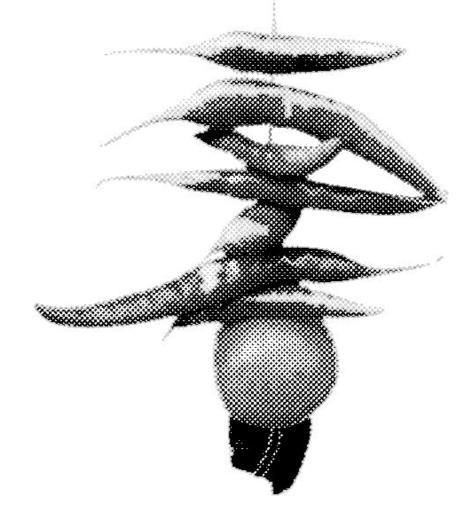
Film on the role of superstition and beliefs

Portraying the psycho-social reasons behind beliefs.

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HARIJAN

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY, 16, 1934.

I have tong believed that physical phenomena produce results both physical and spiritual. The converse I hold to be equally true.

Visitations like droughts, floods, earthquakes and the like, though they seem to have only physical origins, are, for me, somehow connected with man's morals. Therefore, I instinctively felt that the earthquake was a visitation for the sin of untouchability.

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Quake due to Rahul's Kedar visit: Sakshi

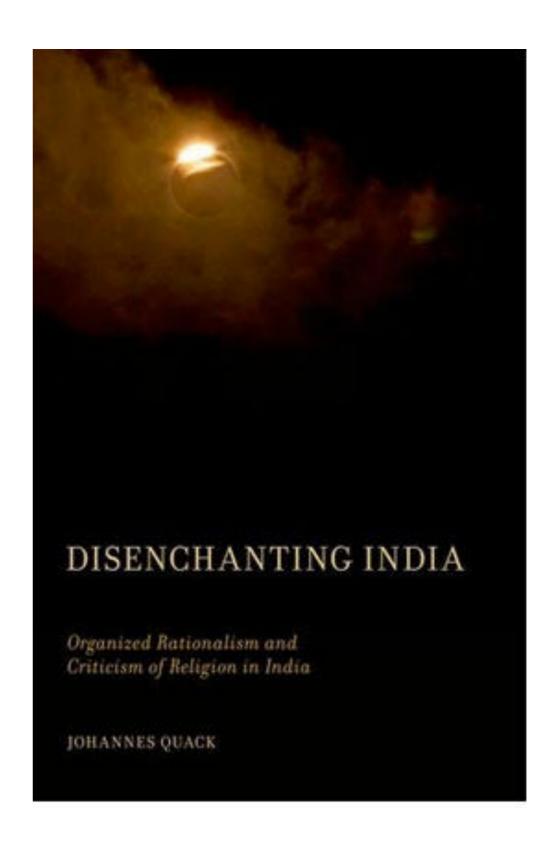
Controversial BJP
functionaries Sakshi
Maharaj and Sadhvi Prachi
have linked the earthquake
in Nepal to Rahul Gandhi's
Kedarnath visit. "Rahul
Gandhi eats beef, and goes
to the holy shrine without
purifying himself. The
earthquake was bound to
happen," Sakshi Maharaj
said in Haridwar. TNN

role of the rationalists

In a society where religion dominates every walk of life, where it is difficult to distinguish between religious and social customs, a religious reformer becomes inter-alia a social reformer as well.

