

Kolkata International Film Festival

22nd Edition

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The 22nd Kolkata international Film Festival a celebration of cinema that drew its inspiration from Satyajit Ray, Ritwick ghotok , Mrinal sen the famous personalities of Bengali Cinema.



The Kolkata Film Festival started in 1995 with the help from the Government of West Bengal. The 22nd edition of KIFF featured 156 movies from 65 countries in 20 categories in 13 locations from 11th November to 18th November. It was a celebration of ‘Cinema For All- All For Cinema’. It provided platform to showcase the creative work of many artistic film makers. The opening ceremony featured many renowned personalities from Bollywood as well as Tollywood,

Honourable Chief Minister of West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee, was present in the opening ceremony held at Netaji Indoor Stadium. Shah Rukh Khan the state's Brand Ambassador regaled the audience by reading few lines in Bengali.

This year kiff was even more special as it celebrated 100 glorious year of cinema. The movies like 'ANOTHER TIME' directed by Nasin Hasanzahed (Iran 2016) 'GLORY' by Kristina Groveza, 'SINGING IN A GRAVEYARD' by Bradely Iiew etc secured their place as their place as the Best Movie in different sections. China will feature as the focus country in the 22ND Kolkata Film Festival by emphasizing cinema's reach beyond borders sans political agenda.

The fest paid tribute to late American screen icon George Pech and Kanan Dev dubbed as he first superstar of the Indian Cinema. From 2014, the fest introduced Golden Royal Bengal Tiger Award which will be awarded to the Best Film and Best Director. The Jury Award – Special Mention was given to the movie 'CHEER ME UP' directed by Mili Ben Hayl, Tamar Shippony (Israel, 2016).

The award Best Film for National Short Film competition was given to 'TOU-TAI' directed by Ashok Veilou and the best film for National Documentary Film Competition was given to 'I AM BONNIE' directed by Farha khatun, Satarupa Santra and Sourabh Kanti Dutta. Lastly, 22nd Kolkata international film festival ended up on a dazzling note with an eye catching closing ceremony where bollywood superstar Raveena Tandon was lauding West Bengal's Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for her efforts on Women Empowerment. The fest inspires many young talents to appreciate cinema in a whole new level.