



GIRLS OF PAADHAI

by Natalia Preston



SYNOPSIS

If love is a pill, and marriage an injection with big side effects, then what is the right prescription for girls' self-determination in India today?

Set against the city of Chennai in India the film intimately observes the options and perspectives of young women at "Paadhai", a home for disadvantaged girls offering shelter, learning and self-empowerment. Highlighting their insights into their situations, marked by real-life pressures and societal norms, the film's narrative unfolds through a series of storylines as we watch the characters share their personal stories, exploring tough challenges, hope, pain, love and marriage.

FESTIVALS

2019

Leipziger Ring Award – DOK Leipzig

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Natalia Preston · PRODUCER Natalia Preston · SCORE Stephan Garin · SOUND Andreas Fertig · EDITOR Andreas Zitzmann · DOP Isabelle Casez

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90 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Coming of Age, Current Affairs, Gender, Children / Youth, Conflicts, Social issues

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Tamil

PREMIERE

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LINKS / REFERENCE

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