life threatening conditions faced by Indian defence lawyers appearing in terror related cases. Recently lawyers Shahid Azmi and Naushad Kashmirji were killed in two separate incidents. Documentary tries to find out, whether Indian establishment were the mastermind behind these killings. It also looks at these killings in the light of several incidents of beating and intimidation of defence lawyers around the country and tries to evaluate the state of Indian legal system and its systemic capability to deliver justice to the minorities.

After the Storm

68 minutes long documentary narrates stories of seven former terror accused set free by various law courts across India. Mukhtar Ahmed, Md. Fassiuddin Ahmed, Umar Farooque, Moutasim Billah, Harith Ansari, Md. Musarrat Hussain 'Bobby' and Shaik Abdul Kaleem are among thousands of Muslim youth arrested, falsely implicated and then acquitted in terror cases. The film narrates their ordeal and miseries and shed light on their current fight for survival.

About the Director: Shubhradeep Chakravorty

He is a journalist by training and documentary filmmaker by passion. He is a post graduation in Political Science and International Relations and works as a journalist and documentary filmmaker. He works independently and interested in current affairs based documentary filmmaking.

Work:

So far he made four documentaries and currently getting involved in another one.

His first independent documentary film was Godhra Tak: The Terror Trail. It is an investigative documentation of the barbaric incident of 27 Feb 2002, in which coach S6 of Sabermati Express was burnt down at Godhra railway station in Gujarat, India. Fifty-nine passengers including several Karsevaks died in that fire. The film tries to find out what actually happened at Godhra railway station on that day and how far the allegation of a conspiracy is true. This incident was used to start anti Muslim riots in Gujarat in 2002.

In 2008 he finished his second documentary film 'Encountered on Saffron Agenda?'; a film based on investigative documentation of encounters of Sameer Khan Pathan (22 October, 2002), Sadik Jamal (13 January, 2003), Ishrat Jahan-Javed Seikh (16 June, 2004) and Shorabuddin Seikh (26 November, 2005), all happened in Gujarat. Those killed in them were said to have on a mission to kill the Chief Minister Narendra Modi who had allegedly organised the 2002 genocide of Muslims in the state after Godhra train burning incident. Film tries to find out the truth behind Police stories and politics of encounters in Gujarat.

In 2012 he came out with his third documentary film 'Out of Court Settlement.' It is based on the tales of killings, beating up and intimidation of several defense lawyers across the country who were appearing in terror related cases. This documentary tries to put forth the ensuing danger to rule of law in the country because of such incidents.

The forth one is 'After the Storm' was also made in 2012 and is based on stories of seven former terror accused who secured acquittal through various law courts in past few years. The film narrates their ordeal and miseries and shed light on their current fight for survival.