



## Competition on Indian Language Films

Country : India

# Whispers of Fire and Water

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2023 / Colour / 83.38 minutes / Hindi



**Director :** Lubdhak Chatterjee

**Producer :** Bauddhayan Mukherji

**Cinematographer :** Kenneth Cyrus

**Editor :** Arjun Gourisaria, Lubdhak Chatterjee

**Music :** Rohen Bose

**Cast :** Sagnik Mukherjee, Amit Saha, Deepak Halder, Rohini Chatterjee, Saikat Chatterjee

**Synopsis :** Shiva, an audio installation artist, visits the largest coal mining region of Eastern India. The area is plagued by depleting natural resources and a fire is burning in its belly. Faced with a complex socio-political system — unavoidable like smoke and fire engulfing the area, Shiva struggles to find his way around and succumbs to the monstrous pressure. Fire, as an element, engulfs him. Shiva eventually moves to a tribal village in a dense forest, along with Deepak, who is a worker in the coal mines. The panoply of sounds which he experiences in dense forests triggers an inward personal journey which questions his urban values and his notion of self. Water, as an element, forms the labyrinth of his quest for truth.



**Director's Biography :** Lubdhak Chatterjee is an independent filmmaker based out of Kolkata, India. A blogger with the Times of India, he started off his career as an engineer, which he soon gave up to pursue his love for films. He won the Doordarshan fellowship for his documentary film Vaikhari, commissioned by Public Service Broadcasting Trust, India and Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. His experimental short film Aahuti was an official selection at International Film Festival of Rotterdam (IFFR) 2020. Lubdhak also works as cinematographer and editor.