



19th Mumbai International Film Festival Opens in Mumbai, Bringing Together Global Voices in Cinema

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The 19th edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF), India's premier festival for documentary, short fiction, animation and AI-generated films, commenced today with a grand inaugural ceremony at Ravindra Natya Mandir, Mumbai.

Organised by the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, MIFF is South Asia's oldest and largest festival dedicated to non-feature films. A cinematic fiesta and creative extravaganza transcending borders, the festival brings together filmmakers, industry experts and cinema enthusiasts from across the world to celebrate excellence in documentary, short fiction, animation and AI-driven storytelling.

The opening day witnessed the arrival of distinguished guests, filmmakers and delegates, followed by the inaugural ceremony attended by eminent personalities from the film and cultural sectors.



The Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Shri Chanchal Kumar and eminent filmmaker and Director Dr. Chandraprakash Dwivedi arriving on the Red Carpet during the opening ceremony of the 19th MIFF



The Cultural Affairs and IT Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Ashish Shelar with the Secretary, Marathi Bhasha Department, Dr. Kiran Kulkarni during the inaugural evening of the 19th MIFF



The Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Dr. L. Murugan along with the Chairman NFDC Shri G. Krishnakumar and Managing Director NFDC Shri Prakash Magdum arriving on the Red Carpet during the Opening Ceremony of the 19th MIFF



Legendary filmmaker and son of V Shantaram, Shri Kiran Shantaram graces the Red Carpet during the opening ceremony of the 19th MIFF



Noted filmmaker Shri Ashutosh Gowariker and IFFI Director arriving on the Red Carpet during the opening ceremony of the 19th MIFF



Noted film actor Shri Jaideep Ahlawat and actress Ms. Sheena Chohan arriving on the Red Carpet during the opening ceremony of the 19th MIFF



The Director General, PIB Mumbai Smt. Smita Vats Sharma interacting at the Red Carpet during the grand inauguration of the 19th MIFF

Glimpses of the Opening Ceremony



Noted film actor Shri Jaideep Ahlawat addressing the gathering at The Opening Ceremony of the 19th MIFF





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Great films resonate through passionate voices. Share your love for cinema with #MIFF2026. Tag us @pibmumbai on X, and we'll help spread your passion! For journalists, bloggers, and vloggers wanting to connect with filmmakers for interviews/interactions, reach out to us at miff.mediadesk@pib.gov.in with the subject line: Take One with PIB.

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