



## Competition on Indian Language Films

Country : India

### Valli

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2023 / Colour / 123 minutes / Marathi



**Director :** Manoj Shinde

**Producer :** Manoj Shinde

**Cinematographer :** Suniel Kumar

**Editor :** Ajinkya

**Music :** Deva

**Synopsis :** As a forced disciple of a Jogta an outward female form possessing a male- body, it took Valli a decade to learn- his true masculine self has been trapped in the garb of his highly marginalised and exploited Jogta custom. During this, Valli suffered several physical assaults, social mockery, and public persecution. He finally abandons his Jogta custom and escapes with Tara, living an equally miserable life. Only to get engulfed by the new realities of urban life.



**Director's Biography :** Manoj Shinde, born in 1981, is a management consultant turned filmmaker. He is best known for Marathi short films such as *Ballet of drought* (2017), *Pav Bhaji* (2021) and his feature film *Jogta* (2022) also in Marathi language.