

KOLKATA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

5th – 12th December, 2023 Kolkata, India

The 29th Kolkata International Film Festival is organized by:
Kolkata Chalachitra Utsav in association with
Information & Cultural Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal, India



REGULATION



Article 1: This Kolkata International Film Festival aims at creating a platform for better understanding of the films of past and present of the world in an atmosphere of appreciation of the film culture and to move towards excellence of the motion picture art and industry.

Article 2: **The 29th Kolkata International Film Festival will be held in KOLKATA between 5th–12th December, 2023.**

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Article 4: Programme:

The programme of the 29th Kolkata International Film Festival consists of the following sections:

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Article 5: Entries will be subject to preview by a committee constituted by the **Director, KIFF**. A film which is not accepted for the Competition Section can be shown in the CONTEMPORARY WORLD CINEMA or in any of the other non competition sections with the consent of the entrant.

Article 6: The organizers will announce the official selection by **15th November, 2023**. Selected film can not be withdrawn for any reason from the festival once the selection is officially confirmed by the applicant.

Article 7: Selection for non competitive sections and NETPAC:

*The selection committee is in charge of the official sections-Cinema International, Asian Select(Netpac), Indian Select[Language Section] and Children's Films. The committee will preview films in DVDs (NTSC/PAL) and **online screeners** only. The Preview DVDs should be sent specifying "**No commercial value and for cultural purpose only**". The consignor should send the previewing copies by National and International couriers. Preview DVDs shall not be returned. Films which are released in West Bengal are not eligible to participate or entry.*

NETPAC AWARD: Members of the Jury Board decide a Best Feature Film for this award from the Asian Section.

Article 8: Films participating in the festival are exempted from censorship.

Article 9: **Last date of submission of the Entry Form and the Preview DVDs/Online link for competitive as well as non competitive sections is 31st August, 2023.**

Article 10: Screening:

Generally, three shows for every selected film are arranged, including the shows for the Press & Delegates. Any additional screening should be agreed by the producer or his duly empowered representative in writing in line with FIAPF International Regulations.

Article 11: Formats:

Films selected in Kolkata International Film Festival will be screened in DCP-2K format. In some cases, the festival may accept/screen films in MOV, MP4, Quick Time Pro Res & Blu Ray formats.

Article 12: Shipping:

Prints of selected films for 29th KIFF must reach the Festival office as per the official invitation and instructions by 15th November 2023 positively. Regarding the sharing of the film prints between two festivals, the one way shipment cost either INBOUND or OUTBOUND will be borne by the Festival Authority.

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1. In the event the film is not finalized for being submitted by the deadline stipulated in Article 9, producers are invited to inform the Director/ Programme office of KIFF about the intended participation, latest by **31st August, 2023** by email after making online registration and submission of Entry Form indicating the title of the film, name & addresses of the producers, directors with other particulars.
2. Participation and acceptance will be in term of the FIAPF Regulation.
3. Director of KIFF will decide according to the provision in the international regulations every corner not explicitly covered in these articles and his decision shall be final and should be abided by all concerned.

Correspondence and submission: All correspondence/submission of online preview screeners/DVDs should be made to the following address:

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Article 5: International Competition on INNOVATIONS ON MOVING IMAGES Regulations:

Article 5.1 : Films to be registered in the Competitive Section must fulfill the following conditions:

- a) Films must be fiction-feature films. Duration must be not less than **60 Minutes**.
- b) Films must be completed between **1st October, 2022 and 31st August, 2023** and duly authenticated by the entrant in the entry form.
- c) The film which has not been theatrically released (commercially, on video/DVD/telecast /internet/VOD) in India.
- d) Asian, World and International Premiere will get preference but films must be an **Indian Premiere**.
- e) National Award Winning **Indian Films** which are premiered and screened at any festival organized by Directorate of Film Festivals, Govt. of India are eligible for submission.
- f) All films in the competition will be screened at the Festival in their original versions, with English subtitles.
- g) In the case of co-productions, at least one of the producers/production companies must have the right to sanction the participation of the film in competition in the Festival and authority to receive award, if any, is won.
- h) Entrants shall agree that if their film/films win any of the GOLDEN ROYAL BENGAL TIGER Awards, all screenings thereafter will acknowledge the Award(s) on the film itself.
- i) Entrants should submit the Entry Form along with the online link of the finished film to the KIFF office by **31st August, 2023** positively. Entry Forms must be filled up with all necessary details e.g. titles of films, names and addresses of the directors, producers, production companies, world sales companies, cast, credit, technical details etc.
- j) The films which are selected for competition shall be submitted with **digital/online DCP (2K) package through online links along with mp4/mov/hd file as back up copy**. In a very special case we may accept physical submission of DCP in hard drive/disc along with Blu Ray Disc.
- k) **Entrants must agree that if the films are selected, it should be available for jury members in digital formats like mov, mp4, quick time pro etc. with online link/online services.**
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Article 5.3: The competition will be held from amongst a minimum of **Ten (10)** and maximum of **Fifteen (15)** eligible from not less than **8 countries**. If the Festival Authority feel that the minimum selection standard has not been achieved then it may waive any conditions for further participation in the competition section.

