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23rd Pune International Film Festival

The Culture Minister Ashish Shelar inaugurated the event on May 13 .

Kavita Krishnamurthy, Shubha Khote, Anupam Kher awarded PIFF awards

The opening ceremony of the 23rd Pune International Film Festival (PIFF) Festival 2025 will be held on February 13, 2025 at 5 pm at Shri Ganesh Kala Krida Theatre, Swargate, Pune .It will be inaugurated by Maharashtra Culture Minister Ashish Shelar at 00 pm. The announcement was made by the festival's director, Dr Jabbar Patel, today. Senior film critic and Chairman of the Film Selection Committee Samar Nakhate, Member of the Film Selection Committee Abhijit Ranadive, Deputy Director Vishal Shinde (Program and Film), Deputy Director Aditi Akkalkotkar (International Relations and Coordination) were present on the occasion.

Pune Film Foundation, Department of Cultural Affairs, Government of Maharashtra and Dadasaheb Phalke Chitranagari, Mumbai jointly organize the festival. This year's theme is "Show Man ; Raj Kapoor is the birth centenary.

Veteran actress Shubha Khote and veteran actor Anupam Kher received the PIFF Distinguished Award for their contribution to Indian cinema, while veteran singer Kavita Krishnamurthy was honoured with the Award for her contribution to the field of music. D. The Burman Award will be presented.

This year, the opening ceremony will begin with the playing of renowned harmonious drummer Vijay Chavan and colleagues. After the opening ceremony, Gloria, Country: Italy, Switzerland, Dir: Margherita Vicario will be shown as the opening film, while The Room Next Door, Country: Spain, Dir: Pedro Almodovar will conclude the festival at Balgandharva Rangamandira. Patel said.

Abhijit Ranadive announced the names of the international jury of the festival. Marco Bekis - Chilean-Italian film director and screenwriter, Margariva Schill - Portuguese film director and teacher, Petri Kotavicha - Finnish film director and screenwriter , Taminhe Milani - Iranian film director , George Stichkovic -

cinematographer Serbia - Sudath Mahadivulveva - Sri Lankan film director, Archana - South Indian actress, Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury - Indian film director.

Samar Nakhate said the festival will have a seminar - February 14 by Film City MD - Swati Mhase Patil - and discussions with renowned documentary directors (Umesh Kulkarni, Anupama Srinivasan, Sarvanik Kaur, Kuldeep Barve - February 15).

Veteran literary icon Vijay Tendulkar Memorial Lecture - Boman Irani - will be held on February 16. Cinema and Soul ; Tapan Sinha - (Swapan Kumar Mallick and Gautam Ghosh - February 17), Producing the content of the film through AI Films - Paco Torres (February 18) and Marathi Panel: Challenges in Marathi Cinema: Production to Audience: (Paresh Mokashi, Aditya Sorpotdar), Adinath Kothare, Sunil Phadtare February 19). This masterclass will be completed.

The Pune International Film Festival (PIFF) Festival 2025 will be held from February 13 to 20.

The films will be screened on 11 screens at three locations - PVR Icon (6 screens) in Pavilion Mall on Senapati Bapat Road, INOX (3 screens) in Camp area and Cinepolis Cinema (2 screens) in Westend Mall in Aundh area.

The online registration process for the festival has started on the official website of the festival www.piffindia.com and the spot registration process has also started at the theatres. Catalog fees for an interested audience. Rs 800 is just rs 800.

Recipients of the award

Shubha Khote :-

Born August 30, 1937 ,he acted in Marathi and Hindi language films and television series. In 250 films and many Ts.V. Shubha Khote, who has acted in serials as well as in English theatre, has a long career. Shubha Khote did a few films as a heroine and co-heroine in the very beginning. Since then, her career has blossomed as a biographer or comedian. In 1955, producer-director Amiya Chakraborty gave her a role in the film 'Seema', after seeing a picture of Shubha Khote, who was very interested in sports. She was the villain in 'Paying Guest'. The 'trio' of Mehmood, Shubha Khote and Dhumal was born out of this film and

worked in many films for the next two decades. His films like Ek Duj Ke Liye, Chimukla Guest (Marathi film), Chhoti Behen, Jiddi, Dil Ek Mandir, Dil Tera Deewana, Paying Guest, Bharosa, Sasural, Seema were particularly popular.

Kavita Krishnamurthy :-

Born as Kavita Krishnamurthy aka Sharda Krishnamurthy on 25 January 1958, Kavita wrote in Hindi, Bengali, Kannada, Rajasthani, Bhojpuri, Telugu, Odia, Marathi, English, Urdu, Tamil, Malayalam, She has recorded numerous songs in various languages including Gujarati, Nepali, Assamese, Konkani, Punjabi and other languages and received four Filmfare Best Playback Singer Awards and Padma Shri in 2005 . Kavita's playback singing career started with Kannada language films. He sang more than 18,000 songs. Aankh Mare (Film - Tere Mere Sapne), Tu Cheez Badi Hai Mast Mast (Film -Mohra), Dola Re Dola (Film - Devdas). Numerous of his songs were released.

Anupam Kher :-

Anupam Kher (born March 7, 1955). In a career spanning four decades, he has acted in more than 540 films . Kher has won two National Film Awards and eight Filmfare Awards for his acting. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2004 and the Padma Bhushan in 2016 . Kher's other acclaimed roles include A Wednesday! (2008), MS Dhoni: The Untold Story (2016) and The Kashmir Files (2022); His works were memorable. He was the director of the Film and Television Institute of India in Pune for some time.

Photo Credit: 23rd Pune International Film Festival Speaking at the press conference, senior film director and Chairman of Pune Film Foundation Dr. Jabbar Patel (right), senior film critic and chairman of the film selection committee Samar Nakhate and (left) Abhijit Ranadive were present.

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