

The 24th Pune International Film Festival will be held from January 15 to 22

Online registration started, List of films for the world competition announced

Pune, 16 December 2025: The 24th Pune International Film Festival (PIFF) 2026, jointly organised by the Pune Film Foundation, the Department of Cultural Affairs, Government of Maharashtra, and Dadasaheb Phalke Chitranagari, Mumbai, will be held from January 15th to 22nd, 2026, PIFF director and veteran film director Dr. Jabbar Patel announced at a press conference today.

Dr. Mohan Agashe and Dr. Satish Alekar, trustees of Pune Film Foundation, senior film critic and chairman of the film selection committee Samar Nakhate, film selection committee member Abhijit Randive, Deputy Director Vishal Shinde (Program and Film), and Deputy Director Aditi Akkalkotkar (International Relations and Coordination), were present on the occasion.

The festival will be held across 10 screens at PVR, Pavilion Mall (6 screens), E-Square – University Road (3 screens), and NFDC-NFAI – Law College Road (1 screen). The catalogue fee for the festival is ₹800 for all participants, and online registration has started on the website www.piffindia.com.

Spot registration will begin from January 5th at all the theatres from 11 AM to 7 PM.

This year's film festival is themed around the birth centenary of the great director, actor, and filmmaker Guru Dutt. Approximately 140 films will be screened across various sections, including the World and Marathi competitive film sections and Global Cinema.

In the world competition section, more than 900 films from 103 countries were submitted. Of these, 14 films have been selected for the final round. These films will be judged by an international jury, and the best international film will receive the 'Maharashtra Government Sant Tukaram Best International Film Award' (worth 10 lakh rupees).

List of films for World competition

- 1 – A sad and beautiful world – Lebanon, USA, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Qatar – Dir – Cyril Aris
- 2 – Adam's sake – Belgium, France – Dir – Laura Wandel
- 3 – All that's left of you – Germany, Cyprus, Palestine, Jordan, Greece – Dir – Cherien Dabis
- 4 – As we breathe – Turkey, Denmark – Dir – Seyhmus Altun
- 5 – Blue Heron – Canada, Hungary – Dir – Sophy Romvari
- 6 – Lost Land – Japan, Malaysia, Germany – Dir – Akio Fujimoto
- 7 – Milk teeth – Romania, France, Denmark, Greece, Bulgaria – Dir – Mihal Mincan
- 8 – Nino – France – Dir – Paulin Loques
- 9 – Rebuilding – USA – Max Walker-Silverman
- 10 – Silent friend – Germany, Hungary, France – Dir – Lldiko Enyedi
- 11 – Spying stars – France, India, Sri Lanka – Dir – Vimukthi Jayasundara
- 12 – The elysian field – India – Dir – Pradip Kubrah
- 13 – This is my night – Syria, UAE – Dir – Jafra Younes
- 14 – White snail – Austria, Germany – Dir – Elsa Kremser, Levin Peter