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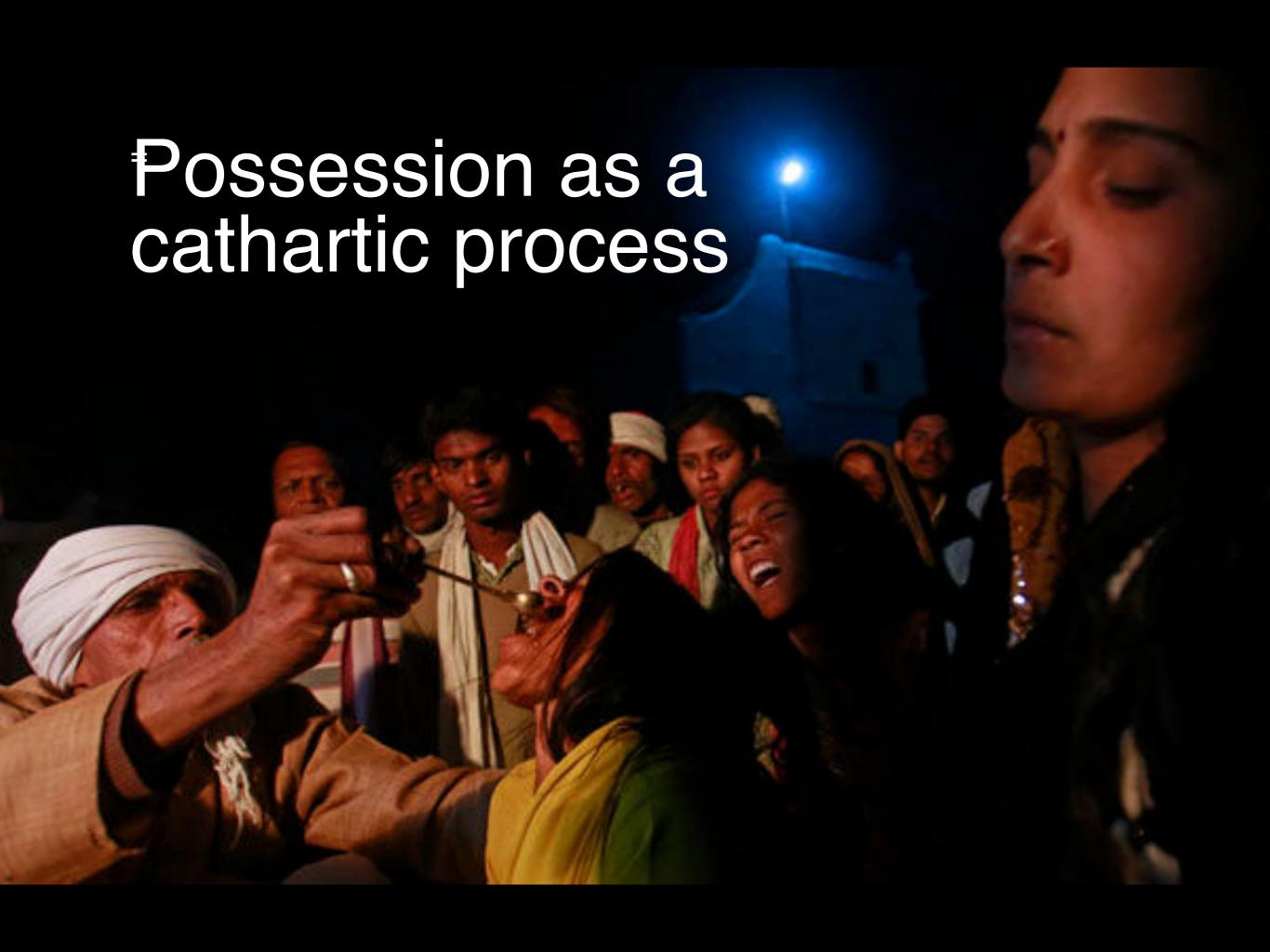
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