



Competition on Indian Language Films

Country : India

Joseph's Son

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2023 / Colour / 85 minutes / Meiti



Director : Haobam Paban Kumar
Producer : P P Math
Cinematographer : Joydeep Bose
Editor : Sankha
Music : Rewben Mashangva
Cast : Rewben Mashangva

Synopsis : A young teen has not returned home in Manipur amidst ethnic conflicts and insurgency. His father Joseph sets out on a journey in search of his football enthusiast son. As Joseph travels, his fear grows deeper; a fear of constant uncertainty - past and present - to which a personal vacuum is added when he is asked to verify the unidentified body in the morgue by the police. It is a journey that no parent would like to take, ever.



Director's Biography : Haobam Paban Kumar is a prominent voice emitting out of the restive north eastern state of Manipur, India dabbling in both non-fiction and fiction storytelling. His film AFSPA 1958 was awarded the Golden Lotus for the Best Documentary at the 56th National Film Awards 2008. *A Cry In The Dark* is another film screened at the 31st Toronto Film Festival 2006 and MOMA New York 2007. After nearly a decade of documentary filmmaking, he made his critically acclaimed feature film *Loktak Lairembee* (Lady of the Lake) which featured at 67th Berlin Film Festival 2017 and 21st Busan International Film Festival 2016.