

From Cannes to Pune: A Journey of Stories at PIFF

Pune, January 6, 2026: The Pune International Film Festival (PIFF) will offer an opportunity to watch films that have gained acclaim at prestigious film festivals around the world, such as Locarno, Berlin, Cannes, and Venice.

Many high-quality films were screened in various categories at these important international film festivals this year, and the opportunity to watch them collectively will be available at the Pune International Film Festival (PIFF).

The Locarno Film Festival is a prestigious annual international film festival held in Locarno, Switzerland, since 1946. Films that gained acclaim at this year's festival, including 'White Snail', 'Tales of the Wounded Land', 'Desire Lines', 'Solomama', 'Hair Paper Water', and 'The Fin', will be screened at PIFF.

The Venice International Film Festival, which began in 1932, is the world's oldest film festival. The film 'La Grazia' from this festival will be shown as the opening film at PIFF, and 'Father Mother Sister Brother' will be the closing film. In addition, 'Silent Friend', 'No Other Choice', 'Elisa', 'Memory', 'A Year of School', 'At Work', 'Last Night I Conquered the City of Thebes', 'The Holy Boy', 'The Ivy', 'Lost Land', and 'The Souffleur' will also be screened at PIFF.

The Berlin International Film Festival, which started in West Berlin in 1951, is one of the world's major film festivals. The films that garnered attention at this year's Berlin film festival, including 'Blue Moon', 'Continental 25', 'Late Shift', 'The Ice Tower', 'The Summer in Paris', 'Disco Africa: A Malagasy Story', 'The Ice Tower', 'Deaf/Sorda', 'Eel', 'Hysteria', 'Little Trouble Girls', 'Mother's Baby', 'We Believe You', 'The Botanist', 'The Good Sister', 'The Nature of Invisible Things', and 'The Old Woman with the Knife', will be screened at the PIFF festival in January 2026. The films shown at this year's Cannes Film Festival in France, including 'The Richest Woman in the World', 'Mysterious Gaze of the Flamingo', 'Adam's Sake', 'Alpha', 'It Was Just an Accident', 'Sirat', 'Young Mothers', 'Eagles of the Republic', 'Sound of Falling', 'Sentimental Value', 'Love Me Tender', 'Black Snake', 'A Light That Never Goes Out', 'Aisha Can't Fly Away', 'Caravan', 'Death Does Not Exist', 'Her Will Be Done', 'Meteors', 'My Father's Shadow', 'Once Upon a Time in Gaza', 'Peak Everything', 'President's Cake', 'Romeria', and 'The Little Sister', will also be screened at PIFF this year.

In addition, 'Spying Stars' from the Busan Film Festival and 'DJ Ahmet' from the Sundance Film Festival will also be shown at PIFF.

Dr. Jabbar Patel, President and Director of the Pune International Film Festival (PIFF) said, "We strive to bring important and content-rich films from around the world to Pune. This year too, very high-quality films that have been acclaimed at international festivals will be screened at PIFF."

The 24th Pune International Film Festival (PIFF) 2026, organized jointly by the Pune Film Foundation, the Department of Cultural Affairs, Government of Maharashtra, and Dadasaheb Phalke Chitranagari, Mumbai, will be held from January 15 to 22, 2026, across 10 screens in Pune. Online registration for the festival has begun on the website www.piffindia.com and spot registration has started at theatres.