



Awards Announced for
18th Jaipur International Film Festival-JIFF
14th February 2026
Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, India

SHORT DOCUMENTARY FILM CATEGORY

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BEST SHORT DOCUMENTARY FILM AWARD
Ganga Girls
directed by Pashant Bhatt & Jyoti Jangra from India
International Competition
Worldwood International Panorama
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SHORT DOCUMENTARY SPECIAL JURY MENTION AWARD
Edavela Stillness
Directed by Shyamjith Kiran P U & Viraja Arvind Mandhre from India
International Competition
Worldwood International Panorama
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SHORT DOCUMENTARY SPECIAL JURY MENTION AWARD

Iron Chief Charlie

Directed by Michael Iwan from Canada

International Competition

Worldwood International Panorama

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SHORT FICTION FILM CATEGORY

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BEST SHORT FILM AWARD

The Last Ride

directed by Vijesh Rajan & Yashoda Parthasarthy from India

International Competition

Worldwood International Panorama

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BEST SCRIPT AWARD

Arash Babaki, Reza Ahmadi & Ali Ghasemi

for the film Beep directed by Arash Babaki from Iran

International Competition

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BEST DIRECTOR AWARD

Nyingma.. Through her Eyes
directed by Liton Paul from India

International Competition

Worldwood International Panorama

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BEST EDITOR AWARD

Sajid V P

for the film Kumaran

directed by Rajesh KR Radhakrishnan from India

International Competition

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BEST CINEMATOGRAPHER AWARD

Krish Makhija

for the film The Last Ride

directed by Vijesh Rajan & Yashoda Parthasarthy from India

International Competition

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BEST SOUND EDITOR AWARD

Alireza Cheraghi for the film Deform

directed by Alireza Nouri from Iran

International Competition

Worldwood International Panorama

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BEST ACTOR IN LEADING ROLE AWARD

Chandan Roy as Aman

for the film The Last Ride

directed by Vijesh Rajan & Yashoda Parthasarthy from India

International Competition

Worldwood International Panorama

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BEST ACTRESS IN LEADING ROLE AWARD

Mamta Bhavsar as Lali Kharwa

for the film Paswaar (Caress Me)

directed by Shayar Kamal Gandhi from India

International Competition

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SPECIAL JURY MENTION AWARD

Paani (The Water)

directed by Amardeep Singh Gill from India

International Competition

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SPECIAL JURY MENTION - AI AWARD

Water

directed by Chetan Hansraj from India

International Competition

Worldwood International Panorama

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COMING STARS PANORAMA (ONLY FOR STUDENTS)

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BEST UPCOMING FILM AWARD

Kicking Toward Tomorrow!

directed by Yunbin AN from Republic of Korea

Coming Stars Panorama (Student Short Fiction)

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BEST UPCOMING FILM AWARD

Lost Haven

directed by Marisol Diaz from United States

Coming Stars Panorama (Student Documentary Short)

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TOP 2nd UPCOMING FILM AWARD

Wa'ad

directed by Erfan Adigüzeli from Iran

Coming Stars Panorama (Student Short Fiction)

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TOP 3rd UPCOMING FILM AWARD

Noise

directed by Melina Samizadeh from Iran

Coming Stars Panorama (Student Short Fiction)

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TOP 4th UPCOMING FILM AWARD

Sukumar! Are you fine...

directed by Amit Ghosh from India

Coming Stars Panorama (Student Short Fiction)

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TOP 5th UPCOMING FILM AWARD

Dongar/Pani (Land/Water)

directed by Sanjivani Kamble from India

Coming Stars Panorama (Student Short Fiction)

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SPECIAL JURY MENTION AWARD

Matter

directed by Pujit Kalash from United Kingdom

Coming Stars Panorama (Student Short Fiction)

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SPECIAL JURY MENTION AWARD

Assistant

directed by Ananyaa Gupta from United Kingdom

Coming Stars Panorama (Student Short Fiction)

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SPECIAL JURY MENTION AWARD

सृजन (Srijan)

directed by Hemang Vyass from India

Coming Stars Panorama (Student Short Fiction)

