

## International Film Festival of India (IFFI)

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*“India is a land of story tellers; our tales have captured the imagination of the world. India’s wide variety of stories rightly makes us the ‘Content Subcontinent.’”<sup>1</sup>*

- Hon’ble Union Minister **Shri Anurag Thakur**

### Introduction to Film Festivals

Films are one of the most highly-charged and soul stirring mediums to tell an impactful story and film festivals are the perfect places for these stories to come to light. A vital link in the chain of global film culture, film festivals are presentations, screenings and/or events organised by local governments, private institutions, film societies and/or art associations to showcase a wide variety of films to local audience, cinephiles and film critics alike. The idea is to provide filmmakers the opportunity to showcase their art to a real live audience and to have their films reviewed by professional critics.

Founded in 1932 in Italy, the [Venice International Film Festival is the oldest film festival](#) in the world.<sup>2</sup> Initially known as the Esposizione d’Arte Cinematografica (Exhibition of Cinematographic Arts), which was a part of that year’s Venice Biennale, the second to be held under the aegis of the Italian fascist government.<sup>3</sup> In 1946, post-war France, the [Cannes Film Festival](#) took place for the first time and today, it is one of the most exclusive ‘invite-only’ international film festivals which takes place annually in Southern France.<sup>4</sup> The [Berlin International Film Festival](#) was created for the Berlin Public in 1951, at the beginning of the Cold War, as a “showcase of the free world.”<sup>5</sup> Over 400 films of all genres, lengths and formats are shown in the various sections and special presentations of the Berlinale in Germany.<sup>6</sup>

These three film festivals - [Venice International Film Festival](#), [Cannes Film Festival](#) and the [Berlin International Festival \(Berlinale\)](#) – are the most prestigious film festivals in the world and are known as the “Big Three.”<sup>7</sup> Bringing together new and diverse filmmakers, other top film festivals include [Sundance Film Festival](#) and [Toronto International Film Festival](#) (TIFF) from North America, [Melbourne International Film Festival](#) (MIFF) from Australia, [Busan International Film Festival](#) from South Korea, [International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam](#) (IDFA) from Netherlands and [Locarno Film Festival](#) from Switzerland amongst others.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.festival-cannes.com/en/73-editions/history>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.berlinale.de/en/festival/profile/festival-profile.html>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.berlinale.de/en/festival/profile/festival-profile.html>

<sup>7</sup> [https://www.google.co.in/books/edition/Film\\_Festivals/IMujCwAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbpv=0](https://www.google.co.in/books/edition/Film_Festivals/IMujCwAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbpv=0)

## History of Indian Films

*Dhundiraj Govind Phalke*, better known as [\*Dadasaheb Phalke\*](#)<sup>8</sup>, released the first ever full-length silent feature film by the name '*Raja Harischandra*' in the year 1913 which was a sweeping success. It inspired a new generation of eager filmmakers and artists who pioneered the Indian film industry. Several new production companies emerged in the early 1920s. Films based on mythological and important historical facts and episodes from Mahabharata and Ramayana dominated the entire 20s.

### Beginning of the Talkies

Talkies get their name from the recorded dialogue that played in sync with the images on screen. The first known public exhibition of projected sound films took place in Paris in 1900, but decades passed before sound motion pictures were made commercially practical. At first, the sound films which included synchronized dialogue, known as "talking pictures", or "talkies", were exclusively shorts. Indian Cinema witnessed a huge change both in technology and technique of film production in 30s known as the era of the 'Talkies.' A major milestone in this era was "India's first talkie, '*Alam Ara*' that was directed and released by [\*Ardeshir Irani in 1931\*](#)<sup>9</sup>. The film released in Hindi and Urdu and instantly set a fresh trend in the history of Indian Cinema. The decade of 30s witnessed the upsurge of music in Indian film industry that led to evergreen musicals like *Indra Sabha* and *Devi Devyani*, signifying the beginning of song-and-dance in films. Film Studios were established throughout Indian as film making emerged as the popular industry by the year 1935, demonstrated by the achievement of *Devdas* which attracted audience nationally. Bombay Talkies came up in the year 1934 and Prabhat Studios in Pune had begun production of films meant for the Marathi language viewers.