Article 5.4: The Jury Board for the Competition will consist of a chairman including minimum of three(3) maximum of five (5) respectable members and two third of the only members will be from outside India.

Article 5.5: The decision of the jury will be taken by way of the opinion of majority of the members present and voting, if required. The Jury may evolve its own procedure for assessment of the entries. The Director, KIFF or his representatives may attend the deliberations of the jury members, but shall neither participate nor vote.

Article 5.6: No person connected with the production or commercial management of a competitive entry will be a member of the jury. All Members of the jury will refrain from releasing any articles or reviews to the press/visual media concerning the films submitted for their judgment till the jury's decisions have been formally announced at the appropriate forum.

Article 5.7: The following prizes will be given away:

- I. Best Film : A cash prize of **INR 51,000,00/-** (equivalent to USD/Euro as on the date of swift) to be shared equally between the Director and Producer. Besides, Director will be awarded with the GOLDEN ROYAL BENGAL TIGER and a certificate in addition to the shared cash component. Producer will get a certificate in addition to the shared cash component.
- II. Best Director : GOLDEN ROYAL BENGAL TIGER, a Certificate and a cash prize of **INR 21,00,000/-** (equivalent to USD/Euro as on the date of swift).
- III. Special Jury Award : GOLDEN ROYAL BENGAL TIGER and Certificate only.

*No film will be given more than one award. All the cash prizes are subject to the deduction of **Indian Tax laws**.*

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Article 5: National Competition on INDIAN LANGUAGES (*Hiralal Sen Memorial Award*) Regulations:

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- b) Films must be completed between **1st October, 2022 and 31st August, 2023** and duly authenticated by the entrant in the entry form.
- c) The film which has not been theatrically released (commercially, on video/DVD/telecast /internet/VOD) in India. The films should not be available on any public platform in India. Asian, World, International Premiere and Indian Premiere will get preference.
- d) National Award Winning **Indian Films** which are premiered and screened at any festival organized by Directorate of Film Festivals, Govt. of India are eligible for submission.
- e) All films in the competition will be screened at the Festival in their original versions, with English subtitles.
- f) In the case of co-productions, at least one of the producers/production companies must have the right to sanction the participation of the film in competition in the Festival and authority to receive award, if any, is won.
- g) Entrants shall agree that if their film/films win any of the *Hiralal Sen Memorial Award* (GOLDEN ROYAL BENGAL TIGER trophy), all screenings thereafter will acknowledge the Award(s) on the film itself.
- h) Entrants should submit the Entry Form along with the online link of the finished film to the KIFF office by **31st August, 2023** positively. Entry Forms must be filled up with all necessary details e.g. titles of films, names and addresses of the directors, producers, production companies, world sales companies, cast, credit, technical details etc.
- i) The films which are selected for competition shall be submitted with **digital/online dcp package through online links along with mp4/mov/hd file as back up copy**. In a very special case we may accept physical submission of DCP in hard drive/disc along with Blu Ray Disc.
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Article 5.7: The following prizes will be given away:

- I. Best Film : A cash prize of **INR 10,000,00/-** is to be shared equally between the Director and Producer. Besides, Director will be given the GOLDEN ROYAL BENGAL TROPHY and a certificate in addition to the shared cash component. Producer will get a certificate in addition to the shared cash component.
- II. Best Director : GOLDEN ROYAL BENGAL TROPHY, a Certificate and a cash prize of **INR 5,00,000/-**
- III. Special Jury Award : GOLDEN ROYAL BENGAL TROPHY and Certificate only.