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FOR SHORT ANIMATION FILM

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BEST ANIMATION FILM AWARD

Chyimi

directed by Parthasarathi Mahanta from India

Short Animation Film Category

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SPECIAL JURY MENTION AWARD

Blu's

directed by Rajesh PK from India

Short Animation Film Category

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FOR FEATURE FILM – International Competition

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GOLDEN CAMEL AWARD

The Best Director

Hassan Nazer

for the film Without Permission from United Kingdom

Feature Film Category

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GREEN ROSE AWARD

The film, which gives a global message

Kadal Kanni (The Mermaid)

directed by Dinesh Selvaraj from India

Feature Film Category

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BEST DEBUTANTE DIRECTOR AWARD

Venkat Challagundla

for the film Everything Is A Memory from India

Feature Film Category

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BEST ACTRESS AWARD

Sunaina as the Manimegalai

For the film Kadal Kanni (The Mermaid)

directed by Dinesh Selvaraj from India

Feature Film Category

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BEST ACTOR AWARD

Gustavo Sumpta as the Old Man

for the film The Birds

directed by Pedro Magano from Portugal

Feature Film Category

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BEST ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY AWARD

Houchang Allahyari & Babak Behdad

for the film Matarsak

directed by Houchang Allahyari & Babak Behdad from Iran

Feature Film Category

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BEST SOUND AND EDITING (Mixing) AWARD

Estebanoise Brauer

for the film Parallel Lines

directed by Ana Patricia Angulo & Paco Castillo from Panama

Feature Film Category

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BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY AWARD

Boris Litovchenko

for the film Bleeding Blue Bird

directed by Lev Prudkin from United Kingdom

Feature Film Category

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BEST VISUAL EFFECTS AWARD

Facundo Sanchis and Jose Guardia

for the film Parallel Lines

directed by Ana Patricia Angulo & Paco Castillo from Panama

Feature Film Category

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BEST ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE AWARD

Kaan Lam Takon

directed by Sarra Abidi from Tunisia

Feature Film Category

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BEST ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE AWARD

Jefferson Hall as Dr. Mark Holly

for the film Three

directed by Nayla Al Khaja from United Arab Emirates

Feature Film Category

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BEST ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE AWARD

Prithvi as the Neelan

For the film Kadal Kanni (The Mermaid)

directed by Dinesh Selvaraj from India

Feature Film Category

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BEST MAKEUP AND HAIRSTYLING AWARD

Daniela Avramova

for the film Bet

directed by Svetoslav Ovcharov from Bulgaria

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BEST COSTUME DESIGN AWARD

Gabrielle Kardjilova

for the film Bet

directed by Svetoslav Ovcharov from Bulgaria

Feature Film Category

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BEST MUSIC AWARD

Jerry Silvester Vincent

for the film Kadal Kanni (The Mermaid)

directed by Dinesh Selvaraj from India

Feature Film Category

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BEST PRODUCTION DESIGN AWARD

Crawford

For the film Kadal Kanni (The Mermaid)

directed by Dinesh Selvaraj from India

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BEST COMEDY FILM AWARD

How To Talk Australians

Directed by Tony Rogers from Australia & India

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SPECIAL JURY MENTION AWARD

Maria Vitória

Directed by Mário Patrocínio from Portugal

Feature Film Category

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SPECIAL JURY MENTION AWARD

Bison Kaalamaadan

Directed by Mari Selvaraj from India

Feature Film Category

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FOR DOCUMENTARY FEATURE FILM

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GREEN ROSE AWARD

The film that gives a global message

In Limbo

directed by Alina Maksimenko from Poland

Documentary Feature Film Category

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BEST SOUND AND EDITING AWARD

Ivohiboro: The Lost Forest

directed by Laurent Portes & Fitzgerald Jego from France

Documentary Feature Film Category

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BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY AWARD

Ivohiboro: The Lost Forest

directed by Laurent Portes & Fitzgerald Jego from France

Documentary Feature Film Category

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BEST DEBUTANTE DIRECTOR AWARD

