

## The Re Thinking Experience

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*Sanjog Udaykumar Desai , maker of Blood and Soil*

### **Blood and Soil**

When first time I read about the theme on secularism, many ideas came to my mind but all were contemporary and very common. I had decided not to enter the festival unless I have a very different concept. Also one thing was clear that the film should be set up in the village because India's strength and culture still lies in village by many means. Obviously the rethinking on secularism should be done from grass-root level, Hindu-Muslim is a case much ahead that should be thought of. In one religion there are many castes and there are still many differences in these castes. Secondly, the rethinking would be possible either by experiences or education so such a narrative was used.

Along with being a film-maker I am also a healthcare student so I thought of having blood as an integral part that could make more impact. Therefore blood and soil both are a very unique creations of God and this creation is lived, used and felt by every human being but most of them lack a correct point of view towards it. All need blood to survive, so during an emergency they accept the available blood, they don't question about whose blood is it. Same can be applied to soil in various ways. This implies that secularism is actually present but what is lacking is the correct point of view towards it. Working with the entire crew and cast was a wonderful experience. Almost everyone of us is from cities, so shooting in a village was altogether a different feeling. Village people helped us in various ways that reflected that they could become good line producers and production controllers without which the shooting doesn't run smooth. We also experienced that for a better cause and a for a good change in society people support wholeheartedly.

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*Souvik Gupta receiving the award for his film Neighbor*

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