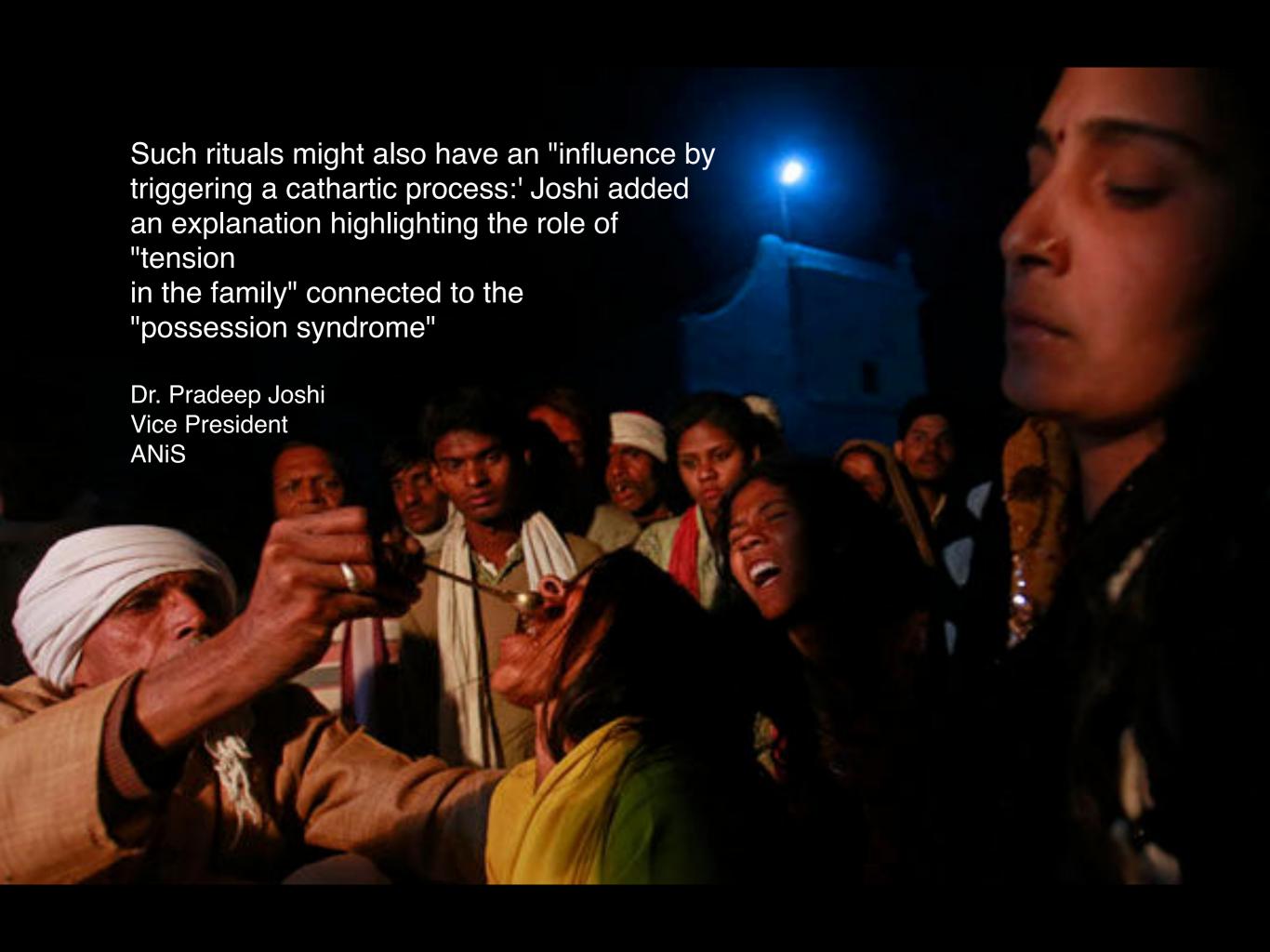
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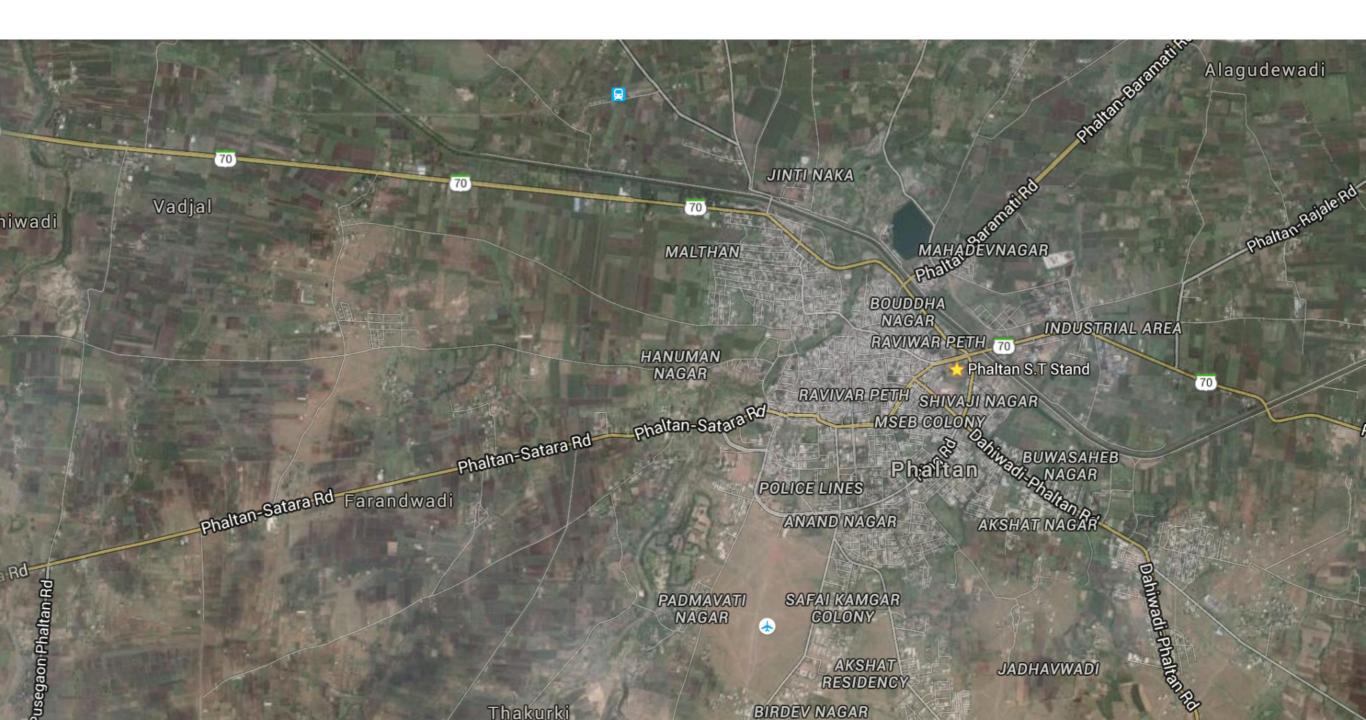




