KOLKATA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
November 8-15, 2019 Kolkata, India

The 25th Kolkata International Film Festival is organized by:
Kolkata Chalachhitra Utsav in association with
Information & Cultural 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.

Kolkata International Film Festival, accredited by FIAPF has in its 25th chapter has decided to introduce NATIONAL COMPETITIVE SECTION ON “INDIAN LANGUAGES”. The focus of the section is to explore contemporary Indian language fiction feature films which shows its originality and independence of expression in innovative forms of cinematic language and modern trends, are produced in India & made by the emerging as well as by renowned filmmakers from India.

Article 2: The 25th Kolkata International Film Festival will be held in KOLKATA between 8th-15th November, 2019.

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

Article 5.1: Films to be registered in this 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 2018 and 15th September 2019 and duly authenticated by the entrant in the entry form.

c) The film which has not been theatrically released (commercially or in Indian Film Festivals, on video/DVD/telecast/internet/VOD). The films should not be available on any public platform in India. Asian, World and International Premiere will get preference but films must be an Indian Premiere.

d) National Award Winning Indian Films which are arranged for special screening organised 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 must agree that if their film/films win any of the Awards, all screenings thereafter will acknowledge the Award(s) on the film itself.

h) Entrants should inform the KIFF office by 31st August 2019 about their participation, including the titles of films and the names and addresses of the directors, producers, production companies and world sales companies against each film titles.

i) Films which are selected for competition must be submitted a Blue Ray Disc as back up copy along with the DCP for screening.

j) Entrants are invited to agree that the concerned professionals will receive the award in person, if the film/he/she wins any. KIFF reserves the right to cancel the cash component in case of the awardees not being able to present him/her at the award ceremony on the closing night. For any reason the awardees is not able to personally attend, he or she should immediately in writing, nominate an immediate family member or from the film its producer or director.

k) The festival will not communicate for rejection for 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) The Director must be an Indian citizen and at least one of the producers must be an Indian citizen.

m) Films can be submitted for more than one section by 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, if selected.

Article 5.2: 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 sections with the consent of the entrant.

Article 5.3: The competition will be held from among a minimum of Ten (10) and maximum of Fifteen (15) eligible from not less than 7 languages.

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

Article 5.5: The decision of the jury will be taken by a simple majority of the members present and voting. The jury can evolve its own rules for assessment of the entries. The Director, KIFF or his representatives can attend the deliberations of the jury, but shall neither participate nor vote.

Article 5.6: No person in any way 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 concerning the films submitted for their judgment till the jury’s decisions have been formally announced at the closing function.
Article 5.7: The following prizes will be given away:

I. Best Film : A cash prize of INR 7,000,00/- is to be shared equally between the Director and Producer. Director is to be given the GOLDEN TROPHY and a certificate in addition to the cash component. Producer will get a certificate in addition to the cash component.

II. Best Director : GOLDEN TROPHY, a Certificate and a cash prize of INR 5,00,000

III. Special Jury Award : GOLDEN TROPHY and Certificate only.

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

Article 5.8: The organizers will announce the official selection by 25 October 2019. Films which are selected cannot be withdrawn for any reason from the festival once the festival informs the film sender of the selection, and the selection is officially confirmed by the film sender.

Article 5.9: KIFF office may invite participants like producers, directors etc to submit their films in the competition section and non competitive section as well.

Article 6 : KIFF will invite any one representatives (Preferably from Director, Producer, Actors and Actresses) of each of the films selected in National Competition Section.

Article 7: 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 8: Last date of submission of the Entry Form and Preview DVDs/Online link is 31st August, 2019.

Article 9: Screening: Generally two shows for every selected films are arranged, including the shows for the Press & Delegates. For any additional screening, the international regulation is strictly adhered to.

Article 10: Formats: Films selected in Kolkata International Film Festival will be screened in DCP-2k hard disk projection. In very limited cases, the festival may accept/screen films in Quick Time Pro Res, DVD and Blue Ray formats.

Article 11: Shipping & Insurance: Transportation and insurance coverage (as per FIAPF Regulation) will be the responsibility of the Festival Authority. Prints of films selected for exhibition in the Festival must reach the Festival office by 15th October 2019 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.

Article 12:
1. In the event the film is not finalized for being submitted by the deadline stipulated in Article 8, producers are invited to inform the Director/ Programme office of KIFF about the intended participation, latest by 31st August 2019 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 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.

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d) Asian, World and International Premiere will get preference but films must be an Indian Premiere.
e) National Award Winning Indian Films which are arranged for Special screening organised 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 must 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 inform the KIFF office by 31st August 2019 about their participation, including the titles of films and the names and addresses of the directors, producers, production companies and world sales companies against each film titles.
j) Films which are selected for competition must be submitted with a Blue Ray Disc as back up copy along with the DCP for screening.
k) Entrants are invited to agree that the concerned professionals will receive the award in person, if the film/he/she wins any. KIFF reserves the right to cancel the cash component in case of the awardees not being able to present him/her at the award ceremony on the closing night. For any reason the awardees is not able to personally attend, he or she should immediately in writing, nominate an immediate family member or from the film its producer or director.