### From 1940s to Golden 1950s

The decades of 30s and 40s were chaotic period for India. The subcontinent was hit by the Great Depression, World War II, Freedom Movement and the Indo-Pak partition disasters. During that era, mainstream Indian movies were extremely escapists with a few filmmakers who focused on pertinent socio-political genres in their productions. 40s and 50s in Indian cinema was primarily the *era of songs and dance* with some of the classics from the two decades. It was the era that witnessed emergence of the 'playback singing and dubbing. Music became an imperative element in that era and singing stars such as Lata Mangeshkar, Asha Bhonsle, Mohammed Rafi, and Kishore Kumar conquered the Hindi film industry. The period from late 40s to 50s was viewed as the [\*Golden Age of Indian Cinema\*](#)<sup>10</sup> by most film veterans. Fifties was mainly the most valued period in Hindi film industry glittered with gleaming directors and artistes with their individual signature skill and style. Satyajit Ray's classic film '*Pather Panchali*' released in the year 1953 proved to be a key breakthrough for Indian film industry globally that won the reputed *Cannes award* in the *best film category* and led to various international and domestic honours and awards. Several films from that era, like Bimal Roy's '*Do Bigha Zamin*', Mehboob Khan's '*Mother India*' (1957), Raj Kapoor's '*Shree 420*' (1955) and '*Awaraa*' (1951), Guru Dutt's '*Pyasa*' (1957) and *Kaagaz Ke Phool* (1959), set new records at the box office. These films highlighted social themes dealing with working-class.

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<sup>8</sup> [https://www.academia.edu/36534884/DADASAHEB\\_PHALKE\\_A\\_CINEMATIC](https://www.academia.edu/36534884/DADASAHEB_PHALKE_A_CINEMATIC)

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.thehindu.com/children/making-screen-history/article34029828.ece>

<sup>10</sup> [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/332751636\\_History\\_and\\_Evolution\\_of\\_Indian\\_Film\\_Industry](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/332751636_History_and_Evolution_of_Indian_Film_Industry)

## Decade of 1960s and 70s

In the two decades, production of mega- budget movies alongside art films came into huge demand. The evergreen movies of 60s and 70s include Kamal Amrohi's *Pakeeza*, Raj Kapoor's *Bobby*, Ramesh Sippy's *Sholay*, *Hum Kisise Kum Nahin*, *Amar Akbar Anthony*, *Kabhi Kabhi*, and *Muqaddar ka Sikandar*. This action plus romantic era had its own shine including stars such as Rajesh Khanna, Sharmila Tagore, Dharmendra and Mumtaz. By the mid of 70s love stories gave way to the aggressive action themes about gangsters. Amitabh Bachchan conquered the silver screen with other male leads like Mithun Chakraborty and Anil Kapoor and female actresses like Hema Malini, Jaya Bachchan and Rekha for many years. On the other side, Hindi producers including Shyam Benegal , Kumar Shahani, Mani Kaul, Ketan Mehta and Govind Nihalani had the recognition of keeping alive Hindi parallel cinema all through 70s.

## Era of 1980s and 1990s

In the late 80s and early 90s, there was a remarkable move from gangster genres to romantic musicals. A new class of stars emerged from these romantic films including Aamir Khan, Salman Khan, Shahrukh Khan, Sri Devi, Madhuri Dixit and Kajol. It was also the age of action and humour cinema and film stars such as Govinda and Akshay Kumar were often cast for the particular genre. Mira Nair's *Salaam Bombay* (1988) won the [Camera d'Or at the 1988<sup>11</sup> Cannes Film Festival](#) and was listed for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. Shyam Benegal's *Bhumika*, Govind Nihlani's *Aaghat*, *Damul* (Prakash Jha), *36- Chowringhee Lane* (Aparna Sen) and *Roja* were some of the momentous films of 80s and 90s.