Relationship between

Mental health among women & Role of beliefs

Mahanubhav Shrine Phalton, Satara District, Maharashtra















Brief

A fiction film that looks at how possession and trance practices are 'symbolic gestures' of a woman's psychosocial stress.

The film also has to make the audience question the morality of using these measures (belief tools).

Themes

Trance syndrome

Social conditioning

Social stigma

Awareness about psychological treatment

Morality

Family dynamics

Exploring the emotional side to trance

CONC ERN

During the initial stages of the script I lacked the insight on how these tantriks went about carrying out the exorcism. Interviewing two tantriks helped me gain insights into their thinking and their working.





Biharilal Baiga

Ratan Baiga

SCRIP

FADE IN:

INT.

A young girl, about 14 or 15 years looks through a window inside a house. There is commotion inside, a woman screaming. More people join in to look through the window. The girl's protection in a tap on the shoulder removes LATA out of process has been daydream.

CUT TO:

It's early afternoon, the sun pours through the window.

Her gaze is directed at the window's bars. There is evidence of her school books lying on her bed suggesting that she was trying to study something. It's LATA's step mother ARCHANA. Ohe is herefully the late of designation of the study of the state of the stat

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New GHAMNS ARCHANA in her late 30s looks drained from her daily chores. She is wearing a slightly discolored nighty. She is holding a glass of water with a tablet in her other hand. LATA looks at ARCHANA and goes back to her books. ARCHANA senses the hostility and keeps the medicine and glass on the table and goes back to work. LATA lifts her gaze and looks at her step mother walking away to the kitchen outside. ARCHANA tries to kindle the hearth outside the home.

GHANSHYAM splashes water on his face while ARCHANA pours water out of a lota for him. He wipes the water off his face.
ARCHANA hands over a towel.

ARCHANA face.

GHANSHYAM dish.

Did she take the medicines?

ARCHANA
I tried. When does she listen to
me. She doesn't consider me as her
mother. The medicines don't seem to

GHANSHYAM looks in LATA's direction and looks back at ARCHANA, he sympathizes with ARCHANA for trying.

