

## **INDIAN PANORAMA SECTION INAUGURATED**

### **21 FEATURE AND 16 NON-FEATURE FILMS TO BE SHOWN IN THIS SECTION**

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Indian Panorama section of IFFI-2005 opened at INOX multiplex in Panaji Goa this morning. Union Minister for Culture and Urban Development, Shri S. Jaipal Reddy inaugurated this section. Chief minister of Goa, Shri Pratapsingh Rane was the Guest of honour at the occasion. Addressing the gathering after the ceremony, Shri Reddy expressed the hope that within three years Goa will gain the same profile as Cannes, Venice or Berlin film festivals. For this, he said, advance planning is required and it should be started right after the Festival. The Minister felt that to achieve success in this direction global film personalities need to be involved, as it would lend more glamour to the event. Shri Reddy said, the challenge for the film-makers is 'how to make good subjects interesting through this medium'.

Thanking the Union Minister for making Goa the permanent venue for IFFI, Shri Rane said, it is a privilege for Goa. Promising all support for IFFI' Shri Rane said, teething troubles would be there, but these would be sorted out. Director, Directorate of Film Festivals of India, Shri Afzal Amanullah, welcomed the guests and the gathering.

The feature section in the Indian Panorama opened with Daivanamathil (Malayalam) directed by noted filmmaker Jayaraj. The film is the story of a vivacious fatherless girl, born and brought up by her dotting grandfather in a traditional Malabar muslim family fighting religious extremism. The non-feature section opened with 'The Jaws of Death' (English) by Gautam Saikia. The film depicts the loss of animal life on national highway no. 37 in the Kaziranga National Park during monsoon season when wild animals retreat to this area because of floods. Indian Panorama, the showcase of Indian Cinema this year has 21 features selected from 82 entries and 16 non-feature films assessed from 147 entries.

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