## Rise of Regional Cinema

The Indian Film Industry is the combination of several regional film industries that are distinct and patronised by leading regional languages, cultures and history of the geographical locations/ regions. The first Bengali Feature Film, *Billwamangal*, was produced in 1919, under the banner of Madan Theatre. With the arrival of the Talkies in 1931, the Indian Film Industry turned increasingly ethnic, regional and vernacular. The Bengali cinema has been dominated for over three decades now by Satyajit Ray, Mrinal Sen, Tapan Sinha and Ritwik Ghatak. The first talkie films in Bengali (*Jumai Shasthi*), Telugu (*Bhakta Prahlad*) and Tamil (*Kalidass*) were released in the same year i.e. 1931.<sup>12</sup> The first Gujarati film was a two-reeler entitled *Mumbaini Sethani*, released on April 9, 1932 . The first talkie feature in Gujrati was *Narsinh Mehto* in 1932. Telegu cinema shot into the limelight in 1981 with K. Viswanath's *Sankarabaranam* which bagged the Golden Lotus for Mass Entertainer with Aesthetic Values. The first Assamese film was *Jyotiprasad Agarwala's Joymati*, released in 1935. According to the census of India in 1991, out of 144 regional languages of India, films were produced in about 30 languages wherein each of the larger languages supports its own film industries including Marathi, Tamil (Kollywood), Telugu (Tollywood), Bengali, Gujrati (Gollywood), Malayalam (Mollywood), Assamese and Kannada (Sandalwood) languages.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> <https://www.indianeagle.com/travelbeats/history-of-indian-films-at-cannes-film-festival/new-york-based-indian-filmmaker-mira-nairs-salaam-bombay-at-cannes-1988/>

<sup>12</sup> Indian cinema: origin growth and major trends." By Shodhganga, chapter 2, p. 20.  
shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/bitstream/10603/97432/3/th-1824\_ch2.pdf, (n.d.)

<sup>13</sup> [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/332751636\\_History\\_and\\_Evolution\\_of\\_Indian\\_Film\\_Industry](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/332751636_History_and_Evolution_of_Indian_Film_Industry)

## Film administration

Due to the “rapid growth in the popularity of cinematograph and increasing number of such exhibitions in India,” a Bill was introduced in the imperial legislative council, in 1917. It recommended the creation of a law that would ensure both safety and the “protection of the public from indecent or otherwise objectionable representations.” Thus was born the Cinematograph Act of 1918, and, with it, film censorship in India.<sup>14</sup> The Indian Cinematograph Act came into effect in the year 1920, seven years after the production of India's first film ‘Raja Harishchandra’ directed by Dadasaheb Phalke. [S.K. Patil Commission](#)<sup>15</sup> evaluated Indian film industry in 40s to assess its significance and status. According to the Commission’s report, Indian cinema is an amalgamation of art, business and showmanship with its commercial value. The commission suggested institution of the Film Finance Corporation under the patronage of the Ministry of Finance. However, its recommendations were implemented much later in the year 1960s in order to give monetary assistance to competent filmmakers and producers across India.

After the 1947 independence of India, [autonomous regional censors were absorbed](#)<sup>16</sup> into the Bombay Board of Film Censors. The [Cinematograph Act of 1952](#)<sup>17</sup> reorganised the Bombay board into the Central Board of Film Censors. With the [1983 revision of cinematography rules](#), the body was renamed the [Central Board of Film Certification](#).

[Films Division](#)<sup>18</sup> was established in 1948 to articulate the energy of a newly independent nation. For more than seven decades, the organization has relentlessly striven to maintain a record of the social, political and cultural imaginations and realities of the country on film. It has actively worked in encouraging and promoting a culture of film-making in India that respects individual vision and social commitment.

