



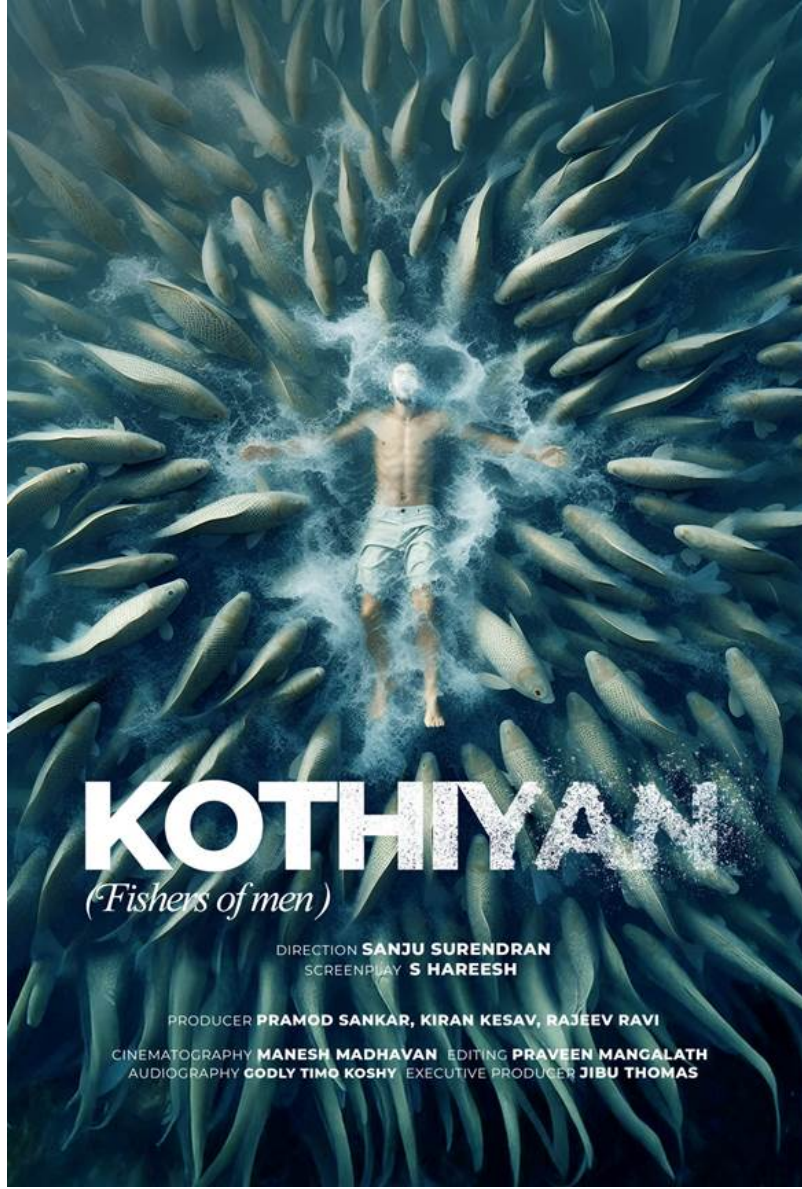
Waves Film Bazaar Backed Project “Fishers of Men” Shortlisted at Hong Kong–Asia Film Financing Forum 2026

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Waves Film Bazaar has announced the official shortlisting of the film project *Fishers of Men*, directed by Sanju Surendran, for the 24th edition of the Hong Kong–Asia Film Financing Forum (HAF24) under the HAF In-Development Projects (IDP) category. The selection marks a significant milestone in the project’s development journey, which gained momentum at Waves Film Bazaar 2024.

Selected as a highlight of the Co-Production Market at Waves Film Bazaar 2024, *Fishers of Men* was recognized for its strong artistic vision and commercial potential. The project secured a cash grant of USD 5,000, reinforcing its promise and providing crucial early-stage support. Waves Film Bazaar served as the project’s launchpad, offering mentorship and financial impetus to bridge Indian storytelling with global cinematic markets.



The project will now represent Indian cinematic excellence at the expanded Hong Kong International Film Festival (HKIFF) Industry Project Market 2026, scheduled to be held from 17 to 19 March 2026 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Organized alongside the 30th Hong Kong FILMART, the platform will enable *Fishers of Men* to engage with international financiers, sales agents, and co-production partners.

The selection of "*Fishers of Men*" at HAF24 underscores the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting's continued commitment to nurturing filmmaking talent through domestic platforms such as Waves Film Bazaar and facilitating their progression towards meaningful international collaborations. The achievement reflects India's growing presence in global film markets and the effectiveness of structured industry initiatives in supporting high-potential projects.

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