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SCREENING OF *THE WIDOW COLONY* AT THE PARLIAMENT OF CANADA

OTTAWA - On Tuesday evening, New Democrat MPs Jasbir Sandhu (Surrey North) and Jinny Sims (Newton-North Delta) hosted a film screening of award winning film, *The Widow Colony*, a Sach Productions presentation directed by Harpreet Kaur and produced by Manmeet Singh. It's an in-depth documentary looking into the lives of widows following the November 1984 massacre in New Delhi.



From left- MP Parm Gill, Director: Harpreet Kaur, MP Rathika Sitsabaiesan, MP Jinny Sims, MP Jasbir Sandhu and Producer: Manmeet Singh

"This is a powerful film and we're honoured to share it with our colleagues," said Sims. "The film has been showcased at prestigious film festivals in Canada, India, the US and the UK. We're happy to bring it to Parliament hill."

The *Widow Colony* explores the suffering of the widowed women, their battle for justice and their struggle for survival. It gives viewers the chance to hear uncensored, unbiased and raw first-hand accounts of what really happened in the November 1984 massacre. Most importantly, the film helps clarify the communal misconceptions behind the tragedy and creates constructive dialogue amongst all communities.

"Clearly, the Sikh community is still going through trauma and needs to heal. We all want to work together and seek justice for the victims and the families," said Sandhu.

Director, Harpreet Kaur stressed upon the importance of documenting the stories of the survivors. Kaur concluded by saying, "It's important for people to remember that *The Widow Colony* documentary is not only a film, but an artistic manifestation of a very real and serious issue that has yet to be judicially addressed."

In 2009, the British All-Party Parliamentary Human Rights Group hosted the screening of *The Widow Colony*, where MPs commended the film for being informative and honest.

To watch a trailer of the film, please visit: www.TheWidowColony.com

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