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Article 5.7: The following prizes will be given away:

I. Best Film: A cash prize of INR 51,000,00/- (78000 USD appx.) 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.

II. Best Director: GOLDEN ROYAL BENGAL TIGER, a Certificate and a cash prize of INR 21,00,000 (32000 USD appx.).

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 Indian Tax laws.
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Transportation and insurance coverage (as per FIAPF Regulation) will be the responsibility of the Festival Authority. **Prints of films selected for exhibition in the Festival must reach the Festival office by 15th October 2019 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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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. DVDs shall be returned on request. A copy for the festival archive will be highly appreciated. For Indian Select the films must be fiction-feature films made in 2018-2019 with the duration of 60 minutes and above. Films which are released in West Bengal are not eligible to participate. 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 August 31, 2019.

Article 10: Screening:
Generally, three shows for every selected film are arranged, including the shows for the Press & Delegates. For any additional screening, the international regulation is strictly adhered to.

Article 11: Formats:
Films selected in Kolkata International Film Festival will be screened in 35mm print and/or DCP-2k hard disk projection. In some cases, the festival may accept/screen films in Quick Time Pro Res & Blue Ray formats.

Article 12: Shipping & Insurance:
Transportation and insurance coverage (as per FIAPF Regulation) will be the responsibility of the Festival Authority. Prints of films selected for exhibition in the Festival must reach the Festival office by 15 October 2019 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.

Article 13:
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 August 31, 2019, indicating the title of the film, name & addresses of the producers, directors with other particulars.
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Short & Documentary Section

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Short and Documentary Programme:
A. National Competition: i) Short Fiction (within 30min)
   ii) Documentary (within 60min)
B. Non–Competitive Section: National and International Short and Documentaries.

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 2018 and 15th August 2019 and duly authenticated by entrant in the entry form.
III. Only Short film (National Competitive and Non–Competitive Section) must have an Indian premiere (should not have been presented in India either theatrically or released on video/DVD/telecast/internet/VOD).
IV. Please submit the preview link of your film preferably in mp4 format for selection. English subtitle is strictly required. Send password if any, secondary option is DVD disc with English subtitle, which can be played with DVD player. Proper label, mentioning name, contact number and address on the DVD is necessary.
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 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 preview by a committee for selection, constituted by the Director, KIFF. 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 a minimum of ten(10) and maximum of fifteen(15) eligible entrants from each of sections.
X. Entrants are invited to agree that the concerned Director & Producer will receive the award in person, if the film/he/she wins any. If any reason the awardees is not able to personally attend, he/she should immediately in writing, nominate an immediate family member or a unit member to be present in the award ceremony and receive the award.
XI. Eminent Juries will be appointed by the Kolkata International Film Festival Authority. No person with any involvement in the films will be present on the Jury. They will decide the following awards.
XII. Only Short film (National Competition and Non –Competitive Section) 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).

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.

**B) Rules and Regulations for non-competitive sections:**

I. Short Films must be fiction films. Duration will be not more than 30 Minutes. No time limit for Documentary films.

II. Short fiction and documentary films made in 2018-19 from any part of the world.

III. Send preferably the link of your film in mp4 format for selection, English subtitle strictly required. Send password if any. Secondary option is DVD Disc with the English subtitle, which can be played with DVD player. Proper label, mentioning name, contact number and address on the DVD is necessary.

IV. Films must be available for festival screening on High Quality Blu Ray or mp4.

V. Entries will be subject to preview by a committee constituted by the Director, KIFF for selection purpose.

VI. The films must not be released in internet/web/any social media.

**C) General Rules:**

I. Only selected films will be intimated by email. No letters of non-acceptance will be sent. All lists will be available on the website by 20th October 2019 in due course.

II. A director is not allowed to enter more than one film for selection.

III. Film(s) screened in earlier in Kolkata International Film Festival will not be eligible.

IV. Last Date of Submission for Short (Competitive & Non–Competitive Section) along with the Completed Entry form and preview DVD is 31st August 2019. Same with link. And Last Date of Submission for Documentary (Competitive & Non–Competitive Section) along with the Completed Entry form and preview DVD is 7th September 2019. Same with link.

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. The preview parcel must state clearly: **NO COMMERICAL VALUE. FOR FESTIVAL PREVIEW ONLY.** The festival will not cover any expense regarding this matter. Please note: **Do not use fibre envelopes as the material can be damaged as well as the festivals viewing equipment. Please pack adequately.**

VII. If selected for the festival the entrant must undertake to provide publicity clippings for the use of the festival.

The Director of the festival has the power to waive any of the above mentioned rules.

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