

## SYNOPSIS

'The Boxing Ladies' is the story of three teenage sisters- Zainab, Bushra and Sughra, staying in the confines of a small slum in Kolkata, India. They are all national level boxers. The film looks at the lives of these three spirited girls and their dreams to break the mould of the stereotypes of Muslim women and rise above their living conditions.

## DETAILED SYNOPSIS

The Boxing Ladies is a story of three teenage muslim sisters who are national level boxers and their struggle to be a part of the society and make their mark.

Zainab, the eldest of the three is like the mother hen. She cooks, takes care of the house and also contributes to the family expenditure sewing and making mobile covers every day.

Bushra, the middle sister dropped out of school due to financial pressure. She works part time in an STD booth and with the money that she earns, buys sporting equipment for herself and her sisters.

Sughra, the youngest and also the rebel of the family is the most determined about her boxing career. Dropping out of school, she re-joined four years later paying her fees with her own hard earned money.

This is a story of these three incredible sisters and their determination to represent the country in the field of boxing. It is

the celebration of women and the sports and their journey and their struggles.

## CREDITS OF 'THE BOXING LADIES'

### CREW

Director : ANUSHA NANDAKUMAR

Camera: RAHUL DEEP BALACHANDRAN

Edit: DIKSHA SHARMA

Sound : SUJOY DAS

### CAST

#### The Boxing Ladies

Zainab Fatma

Bushra Fatma

Sughra Fatma

## **FILMOGRAPHY**

1. Sita's abduction and other stories- 35mm/fiction/5mins/2011
2. The Boxing Ladies – DVCPRO/docu/26mins/2010
  - Winner of the President's Silver Lotus Award for Best Film on Sports 2011
  - In competition Seattle Asian Film Festival 2011
  - In competition 3i asian film festival 2011
  - In competition London Indian Film Festival 2011
  - In competition Indian Film Festival, Stuttgart 2011
  - Silver Comma, at Alpavirama Short Film Festival 2011
  - In competition, Filmi Chashma, children's film festival 2011
  - Selection VIBGYOR Short Film Festival 2011
  - Selection Pune International Film Festival 2011
  - Selection Kolkata Film Festival 2010
  - In competition International Film Festival of India 2010
3. Antara- 35mm/10min/fiction/2010
  - In competition Ca Foscari Short Film Festival
4. Still Life – HDV/7min/docu/2010
  - Winner Film Expo Asia, Bangkok. 2010
5. Beyond Time – DV/10min/docu/2009
  - Screened at La Femis, Paris 2009