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**6 January 2020: JIFF Evergreen Star Achievement Award & JIFF Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award 2020**

**PREM CHOPRA to be honoured with the JIFF Evergreen Star Achievement Award**

**Padma Shri Shaji N. Karun to be honoured with the JIFF Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award 2020**

The *Mahakumbh* of Films is going to kick off in the city in the approaching days. The grand opening of the Jaipur International Film Festival 2020 is going to take place on 17th January, which will be held in Maharana Pratap Auditorium. There will be an Opening Ceremony at 5 pm, where Veteran Film Actor Mr. Prem Chopra will be awarded the Evergreen Star Achievement Award by Jaipur International Film Festival 2020. At the same time, Padma Shri Shaji N. Karun would be awarded with Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award 2020.

The Jaipur International Film Festival [JIF] organized by Jaipur International Film Festival Trust and Aryan Roj Foundation is going to begin on 17th to 21st January. The films will be screened at INOX Cinema Hall [Gaurav Tower] in the city. At the same time; a variety of discussions and dialogues related to the world of CINEMA would be organized at the City's Clarks Amer Hotel and other places.

**It should be seen as a great achievement that JIFF 2020 is going to screen 240 Films from 69 countries.**

**Chopra has acted in more than 380 FILMS**

Born on 23rd September 1935, Prem Chopra is undeniably a very popular face of Indian Cinema. He has proved his acting in more than 380 films in a span of 60 years. He has played the main villain or antagonist in many of Rajesh Khanna's famous films, which audiences and critics appreciate and remember hitherto.

Born in *Lahore* and later studied in *Shimla*, Prem Chopra's inclination towards acting started from college days. Despite being disapproved by the family, he was firm about his dreams and then moved to Mumbai to try his luck in Bollywood. During the days of struggle, he also worked in a newspaper and simultaneously worked in Films. In the year 1967, after the film *Upkar*, he got recognition as an actor and rest is the history.

Prem Chopra performed in the Movies like - Shaheed | Upkar | Wo Kaun Thi | Do Raste | Do Anjaane | Kati Patang | Kala Sona | Kranti | Dostana | Poonam Ki Raat | Unche Log | Jaanvar | Nishaan | Teesri Manzil | Phool Bane Angaare | Prem Pujari | Yaadgar | Himmat | Poorab Aur Pashchim | Keemat | Ajnabee | Benaam | Pocket Maar | Do Jasoos | Dream Girl | Dil Aur Diwar | Des Pardes | Ajaad | Dulhe Raja | Anari No. 1 | Laal Badshah | Koi Mil Gaya | Bunty and Babli | Dhamaal |Daddy Cool and Patiyala House. Chopra admits that his best films were – Kunwari |Sikander - e – Azam | Shaheed | Jadu Tona and Chori - Chori Chupke - Chupke.

Prem Chopra asserts that he had come to Mumbai to become a HERO; though audiences liked him very much as a VILLAIN and he was recognized as a VILLAIN in Indian Cinema. In 1976; he received the Film Fare Best Supporting Actor Award for the film *Do Anjaane*. In the year 2004; he was awarded the Legend of Indian Cinema Award in Atlantic City. He has also won the Ashoka Award, Ashirwad Award, Lions Club Award and Punjabi Kala Sangam Award.

Prem Chopra's daughter Ritika Nanda has also written his Biography; which is titled - *Prem Naam Hai Mera, Prem Chopra.*

**Shaji N. Karun has won NATIONAL AWARDS**

Born on 1st January 1952; Shaji N. Karun is a well-known Film Director and Cinematographer. He has been the Premier Chairman of the Kerala State Film Academy. Significantly; this academy has been India's First Film and TV Academy. He has also been the Executive Chairman of the International Film Festival of Kerala from 1998 to 2001.

Shaji N. Karunis known for his remarkable films like Piravi | Swaham | Vanaprastham and Kutti Srank. His debut film *Piravi* [1988] has won the Award at the Cannes Film Festival. He has also received the National Award for Best Direction for *Piravi*. Not only this, he has been awarded with National Awards for Best Film for *Kutty Srank* and *Vanaprastham*.

Currently Shaji N. Karun is the chairman of the Kerala State Film Development Corporation.

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