

New short film Not My Thing released



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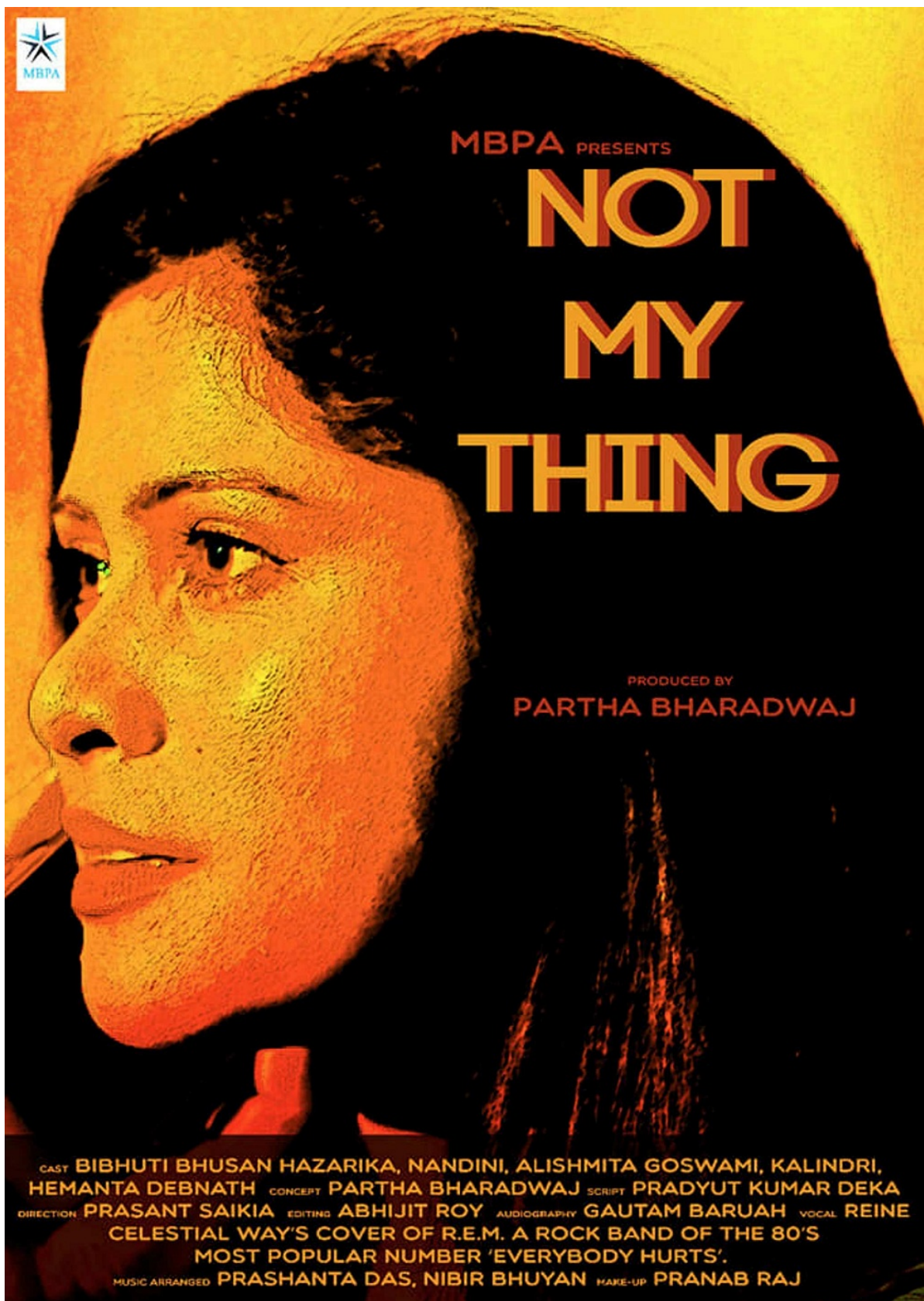
Women's participation in the work force has increased [over](#) the years, yet, a healthy percentage of the female employees have also had to constantly endure sexual harassment and abuse at the hands of their employers, leading to an oppressive environment in the workplace. Many women prefer to suffer silently [over](#) the injustices committed against them, out of [fear](#) of losing their jobs. At times, when they do speak up, they are often met by apathetic superiors and colleagues.

A healthy public awareness about the issue of sexual harassment may, perhaps, help prevent its recurrence, which prompted Partha Bharadwaj to produce an Assamese short film - 'Not my Thing', that celebrates the resilience and the remarkable spirit of women.

Now available on social media, the film was formally released at a function held in a Guwahati-based hotel, attended by cine-journalist Arun Lochan [Das](#), popular actor Ravi Sarma, music director Tarali Sarma, actor Bibhuti Bhusan [Hazarika](#), well-known filmmaker and 'Not my Thing's scriptwriter Prodyut Kumar Deka, director Prasant Saikia, actress Nandini, singer Queen [Hazarika](#), the film's producer and designer Partha Bharadwaj, Hemanta Debnath, Udayan Duwarah, among others.

Dealing with the all-pervasive issue of sexual abuse, the film follows the travails of a woman, a young widow, who gets employed in a corporate establishment, but has to endure sexual abuse from her employer. She is not prepared to sacrifice her individual identity, as she refuses to be a passive victim, for the sake of status, and comfort of life. But slowly, it becomes very difficult to live a life of dignity.

"Employment opportunities for widows are very low, due to gender division in the workforce. Even if they do get employed, they are more vulnerable to sexual harassment from their employers," said the film's director Prasant Saikia. "Women must have the courage to put their foot down and say 'enough is enough'", declared by Ravi Sarma during his speech. On the occasion, Prasant Saikia's 'Rum Vodka Whisky' was also screened. A song from the upcoming music album 'Nandini' was also released.



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