Since 1952, many films have been banned or been forced to make modifications through cuts or changing names or titles of the film. In 1973, some minor amendments were made in the act. However, in the year 1983, major changes in the rules were brought into force through [a notification dated 9th May 1983](#) by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, GOI. It laid detailed rules regarding the members,<sup>19</sup> regional centres, application seeking for certification, certificate and period of validity of certificates, fees, tribunals and various forms to be used in different situations. In Dec 1991, M/o I&B issued a notification regarding guidelines to be followed by the Board of Film Certification.

## Recent Developments in Films Administration

- An [Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Justice Mukul Mudgal](#) was constituted in 2013 to examine the issues of certification under the Cinematograph Act, 1952.

Another [Committee of Experts was set up under the Chairmanship of Shri Shyam Benegal](#) in 2016 to evolve broad guidelines for certification within the ambit of the Cinematograph Act and Rules. The recommendations made by both the Committee of Experts have been examined in the Ministry

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<sup>14</sup> <https://www.livemint.com/Leisure/j8SzkGgRoXofpxn57F8nZP/100-years-of-film-censorship-in-India.html>

<sup>15</sup> *ibid*

<sup>16</sup> [https://mib.gov.in/sites/default/files/Report\\_of\\_Expert\\_committee.pdf](https://mib.gov.in/sites/default/files/Report_of_Expert_committee.pdf)

<sup>17</sup> <https://legislative.gov.in/sites/default/files/A1952-37.pdf>

<sup>18</sup> <https://filmsdivision.org/about-us.html>

<sup>19</sup> [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/344164848\\_Regulation\\_and\\_Censorship\\_in\\_Cinematograph\\_Acts\\_A\\_Critical\\_Study\\_from\\_Colonial\\_to\\_Post-Colonial\\_India](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/344164848_Regulation_and_Censorship_in_Cinematograph_Acts_A_Critical_Study_from_Colonial_to_Post-Colonial_India)

and efforts have been made to consider all the relevant issues through internal reviews of the Act in consultation with various stakeholders.

To tackle the menace of film piracy, [The Cinematograph \(Amendment\) Bill, 2019](#)<sup>20</sup> was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 12.02.2019 after getting Cabinet approval on 06.02.2019, wherein it was proposed to insert a new section 6AA and a new sub-section (1A) in Section 7 of the Act. The Standing Committee on Information Technology (2019-20) presented the 9th Report on Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 2019 in the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha on 16.03.2020. The observations/recommendations made by the Standing Committee on Information Technology in the Report have been examined and it is proposed to suitably revise the clauses in the Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 2019 based on the recommendations made by the Committee.

- Setting up of the [Film Facilitation Office \(FFO\)](#) at National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) – it is [mandated to promote and position India as a preferred destination for filmmakers](#) across the world and create an environment that eases filming in the country. FFO is India's single window clearance and facilitation mechanism for International and Indian filmmakers and also the online repository of filmic information.<sup>21</sup>
- The [Film Facilitation Office has facilitated 120 international film makers from 27 countries to shoot in India](#), in last 5-6 years since its formation in 2015; domestic films only 70.
- [Merger of Five Film Media Units into National Film Development Corporation \(NFDC\)](#) through rationalization of infrastructure, manpower and other resources. This will ensure promotion, production & preservation of filmic content - all under one management. The vision of the new entity is to ensure balanced and focused development of Indian cinema in all its genres-feature films, including films /content for the OTT platforms, children's content, animation, short films and documentaries.
- [The Best State Film Friendly award](#), given by the President of India. It is an invitation to all states to compete for this award, facilitate film shooting and reap benefits of shooting and filming in India.

## IFFI: History

Founded in 1952, soon after India's independence, IFFI was an embodiment of the values inherited from our freedom struggle. India's struggle for national liberation from the British was guided by the ideals of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity while values like non-violence, unity in diversity, solidarity to social life were paramount. The concept and theme of IFFI is rooted in "*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*," the phrase which exemplifies the Indian notion of non-violence and peaceful coexistence.

