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1. Spanish film 'I Have Electric Dreams' wins the Golden Peacock for the Best Film award at the 53rd IFFI (Nov. 28, 2022)

I Have Electric Dreams Wins Best Film award at the 53rd IFFI

The 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) came to an end at a ceremony held at the Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium near **Panaji** on 28 November 2022. Union Information and Broadcasting Minister **Anurag Singh Thakur**, Goa Chief Minister **Pramod Sawant** and a host of film personalities including Akshay Kumar, Asha Parekh, Ayushman Khurana, Manushi Chhillar, Rana Duggubati, Sharman Joshi, and Khushbu Sundar were present.

The 53rd IFFI being held in Panaji from 20-28 November 2022 was organised by **National Film Development Corporation** and **Entertainment Society of Goa**.

Main Highlights of the 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI)

Opening and closing film of the Festival

The **opening film** of the festival was Austrian Director Dieter Berner's film **Alma and Oskar** and the closing film was the Polish film '**Perfect Number**', directed by Krzysztof Zanussi.

Awards

Celebrated Spanish film Director **Carlos Saura** was honoured with the prestigious **Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award**.

Actor Producer **Chiranjeevi Konidela** was conferred with the **IFFI Indian Film Personality of the Year Award for 2022**.

Golden Peacock for the Best Film:

Spanish film Tengo **sueños eléctricos / I HAVE ELECTRIC DREAMS**. The film has been directed by Costa Rican film maker **Valentina Maurel**.

Silver Peacock for Best Director:

Iranian writer and director **Nader Saeivar** was awarded Silver Peacock for Best Director for his Turkish film **No End/ Bi Payan**.

Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Male)

Vahid Mobasseri, lead actor of *No End*, was honoured with Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Male).

Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Female)

Daniela Marín Navarro, lead Actress of the Film '*I Have Electric Dreams*' was honoured with Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Female).

Special Jury Award

Lav Diaz of Philippines was chosen for the Special Jury Award for ***When the Waves are Gone / Kapag wala nang mga alon.***

Best Debut Feature Film of a Director

Asimina Proedrou of Greece was chosen for the Best Debut Feature Film of a Director. She got the award for her film **Behind the Haystacks.**

Special mention by Jury Award

Director, writer and cinematographer Praveen Kandregula received Special Mention by the Jury for his film **Cinema Bandi.** The film has been made in **Telugu**

The Feature Film Jury, comprising thirteen members, was headed by **Vinod Ganatra**, an illustrious Filmmaker and Editor and winner of 9 National and 36 International awards.

International Film Festival of India (IFFI)

The first International Film Festival of India (IFFI) was held in the cities of Bombay (now Mumbai), Delhi, Calcutta (now Kolkata), Madras (now Chennai) from 24 January to 1 February 1952.

The Delhi leg was inaugurated by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. It was later held in different cities of the country.

Since **2004, starting from the 35th edition, Goa** has become the permanent venue of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI).

It is held in the month of November -December every year.