



Devi Art Foundation in collaboration with The Gujral Foundation
presents

This Night Bitten Dawn

30th January to 29th February 2016, 11am to 7pm (Except Mondays)
24 Jor Bagh, Lodhi Road New Delhi.

"And the heart still aches and the eye still seeks and will not be still".

Building on the framework of Faiz Ahmed Faiz's poem, 'Subh-e-Azaadi' (Dawn of Freedom), this exhibition reinterprets the moment of the partition of India nearly seven decades later. Inspired by the poet, the artists here probe the past and the present simultaneously to circumvent history as it is told and try to reimagine and fashion it anew.

They proceed towards a scrutiny; troublesome and persistent, of communities that carried with them the sounds of lullabies embedded in the bones and ashes which their ancestors left behind. They never fully abandoned the ideas of 'home', instead they rearranged them in myriad ways as the pain subsided and the hearts were induced to heal.

Such a past can only be dreamt again with fierce tenacity for the present to make sense, sifting through half truths and seeing through the scrim of broken promises. The poem may be a memorial to another time but it continues to insist on a critical look at why 'the dark weight of night is not lifted yet', and how the gossamer like promise of a journey of shared futures which commenced a long time ago was denied culmination.

Curated by

Salima Hashmi

Participating Artists

Bani Abidi | Roohi Ahmad | Imran Ahmad | Unum Babar | Farida Batool | Faiza Butt |
Sheeba Chhachhi | Anita Dube | Shilpa Gupta | Zarina Hashmi | Somnath Hore | Amar
Kanwar | Martand Khosla | Ismet Khwaja | Iftikhar Dadi + Nalini Malani | Susanta Mandal |
Imran Mudassar | Asma Mundrawala | Pushpamala N | Tejal Shah + Varsha Nair | Imran
Qureshi | Gargi Raina | Risham Syed | Ayesha Zulfiqar |