***‘Ayam bandhurayam neti ganana laghuchetasam,  
Udaracharitanam tu vasudhaiva kutumbakam’<sup>22</sup>***

The above extract from the Vedic scripture Maha Upanishad, means ‘One is my brother and the other is not – is the thinking of a narrow-minded person. For those who are broad-minded, liberals, or noble people, the entire world is a one big family.’

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<sup>20</sup> ibid

<sup>21</sup> <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1770082>

<sup>22</sup> <https://web.archive.org/web/20140810105623/http://iffi.nic.in/aboutus.asp>





The 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of International Film Festival of India <sup>23</sup>

The 1st edition of IFFI was organized by the [Films Division](#), Government of India, with the patronage of the first Prime Minister of India. Held in Mumbai from 24 January to 1 February 1952, the festival was subsequently taken to Madras, Delhi and Calcutta. In all it had about 40 features and 100 short films. In Delhi, the IFFI was inaugurated by Prime Minister Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru on 21 February 1952.

Since its beginnings in 1952 the IFFI has been the biggest event of its type in India. Subsequent IFFI's were held in New Delhi. From the 3rd edition in January 1965, IFFI's became competitive. In 1975 the *Filmotsav*, non-competitive and to be held in other filmmaking cities in alternate years, was introduced. Later, *Filmotsavs* were merged in IFFI's. In 2004 the IFFI was moved to Goa. Since then, the festival has been held annually and is competitive.<sup>24</sup>

The IFFI aims to provide a common platform for the cinemas of the world to project the excellence of the film art; contributing to the understanding and appreciation of film cultures of different nations in the context of their social and cultural ethos; and promote friendship and cooperation among people of the world.

The IFFI's founding principles centre on **discovery, promotion and support of filmmaking of all genres – thus bringing together the diversity of the forms, aesthetics and contents**. The festival is an **assembly of people and nations where the world's greatest film artistes hold hands with emerging talents on an equal footing**. It is also a **forum for film professionals to communicate face to face with film lovers around the world**.

**IFFI aims to nurture, encourage and inspire Indian cinema and introduce it to the world outside as well as the many audiences that coexist in this vast and diverse country**. With rapid technology changes,

<sup>23</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/DirectorateOffilmFestivals/photos/the-1st-edition-of-iffi-was-held-in-mumbai-from-24-january- to-1-february-1952-th/1583500838340631>

<sup>24</sup> <https://web.archive.org/web/20140810105623/http://iffi.nic.in/aboutus.asp>

the importance of this festival will only grow as it will bring viewers and filmmakers together and expose them to emerging technologies and the challenge of the emerging new media.

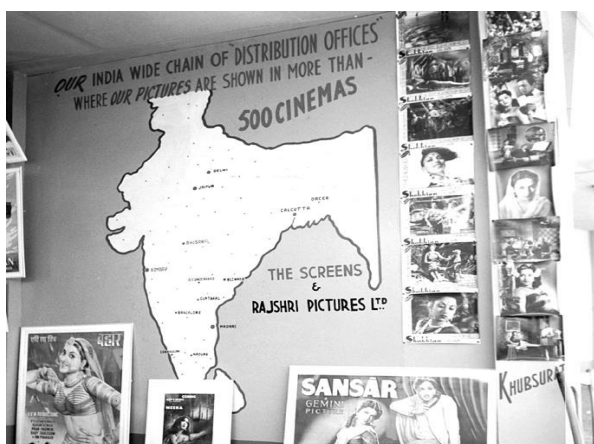
Over the years, with each successful festival, new interactions are envisaged; new strategies to be formulated so that with each edition of the IFFI, the viewing experience is enhanced, enlarged and enriched.



An exterior view of the entrance to the International film festival exhibition grounds in Bombay.



Shri R.R. Diwakar, Minister of State for I&B to meet the delegates to the I.E. Festival at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on February 22, 1952.



