**ABOUT**

**Circle**

2015

India/UK

20 mins + transmedia project

A haunting portrait of a rape victim, caught in the devious ploys of her family

Through the poignant and personal story of 13 year-old Khushboo, *Circle* weaves together the horror of her gang-rape, emotional abuse at the hands of her grandmother, who orchestrated her rape, and that of her child marriage to a man she does not know.

As Khushboo changes hands from one abuser to another, we delve deeper into her grandmother’s story – to where this circle traces back.

Told simplistically through an observational lens, this intimate and delicate short attempts an understanding of the nature of abuse, and a closer look at the perpetrator, as much as it does of the victim itself.  Where does this circle begin?  Where does it go?  And can there be any release?

**Transmedia note:**

The project has an online, interactive component -- a web platform to reach out to include the myriad narratives of victims of sexual violence, creating a space for these voices to interact and form bonds of solidarity – a constantly evolving platform, with these shared stories, coming together to re-write the universal narrative of sexual violence.

**TEAM:**

Director: Jayisha Patel

Producers: Jayisha Patel, Ruchi Bhimani, Harini Lakshmanarayn

Director of Photography: Jayisha Patel/Amith Surendran

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With the participation of Kushboo Tewari

Shobha Tewari

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