

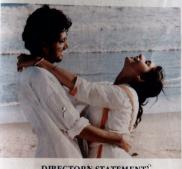
THE FILM

The film is about a I marriage. Deepak and Anasuya are an estranged couple who have come back to the little fishing village where they had spent their honeymoon seventeen years ago, in an attempt to put their marriage together again. Deepak is an advertising man, the Managing Director of an important advertising agency in Bombay. Anasuva is a classical dancer of some repute who has her own dance academy in Bhubaneshwar The film develops in a series of fluid movements between the past and the present, examining the nature of a man-woman relationship against the backdrop of a civilisation threatened by ecological disasters, changing moral values and disintegrating relationshins.









DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT?

The name YUGANT which, incidentally means end of an epoch and not what the sea said, was inspired by an ancient Hindu myth. According to this myth, creation is part of the kalpa or dream of Vishnu, the creator. The four ages - Satva, Treta, Dwapara and Kali-make up each kalpa at the end of which comes pralay or chaos. And so the cycle goes on ... The times we live in could be said to correspond to the outer limit of Kali, the last of the four ages and, hence, very close to the end of this kalna.

The poetic truth behind this ancient myth, has always haunted me and, while exploring the nature of an intrapersonal relationship in the light of the chaotic conditions that seem more and more to prevail, the name YUGANT struck me as strangely appropriate. While I was writing the screenplay in 1990-91, the war in the Gulf started. It only added to the sense of chaos prevailing.

What the Sea Said had been the tentative title of the very first draft of the screenplay. The name still fits, so I have retained it.

We have abused the sea so much with our chemical wastes and our nuclear tests. I wonder what it would have to say to us humans if it could speak!

CAST

Deepak : Anian Dutta Anasuva Runa Ganguly

Ioveeta : Pallavi Chatteriee Bhaiva · Kunal Mitra

Raghu : Anil Lenka Young

Fisherwoman · Neema Rahman Young

Fisherman : Asrumochan Mohanty Old Fisherman : Subrata Nandy

Rabuli : Akaash Gunta

CREDITS

Story, Script

Direction : Aparna Sen Cinematography · A Shashikanth

: Dilip Verma Music : Ivotiska Dasgupta

Editing : Molov Baneriee · Ratan Sarkar

Dance Direction : Illeana Citaristi Art Direction · Nikhilharan Sengunta : Bibi Ray

Producer : NFDC