Entrance to the International Film Festival Grounds in Bombay.



Posters and stills exhibited in the Czechoslovakian stall of the International film festival exhibition in Bombay.

## Golden Jubilee of IFFI

In 2019, the [golden jubilee](https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1594043)<sup>25</sup> or the 50th edition of IFFI brought to the shores of Goa the best of recent International cinema, along with special sections such as Golden Peacock Retrospective, Debut Film Competition, Soul of Asia retrospective, Master Film makers collection, Festival Kaleidoscope section, Accessible Films for Differently Abled, World Panorama 2019, Filmmaker in Focus, Restored Indian Classics, ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal competition, Retrospective of Indian New Wave Cinema, Konkani Film Package and Dadasaheb Phalke Award. The 50th edition of IFFI also showcased fifty films of fifty women directors which reflect the contribution of women in cinema.

<sup>25</sup> <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1594043>

In order to celebrate the spirit of 50 Golden Years of International Film Festival of India, the Films Division had curated a package of 17 MIFF award-winning films made in the last 10 years. Movies that gained recognition internationally at various other film festivals like Cannes film festival, Venice film festival, Berlin international film festival, Mumbai international film festival, Sundance film festival, Busan International film festival were featured as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> edition. The specially curated “Homage Section” paid tribute to 13 eminent individuals who had contributed to Indian cinema during their lifetime. Two time Palme d’Or winner Ken Loach had a Retrospective Section at the festival.

## **IFFI 2020**

The 51<sup>st</sup> International Film Festival of India held in Goa was organized in a ‘hybrid manner’ due to COVID.<sup>26</sup> People were able to witness the festival online while the opening and closing ceremonies were organized in Goa, with a smaller audience.

Former Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting Shri Amit Khare said that the festival marked the triumph of human spirit over COVID-19: “The 51<sup>st</sup> edition of IFFI is special as it positions India’s position to organize a film festival in a hybrid mode. This has happened for the first time in the whole of Asia. This film festival highlights India’s superior arts as well as well-developed techniques.”

Furthermore, Festival Director Shri Chaitanya Prasad also spoke about how the organizers pulled off the remarkable feat of organizing the first ever hybrid film festival, something no other festival in the world had done till then. He remarked, "It was an unbelievable run because Ministry of Information & Broadcasting was doing a first-of-its-kind IFFI - in a hybrid mode, combining the physical and the virtual segments, which no other festival in the world had ever done.”

## **IFFI 2021: Introduction, Jury, New Initiatives & Line-up**

The International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is one of the most significant film festivals in Asia. With more than 3000 films produced in a year, [India is the largest film producer in the world](#) with an industry led by the private sector. IFFI showcases a collage of the best of contemporary and classic films from around the globe and welcomes an array of world-renowned filmmakers, actors, technicians, critics, academicians and film enthusiasts to celebrate Cinema and the Art of Filmmaking through its Screenings, Presentations, Master Classes, Panel Discussions, Co-production, Seminars, etc.<sup>27</sup>

The 52nd edition of the International Film Festival of India will be held in Goa from November 20 – 28, 2021. Considering the present COVID-19 situation, the 52nd IFFI will be held in hybrid format.

Every year the festival is conducted jointly by the Directorate of Film Festivals (under Ministry of Information and Broadcasting) and the state Government of Goa.