Sudha's mother has suggested this Baiga. The medicines don't seem to be working

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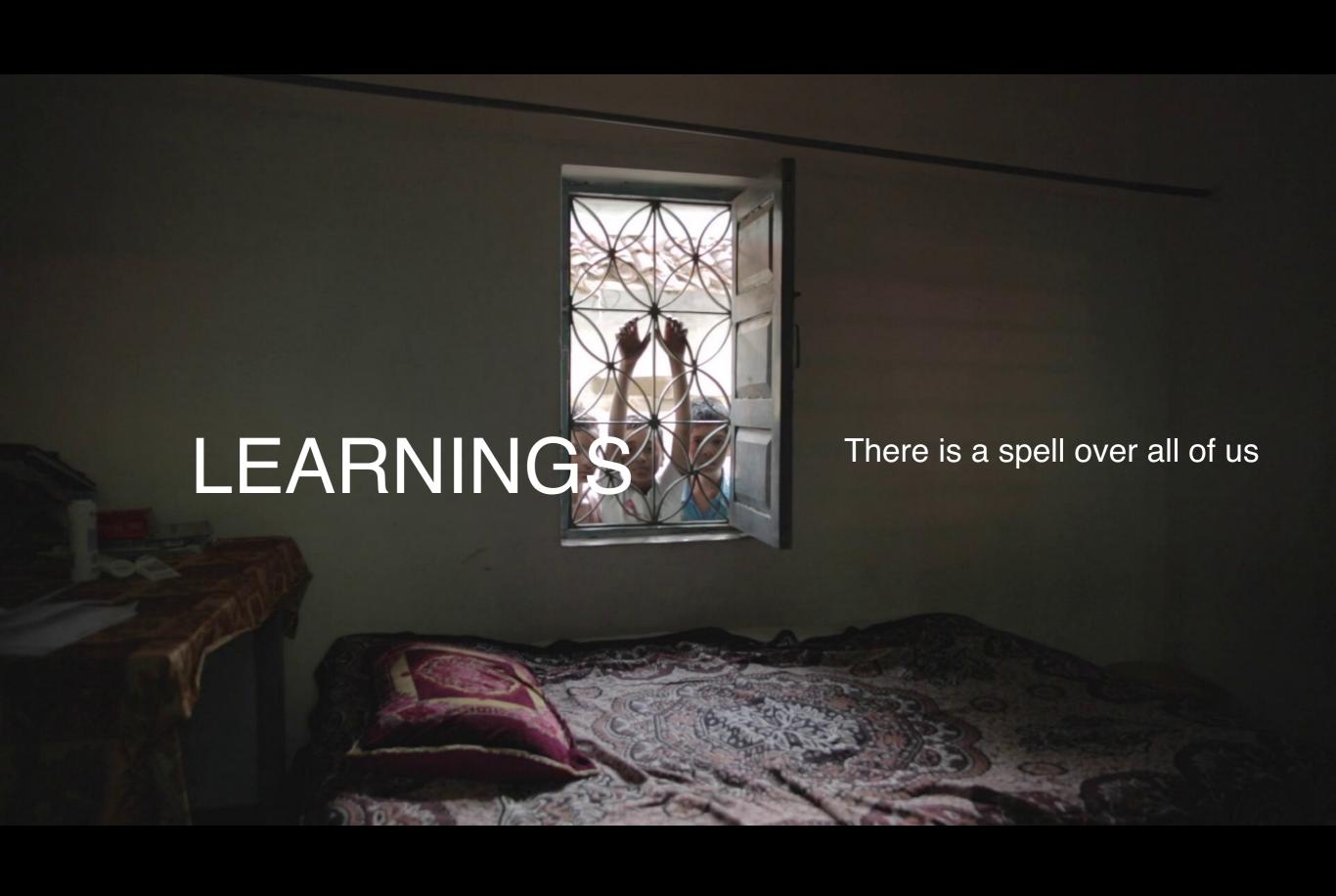
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There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, Than are dreamt of in your philosophy.

- Hamlet (1.5.167-8), Hamlet to Horatio





Thank You