*No film will be given more than one award. All the cash prizes are subject to the deduction of **Indian Tax laws**.*

Article 5.8: The organizers will announce the official selection by **15th November, 2023**. Films which are selected can not be withdrawn for any reason from the festival once the festival informs the film sender of the selection, and when the selection is officially confirmed by the film sender.

Article 6: Films participating in the festival are exempted from censorship. In case a film already has a certification, only the certified version will be considered for screening. For films not having certification, screening will be subject to an exemption from the Ministry of I&B, Govt. of India.

Article 7: Last date of submission of the Entry Form and Preview DVDs/Online link is 31st August, 2023.

Article 8: **Screening:** Generally two/three shows for every selected films are arranged, including the shows for the Press & Delegates. Any additional screening should be agreed by the producer or his duly empowered representative in writing in line with FIAPF International Regulations.

Article 9: **Formats:** Films selected in Kolkata International Film Festival will be screened in DCP-2K. In very limited cases, the festival may accept/screen films in MOV, MP4, Quick Time Pro Res, DVD and Blu Ray formats.

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Short & Documentary Section

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Kolkata International Film Festival, accredited by FIAPF has in its 29th chapter decided to continue the National SHORT AND DOCUMENTARY COMPETITION


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Short and Documentary Programme:

- A. National Competition: i) Short Fiction (within 30min)**
ii) Documentary (within 60min)

A) Rules and Regulations for competitive sections:

- I. Short films must be **fiction** films. Duration will **not be more than 30 minutes**.
Documentary films will **not be more than 60 minutes**.
- II. Film must be completed between **1st October, 2022 and 31st August, 2023** and duly authenticated by entrant in the entry form.
- III. The films must have an **Indian premiere** (should not have been presented in India either theatrically or released on video/DVD/telecast/internet/VOD/web/any social media release).
- IV. **Please submit only the preview link of your film preferably in mov & mp4 format for selection. English subtitle is mandatory. Send password if any. Preview copy in any other formats like DVD, PEN DRIVE etc. are not acceptable.**
- V. All non English speaking films in the competition will be screened at the Festival in their original versions, with English subtitles.
- VI. Films must be available for festival screening on High Quality **MOV, Blu-Ray or MP4**.
- VII. In case of co-productions, the producers must nominate the person who may receive the trophy or cash award at the final or closing ceremony.
- VIII. Entries will be subject to decision by a Committee for selection to be constituted by the KIFF Authority. A film which is not accepted for the Competition Sections may be shown in the Non Competitive section of Short and Documentaries.
- IX. The competition will be held from among **twenty (20)** eligible entrants from Short Section and **10 (Ten)** eligible entrants from Documentary section.

X. Eminent Juries will be deputed by the Kolkata International Film Festival Authority. No person with any involvement in the films will be present on the Jury. Jury will decide the films for the following awards.

a) Best Short Film: A cash prize of Rs. 5,00,000/- to be shared equally between the Director and Producer. Director is to be given the GOLDEN ROYAL BENGAL TIGER and a certificate in addition to the cash component. Producer will get a certificate in addition to the cash component.

b) Best Documentary: A cash prize of Rs. 3,00,000/- to be shared equally between the Director and Producer. Director is to be given the GOLDEN ROYAL BENGAL TIGER and a certificate in addition to the cash component. Producer will get a certificate in addition to the cash component.

C) General Rules:

- I. Only selected films will be intimated by email. No letters of non-acceptance will be sent. List of selected films will be available on the website by **15th November, 2023**.
- II. A director is not allowed to submit more than one film for selection.
- III. Film(s) screened in earlier in Kolkata International Film Festival will not be eligible.
- IV. Last Date for submitting films along with the Completed Entry form and preview link is **31st August, 2023**.
- V. Entry Forms should be filled in clearly. Press materials i.e. synopsis (60 words), cast, credit, directors filmography etc. must be sent in separate word file format by email.
- VI. If selected for the festival the entrant must undertake to provide publicity clippings for the use of the festival.

The Director of 29th KIFF has the power to waive any of the above mentioned rules in decision with KIFF Authority.