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<sup>26</sup> <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1680513>

<sup>27</sup> <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1765104>



## **Jury**

### **Steering Committee**

S.NO	Name	Designation
1	Shri Anurag Thakur	Chairperson, Union Minister for Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports
2	Dr. Promod Sawant	CO-Chairperson, Chief Minister, Goa
3	Dr. Tariq Thomas	CEO, ESG, GOA
4	Shri Jaideep Bhatnagar	PR. Director General, PIB

### **Non Official Members**

S.NO	Name	Designation
1	Prasoon Joshi	Chairperson (CBFC)
2	Locket Chatterjee	Member of Parliament
3	Siddharth Roy Kapoor	Film Producer
4	Ronnie Screwvala	Film Maker
5	Manju Bohrah	Film Maker
6	Karan Johar	Film Maker
7	Pooja Sheety Deora	Film Producer
8	Nitesh Tiwari	Film Maker

### **New Initiatives undertaken by the Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Shri Anurag Thakur for IFFI-2021**

- **Collaboration with major OTT players** - major OTT players such as Netflix, Amazon Prime, Zee5, Voot and Sony Liv will participate at the Film Festival through exclusive Master classes, content launches and previews, curated film package screenings, and various other on-ground and virtual events. Since the trend of watching movies on OTT is on the rise, IFFI has embraced the new technology and will provide a platform for the industry artists to interact with OTT players.
- **Recognising 75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow to mark AzaadiKaAmritMahotsav** – a platform for young budding talent from across India to connect with mainstream cinema filmmakers and the industry. 75 creative minds (under 35 years) will be invited to interact with industry leaders and attend Masterclasses at the Festival. These youngsters will be selected through a competition for young filmmakers from around the country. The Competition aims to provide a platform to 75 young filmmakers, actors, singers, scriptwriters, and others to showcase their talent at a globally recognized event.
- **BRICS Film Festival** - films from five BRICS nations will be showcased through the BRICS Film Festival alongside IFFI. The five countries viz. Brazil, Russia, South Africa, China and India are also the Focus Countries of the 52nd IFFI.<sup>28</sup>

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<sup>28</sup> <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1765632>

## Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award

[Mr. Istevan Szabo and Mr. Martin Scorsese will be conferred the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award at 52nd International Film Festival of India in Goa.](#)

## Homage

[The 52<sup>nd</sup> IFFI will pay Homage](#)<sup>29</sup> to Shri Dilip Kumar, Ms. Sumitra Bhave, Shri Buddhadeb Dasgupta, Shri Sanchari Vijay, Smt. Surekha Sikri, Mr. Jean-Paul Belmondo, Mr. Bertrand Tavernier, Mr. Christopher Plummer and Mr. Jean-Claude Carrière.

## International Competition at 52nd IFFI in Goa

52nd International Film Festival of India released the line-up of international movies for competition during the festival. The best of the feature length fiction films from all over the world are selected to compete in the section. It is one of the most important sections of the festival that features some of the best films of the year and these 15 films compete for the **Golden Peacock and other awards**.

To see the list of movies that are part of the International Competition line-up, click [here](#).

## The Jury for the International Competition for 52nd IFFI comprises of

- Ms. Rakhshān Banietemad (67 yrs.) | Iran | Filmmaker - Jury Chairperson
- Mr. Stephen Woolley (65yrs) | UK | Film Producer, Director
- Mr. Ciro Guerra (40 yrs.) | Columbia | Filmmaker
- Mr. Vimukthi Jayasundara (44yrs) | Sri Lanka | Filmmaker
- Mr. Nila Madhab Panda (47 yrs.) | India | Filmmaker<sup>30</sup>

## IFFI 52 unveils potpourri of films in World Panorama Section

55 cinematic gems from across the world will be presented at World Panorama Section Indian Film Personality of the Year Award for 2021.<sup>31</sup> To see the list of films, click [here](#).

## Indian Film Personality of the Year Award for 2021

The [Indian Film Personality of the Year Award for 2021 will be conferred on Ms Hema Malini and Shri Prasoon Joshi](#).<sup>32</sup> Since their contributions to the field of Indian cinema spreads over decades and their body of work has enthralled audiences across generations.<sup>33</sup>

## IFFI 52 to raise a special toast to sportspersonship

In order to [raise a special toast to sportspersonship](#), four inspirational films about sports are being screened at the Sports Section of the 52nd Edition at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa, to be held during November 20 - 28, 2021.



<sup>29</sup> Ibid

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