

## **BRIEF DESCRIPTION**

### **INSIDE JAMIA NAGAR:**

#### **A STORY OF EVERY PREJUDICE AGAINST INDIAN MUSLIMS**

This half an hour documentary provides a glimpse of life inside Jamia Nagar in the aftermath of the police crackdown on students of Jamia Millia Islamia in December 2019. A predominantly Muslim ghetto which is home to thousands of students and staffers, Jamia Nagar is part of the ecosystem that has come up around the central university over several decades. Locals claim the ghetto and its residents have always been viewed with suspicion not just by the police but also by residents of more affluent neighbourhoods.

The documentary captures voices from the ghetto and highlights their concerns. The BJP government's new Citizenship law and subsequent violence perpetrated on protesting students has shaken the community's faith in our democracy. Teachers worry about the future of innocent children, youngsters ask if they can be labelled as 'terrorists' because they have studied in Jamia Millia Islamia and live in Jamia Nagar, and senior citizens share stories of alienation and discrimination. Forced to live together for safety reasons, Muslim residents admit that the ghetto is not their favoured address. The documentary also highlights lack of civic amenities and poor infrastructure facilities in the area.

The documentary showcases how history, politics, society and religion define our lifestyle choices and shape our lives. Their impact sometimes is so deep and so intrinsically woven in our lives that we forget to question the social constructs that shape our reality.