A Clown Girl

directed by Sokratis Alafouzos from United States

Documentary Feature Film Category

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SPECIAL JURY MENTION AWARD

Raah-e-Nanak

directed by Rose Gill from United States

Documentary Feature Film Category

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International Screenplay Competition

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FIRST TOP SCREENPLAY AWARD

On The Edge

written by Irina Vysotskaya from France

International Screenplay Competition – ISC @ JIFF

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SECOND TOP SCREENPLAY AWARD

MEON - Heart of the Galaxy

written by George Sommer from Germany

International Screenplay Competition – ISC @ JIFF

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THIRD TOP SCREENPLAY AWARD

Eye Witness

written by Aniruddha Datta from India

International Screenplay Competition – ISC @ JIFF

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SPECIAL JURY MENTION AWARD

Termites

written by Sneh Sapru from India

International Screenplay Competition – ISC @ JIFF

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WEB SERIES

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BEST WEB SERIES AWARD

The Royals

directed by Priyanka Ghose & Nupur Asthana from India

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TOP 2nd WEB SERIES AWARD

Ziddi Girls

directed by Shonali Bose, Vasant Nath & Neha Veena Sharma from India
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TOP 3rd WEB SERIES AWARD

Sarpanch Sahab

directed by Shahid Khan from India
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TOP 4th WEB SERIES AWARD

All the Things I Leave You

directed by Jade Castro from Philippines
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TOP 5th WEB SERIES AWARD

Dangerous Goods

directed by Diana Galimzyanova from Russian Federation
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MOBILE FILM

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BEST MOBILE FILM AWARD

Katty's Katty (2 Disable Friends)

directed by Aditya Ramchandra Yadav from India
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SONG

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BEST SONG AWARD

Veera Sudandiram

by Kavitha Jayaraman from India

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SPECIAL JURY MENTION AWARD

Khirama Khirama

by Archanaa B Sehgal from India

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AD FILM

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BEST AD FILM AWARD

Desi Oon

directed by Suresh Eriyat from India

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ANIMATION FEATURE FILM

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BEST ANIMATION FEATURE FILM AWARD

Dragon Heart - Adventures Beyond This World

directed by Isamu Imakake from Japan

Animation Feature Film Category

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WELCOME REGARD (For Feature Fiction Film)

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WELCOME REGARD AWARD

Silence of the Womb

directed by Soumodeep Ghosh Chowdhury from India

For Directors or Producers – First Feature Fiction Film

Feature Film Category

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JIFF INDIAN PANORAMA - FOR FEATURE FILM

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GOLDEN CAMEL AWARD

The Best Director

Senthil Kumaran Shanmugam

for the film Veluppu from India

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BEST DEBUTANTE DIRECTOR AWARD

Mitul Patel

for the film Mercy from India

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BEST ACTRESS AWARD

Raichal Rabeca as Pechi

for the film Veluppu

directed by Senthil Kumaran Shanmugam from India

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BEST ACTOR AWARD

Raj Vasudeva as Shekhar

for the film Mercy

directed by Mitul Patel from India

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BEST ORIGINAL STORY AWARD

Indrani Baruah

for the film Adi Shakti

directed by Bitupon Kashyap from India

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BEST DEBUTANTE ACTRESS AWARD

Arshia Mahanta as the Adity
for the film Adi Shakti

directed by Bitupon Kashyap from India

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BEST FEATURE FILM AWARD

Adi Shakti

directed by Bitupon Kashyap from India

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BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY AWARD

Sugumar M

for the film Thiru. Manickam (Mr. Manickam)

directed by Nanda Periyasamy from India

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BEST MUSIC AWARD

Vishal Chandrashekar

for the film Thiru. Manickam (Mr. Manickam)

directed by Nanda Periyasamy from India

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SPECIAL JURY MENTION AWARD

PDC (Pig is a Dangerous Creature)

Directed by Raaffi Mathirra from India

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SHORT DOCUMENTARY SPECIAL JURY MENTION AWARD

Surviving The Change

Directed by Kajal Choudhury from France & India

International Competition

Worldwood International Panorama

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