



Centenary Tribute

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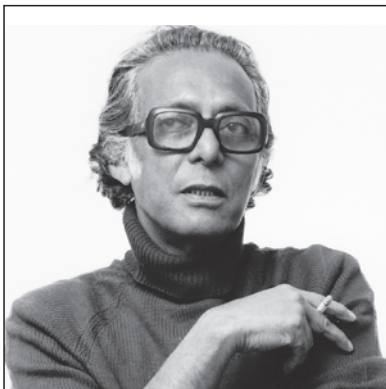
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1969/ Black & White / 96 minutes / Hindi



Director : Mrinal Sen
Producer : Mrinal Sen
Cinematographer : K. K. Mahajan
Editor : Gangadhar Naskar
Music : Vijay Raghav Rao
Cast : Amitabh Bachchan, Utpal Dutt, Suhasini Mulay, Shekhar Chatterjee

Synopsis : A senior bureaucrat, a strict disciplinarian and a lonely widower, Bhuvan Shome, the protagonist of the movie, sheds his all-work-and-no-play persona and goes game hunting in a Gujarat village. He rides a bullock cart, has a close encounter with a buffalo and finally meets a free-spirited village belle (played by Suhasini Mulay), who helps him discover the simple joys of life and relationships. The new experiences and alien situations deepen his sense of loneliness but also show him the path of a slow transformation.



Director's Biography : Mrinal Sen (14 May 1923 - 30 December 2018) was an Indian film director and screenwriter known for his work primarily in Bengali, and a few Hindi and Telugu language films. Regarded as one of the finest Indian filmmakers, along with his contemporaries Satyajit Ray, Ritwik Ghatak, and Tapan Sinha, Sen played a major role in the New Wave cinema of eastern India. Sen has received various national and international honours including eighteen Indian National Film Awards.

Director's Remark : I took it up as a kind of comedy which pokes fun at the morality which dominates our society, determines it, and continues to build on it. Our intention was never to tame a tough bureaucrat. On the contrary, our intention was to "corrupt" a bureaucrat suffering from Victorian morality. –Sen in an interview published in *Jump Cut*.