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A Report On

9th International Film Festival of Shimla

(IFFS)

22nd September to 24th September 2023

- ❖ ***STUDENTS OF JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT RECEIVE AWARD OF HONOR AT THE 9TH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL OF SHIMLA***



****Introduction:****

The 9th Edition of the International Film Festival of Shimla, a captivating cinematic extravaganza held from 22nd to 24th September 2023, unfolded its magic with a diverse selection of films from 20 countries and 24 states. Nestled in the heart of Shimla, Gaiety Theatre, an iconic heritage venue, served as the perfect backdrop for this grand event.

Recognition to the students of the Department of Journalism & Mass Communication (COE)

At the heart of this cinematic celebration, the students of the Journalism & Mass Communication Department at the Centre of Excellence, Government College Sanjauli, earned a well-deserved award of honor for their invaluable contributions. Their dedicated volunteering and seamless support played a pivotal role in ensuring the successful culmination of the International Film Festival of Shimla. Almost 70 students from the department participated in the event.





EVENT OVERVIEW:

The International Film Festival of Shimla artfully wove together a rich tapestry of films encompassing shorts, documentaries, and feature films, spanning diverse genres and cultures. This year's edition of the festival proudly presented 38 International category films, 62 National films, and 5 films in the State category, all meticulously chosen for competition.

Sr	Project Title	Duration	Country of Origin	Language	Project Type	Director
1	Ten Thousand Souls	0:32:43	Czech Republic	English	Documentary	Sarjeh Mric
2	HOW DO I SHOW THE OCEAN SPACE YOU CARRIED INSIDE YOU?	0:40:00	Mumbai, India	English	Documentary	Abeer Rafeeq Khan
3	Brush Stroke	0:38:57	India	Assamese	Documentary	Parthajit Baruah
4	THAT DAY	1:14:44	China	Chinese	Feature	Zuofu
5	Happiness Class	0:51:00	Delhi, India	English	Documentary	Samina Mishra
6	Sewar/Samritha	0:32:15	Canada	Telugu	Short	Srinivas Krishna Kasturi
7	Missing Since 6.12.1956	0:19:58	Pune, India	Marathi	Short	Anand Pande
8	BANDIT'S BAZOOKA	0:29:59	Delhi, India	Hindi	Short	DIVYESH GANDHI
9	Window Shopping	0:34:07	India	Bengali	Short	Soumitra Bagchi
10	The Ripple	0:23:24	Imphal, Manipur, India	Other	Short	Khwairakpam Bishwamitra Singh
11	Solitary	0:16:59	Canada	Arabic, English, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Urdu	Short	Maminder Chana
12	Fatima	0:59:00	Kolkata, India	Hindi	Documentary	Sourabh Kanti Dutta
13	A LOST TUNE OF LIFE	0:21:19	Assam, India	Assamese	Short	Biju Das
14	Enter the Room	0:15:00	United States	English	Short	Harry Waldman
15	Knife, Chocolate	0:15:00	Iran	Persian	Short	Hooshmand Vazaei
16	Searcher	0:19:28	Delhi, India	English	Documentary	Divya Sachar
17	By The Throat	1:17:47	Belgium	Dutch	Documentary	EFFL Amir
18	The Stranger	1:36:19	United States	English	Feature	Veena Sud
19	SHAKILA – The Collage of Struggle	0:49:00	Kolkata, India	Bengali	Documentary	Subhasis Chakraborty
20	Uss Paar	0:09:27	India	Hindi	Short	Aditya Arvind Chawan
21	Ankahi	0:25:41	Mumbai, India	Hindi	Short	Kaksha Patel
22	Chasing Mirages	0:05:22	Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India	Hindi	Music Video	Abhishek Kumarwat



****International Participation:****

Filmmakers from around the world converged in Shimla to partake in this cinematic celebration. Countries such as the United States of America, Belgium, Iran, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Turkey, Nepal, Egypt, Bangladesh, Italy, Poland, Argentina, Sweden, Afghanistan, Australia, France, and Dubai came together, infusing the festival with a vibrant tapestry of international diversity.



*****Gaiety Theatre as the Venue:*****

Gaiety Theatre, with its storied history and state-of-the-art screening facilities, provided an unparalleled and immersive experience for festival attendees. Its harmonious blend of historic charm and modern amenities set the stage for a truly memorable cinematic journey.



****Notable Awards:****

The festival, in recognition of exceptional contributions to the world of cinema, bestowed prestigious awards upon deserving recipients.

Some of the standout awards presented during the ceremony included:

International Feature Film:*

- Best Feature Film: “Nargesi”
 - Director: Payam Eskandari
 - Country: Iran
 - Language: Persian
- Festival Mention Feature Film: “For The Sake Of Ava”
 - Director: Mohsen Seraji
 - Producer: Faranak Foroutan
 - Country: Iran
 - Language: Persian

Short Film:*

- Best Short Film: “Royav”
 - Director: Mohammad Reza Mohammadi
 - Country: Afghanistan
 - Language: Persian
- Festival Mention Short Film: “Naree”
 - Director: Mohammad Arafatur Rahman
 - Country: Dhaka, Bangladesh
 - Language: No Dialogue
- Festival Mention Short Film: “NELUMBO”
 - Director: Abbas Khademalrasoul
 - Country: Iran
 - Language: Persian

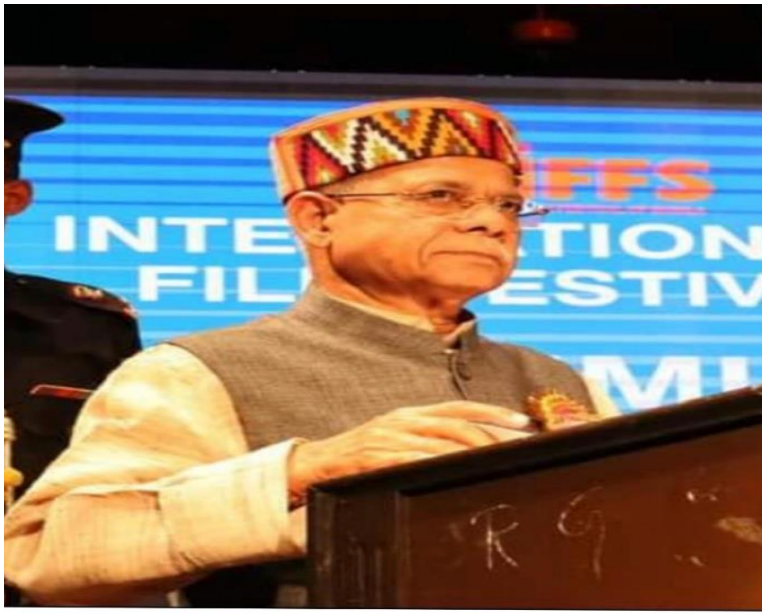
Documentary:*

- Best Documentary: “Seven Thousand Souls”
 - Director: Sanjin Miric
 - Country: Czech Republic (Language: [English])



The festival, with a primary focus on students, provided a unique opportunity for them to explore the world of cinema and diverse cultural perspectives. It served as an educational and enlightening experience, broadening the horizons of young minds through the art of filmmaking.





****Conclusion:****

The 9th International Film Festival at Gaiety Theatre in Shimla was a grand celebration of cinema, uniting filmmakers, enthusiasts, and a student audience for an unforgettable experience. With its diverse selection of films and international participation, it effectively promoted cross-cultural understanding through the medium of cinema, leaving an enduring impact on all who had the privilege of attending.



**Department of Journalism and Mass Communication presenting
the award of Honor to the Hon'ble Principal *Dr. Bharti Bhagra**



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