Ms. Nandita Das

Nandita Das has acted in more than 40 feature films in 10 different languages. Her directorial debut in 2008 was Firaaq. She was on the jury of the Cannes Film Festival twice, among others. She has a Master's degree in Social Work and is a strong advocate for social justice and human rights. She was conferred the 'Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters' by the French Government. Nandita was the Chairperson of the Children's Film Society and wrote a monthly column for 8 years in the Indian magazine, The Week. Manto, Nandita's second directorial film premiered in 2018 at the Cannes Film Festival and travelled to many others around the world. It can be watched on Netflix. Her first book 'Manto & I' chronicles her 6-year long journey of making the film.