



## AWARDS IFFS2023

# 9<sup>th</sup> International Film Festival of Shimla 2023

22-24 September' 2023

Gaiety Theatre, The Mall, Shimla

### INTERNATIONAL

#### FEATURE FILM

1) **Best Feature Film:** Nargesi

**Director:** Payam Eskandari

**Country:** Iran

**Language:** Persian

2) **Festival Mention Feature Film:** For The Sake Of Ava

**Director:** Mohsen Seraji

**Producer:** Faranak Foroutan

**Country:** Iran

**Language:** Persian

#### SHORT FILM

1) **Best Short Film:** Roya

**Director:** Mohammad Reza Mohammadi

**Country:** Afghanistan

**Language:** Persian

2) **Festival Mention Short Film:** Naree

**Director:** Mohammad Arafatur Rahman

**Producer:**

**Country:** Dhaka, Bangladesh

No Dialogue

3) **Festival Mention Short Film:** NELUMBO

**Director:** Abbas Khademalrasoul, Iran

**Language:** Persian

## DOCUMENTARY

**Best Documentary:** Seven Thousand Souls

**Director:** Sanjin Miric

**Country:** Czech Republic

**Language:** English

## ANIMATION

**Best Animation Film:** On / Off

**Director:** Nicolas P. Villarreal

**Country:** Argentina

**No Dialogue**

## NATIONAL

### FEATURE FILM

**1) Best Feature Film:** Akashathinu Thazhe

**Director:** Lijeesh Mullezhathu

**FROM:** Kochi, Kerala, India

**Language:** Malayalam

**2) Festival Mention Feature Film:** DAHINI - THE WITCH

**Director:** RAJESH TOUCHRIVER

**FROM:** Hyderabad, India

**Language:** Hindi

**3) Festival Mention Feature Film:** Beyond the 7 Seas

**Director:** Pratheesh Uthaman & Dr Smily Titus

**FROM:** Kochi, Kerala, India

**Language:** Malayalam

**4) Festival Mention Feature Film:** Vindhya Victim Verdict V3

**Director:** AMUDHAVANAN P

**FROM:** Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

**Language:** Tamil

## SHORT FILM

**1) Best Short Film: Ekaki**  
**Director:** Rupam Jyoti Malakar  
**FROM:** Guwahati, Assam, India  
**Language:** Assamese

**2) Festival Mention Short Film: LIB: Life is Beautiful**  
**Director:** Baijuraj Chekavar  
**FROM:** Kozhikodu, Kerala  
**Language:** Malayalam

**3) Festival Mention Short Film: Pratibada**  
**Director:** JITENDRIYA PRADHAN  
**FROM:** Bhubaneswar, Odisha  
**Language:** Odia

## DOCUMENTARY

**1) Best Documentary: FATIMA**  
**Director:** Sourabh Kanti Dutta  
**From:** KOLKATA, WEST BENGAL  
**Language:** HINDI

**2) Festival Mention Documentary Film: SHAKILA – The Collage of Struggle**  
**Director:** Subhasis Chakraborty  
**FROM:** KOLKATA, WEST BENGAL  
**Language:** Bengali

**3) Festival Mention Documentary Film: Back to the Future**  
**Director:** Manohar Singh Bisht  
**FROM:** Mumbai  
**Language:** English, Hindi

## MUSIC VIDEO

**1) Best Music Video:** Chiya Bare Bare

**Director:** Gul Riyaz, Srinagar

**From:** Kashmir

**Language:** Kashmiri

**2) Festival Mention Music Video:** Laadi Surma

**Director:** SHORYA VEER SAGAR

**Singer:** Praveen Jaret

**From:** Shimla

**Language:** Himachali

## HIMACHAL (STATE)

### SHORT FILM

**1) Best Short Film-** What are you Searching

**Director:** Princy Pal

**From:** Kullu

**Language:** Kulluvi

**2) Festival Mention Short Film:** SAAS

**Director:** Rajneesh Chauhan

**From:** Shimla

**Language:** Hindi

**3) Festival Mention Short Film:** JURAE

**Director:** DC Kullu, District Disaster Management Authority

**From:** Kullu

**Language:** Hindi