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DIRECTOR'S NOTE OF INTENT

To address a difficult theme stressing equally much on an auteur approach to the craft of the film and naked honesty to the truth of the subject.

The subject and the film itself came before me through an accidental meeting with a well-known educationalist in India who heads highly regarded institutions. Her passionate exposition of her personal experience with a differently abled student was the kernel from which the script evolved. She went a step further in not only producing the film herself, but also prodding a young documentary filmmaker to make his debut feature film on a complex subject on a very earthy and unique human setting.

In exploring and realising the subject and theme of the film, I also attempted to touch upon tangential themes such as the inherent inter religious and inter communal harmony which is under threat from various directions. The effort has been to communicate this more as a celebration than as comment.

Above all, The film attempts to orchestrate the fact that the differently abled give more than they take and teach in ways that can be comprehended only with an attent sensibility and a yielding that makes us more enriched and more modest in our SELFS.

PITCH

The horizons often not visible within the mindscapes of the differently abled, especially in children, this film attempts to throw drifting lights through the dark passages of contemporary female childhood in a complex south-Asian socio-cultural setting.

Details of the Film

01	Production	:	Gitanjali Productions
02	Title of the Film	:	RIHLA (The Journey)
03	Language of the Film	:	Hindi
04	Width of the Film	:	35 mm (Anamorphic)
05	Sound	:	Dolby Digital
06	Running time	:	114 Minutes
07	Country & year of Production	:	India - 2007
08	Genre	:	Social Drama/Awareness
09	Author of the Story	:	Kasibhatla Venugopal
10	Director of Photography	:	Gnana Shekar .V.S
11	Director of Music	:	Shashi Preetam
12	Editor	:	Venkatapathy Raju
13	Sound Design	:	Madhusudhan Reddy
14	Producer	:	Gita Karan
15	Screenplay & Direction	:	B.Ajit Naag
16	Cast	:	Sonali Kulkarni Milind Gunanji Sandeep Mehta Vinay Apte Kundana (Child Artiste-Role of Brinda) Paarul Singh (Child Artiste)