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Article 5: **Competition on BENGALI PANORAMA (Bengali Languages) Regulations:**

Article 5.1 : **Films to be registered in this Competitive Section must fulfill the following conditions:**

- a) Films must be on **Bengali Language** fiction-feature films. Duration must be not less than **60 Minutes**.
- b) Films must be completed between **1st October, 2022 and 31st August, 2023** and duly authenticated by the entrant in the entry form.
- c) The Film must be an **Indian Premiere**. The film which has not been theatrically released (commercially, on video/DVD/telecast /internet/VOD) in India. The films should not be available on any public platform in India. Asian, World, International Premiere will get preference.
- d) National Award or any State Government Award Winning Bengali Films are not eligible for entry.
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- j) **Entrants must agree that if the films are selected, it should be available for jury members in digital format like mov, mp4, quick time pro etc. with online link/online services.**
- k) The festival will not communicate reasons for rejection of any films. The filmmakers will be notified about selection at the end of the selection process and no information will be shared before that.
- l) Films can be submitted for more than one section by filled up separate Entry Forms. If submitted in more than one section the committee will reserve the right to choose the most appropriate section for the film for selection.
- m) Producer and Director can submit only one film. Multiple entry under the name of the same Producer and Director are not eligible.

Article 5.2: Entries will be subject to preview by a film selection committee, to be constituted by the KIFF Authority. A film which will not be considered for the Competition Section can be shown in any other non competitive sections with the consent of the entrant.

Article 5.3: The competition will be held from amongst a minimum of **Seven (7)** and maximum of **Fifteen (15)** eligible entries. If the Festival Authority feel that the minimum selection standard has not been achieved then it may waive any conditions for further participation in the competition section

Article 5.4: The Jury for the Competition will consist of minimum **three (3) members and maximum five (5)** including **Chairman**. Two third of the members must be from outside India.

Article 5.5: The decision of the jury will be taken by way of the opinion of majority of the members present and voting, if required. The Jury may evolve its own procedure for assessment of the entries. The Director of KIFF or his representatives may attend the deliberations of the jury members, but shall neither participate nor vote.

Article 5.6: No person connected with the production or commercial management of a competitive entry will be a member of the jury. All Members of the jury will refrain from releasing any articles or reviews to the press/visual media concerning the films submitted for their judgment till the jury's decisions have been formally announced at the appropriate forum.

Article 5.7: The following prizes will be given away:

- I. Best Film : A cash prize of **INR 7,50,000/-** is to be shared equally between the Director and Producer. Besides, Director will be given the GOLDEN ROYAL BENGAL TROPHY and a certificate in addition to the shared cash component. Producer will get a certificate in addition to the shared cash component.

*No film will be given more than one award. All the cash prizes are subject to the deduction of **Indian Tax laws**.*

Article 5.8: The organizers will announce the official selection by **15th November, 2023**. Films which are selected can not be withdrawn for any reason from the festival once the festival informs the film sender of the selection, and when the selection is officially confirmed by the film sender.

Article 6: Films participating in the festival are exempted from censorship. In case a film already has a certification, only the certified version will be considered for screening. For films not having certification, screening will be subject to an exemption from the Ministry of I&B, Govt. of India.

Article 7: Last date of submission of the Entry Form and Preview DVDs/Online link is 31st August, 2023.

Article 8: **Screening:** Generally two/three shows for every selected films are arranged, including the shows for the Press & Delegates. Any additional screening should be agreed by the producer or his duly empowered representative in writing in line with FIAPF International Regulations.

Article 9: **Formats:** Films selected in Kolkata International Film Festival will be screened in DCP-2K. In very limited cases, the festival may accept/screen films in MOV, MP4, Quick Time Pro Res, DVD and Blu Ray formats.

Article 10: Shipping: Prints of selected films for 29th KIFF must reach the Festival office as per the official invitation and instructions by 15th November, 2023 positively.

Article 11:

1. In the event the film is not finalized for being submitted by the deadline stipulated in Article 7, producers are invited to inform the Director/ Programme office of KIFF about the intended participation, latest by **31st August, 2023** by email after making online registration and submission of Entry Form indicating the title of the film, name & addresses of the producers, directors with other particulars.
2. Participation and acceptance will be in term of the FIAPF Regulation.
3. Director of KIFF will decide according to the provision in the international regulations every corner not explicitly covered in these articles and his decision shall be final and should be abided by all concerned.

Correspondence and submission: All correspondence/submission of online preview screeners/DVDs should be made to the following address:

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