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25th IFFK OPENS ON 10 FEB 2021



25th edition of the International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK) organised by the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy will open on 10 Feb 2021 in Thiruvananthapuram. The festival will be held there till 14 Feb and then it will travel to other cities like Kochi (17-21 Feb), Thalassery (23-27 Feb) and Palakkad (1-5 Mar). FIPRESCI (International) Jury in this edition of the IFFK has been constituted with Paulo Portugal (Portugal), Nada Azhari Gillon (France) and Shubhra Gupta (India).

FIPRESCI MEMBER HONORED

Ashok Rane, EC Member of Fipresci-India, has been honoured with the Highest State Award for Literature *Laxmibai Tilak Puraskar* given by the Govt. of Maharashtra for his book "The Man Who Watches Cinema" (सिनेमा पाहणारा माणूस, Marathi, 528 Pgs). The Award includes a citation with a cash amount of One Lakh Rupees.



FIPRESCI-INDIA GRAND-PRIX 2020

Call for Fipresci-India Grand-Prix for the Best Feature Film of the Year has been released. Indian Feature Films, censored or not, premiered between 1 Jan and 31 Dec 2020 anywhere in any Festival or Theatre or OTT Platform are eligible to be considered for this Award. Members of Fipresci-India will nominate the Top-10 films and the Winner of the Grand-Prix for the Best Film of the Year.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2021-22

The General Body of Fipresci-India has decided in the Annual General Meeting held on 17 Jan 2021 that the following Executive Committee will continue till 31 Dec 2022:

V.K. Joseph – President
Premendra Mazumder – Secretary
G.P. Ramachandran – Treasurer
Ashok Rane - EC Member
Madhu Eravankara - EC Member
Rekha Deshpande - EC Member
Siladitya Sen - EC Member

CHIDANANDA DASGUPTA BIRTH CENTENARY CELEBRATED

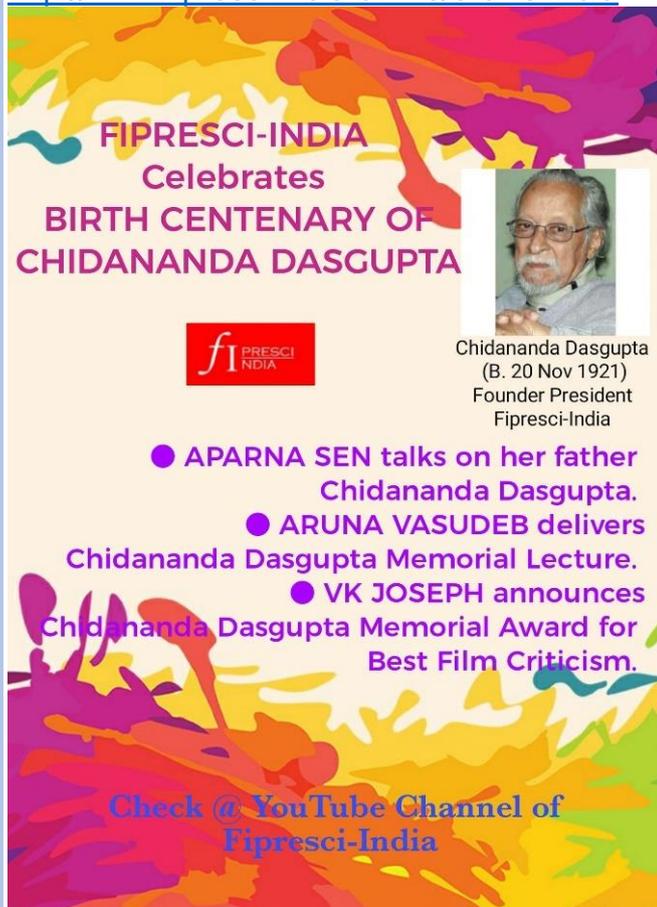
Fipresci-India celebrated the Birth Centenary of their Founder President Chidananda Dasgupta (B. 20 Nov 1921) by organising a Competition for Film Criticism where the following contestants won the Awards:

Chidananda Dasgupta Memorial Award for the Best Film Criticism (Joint Winners): Sayantan Dutta, Kolkata (Film: *Chola*, 2019, Malayalam) and Vedant Srinivas, Delhi (Film: *Aamis*, 2019, Assamese).

Second Best Award (Joint Winners): Labanya Dey, Kolkata (Film: *C U Soon*, 2020, Malayalam) and Ashiwini Jain, Halekatte, Udupi, Karnataka (Film: *Kumbalangi Nights*, 2019, Malayalam).

All of the above award-winning film criticisms have been published in the Oct-Dec 2020 issue of E-CineIndia (quarterly film journal of Fipresci-India) available online at:

<http://www.fipresci-india.online/e-cine-india>



FIPRESCI-INDIA
Celebrates
**BIRTH CENTENARY OF
CHIDANANDA DASGUPTA**



Chidananda Dasgupta
(B. 20 Nov 1921)
Founder President
Fipresci-India

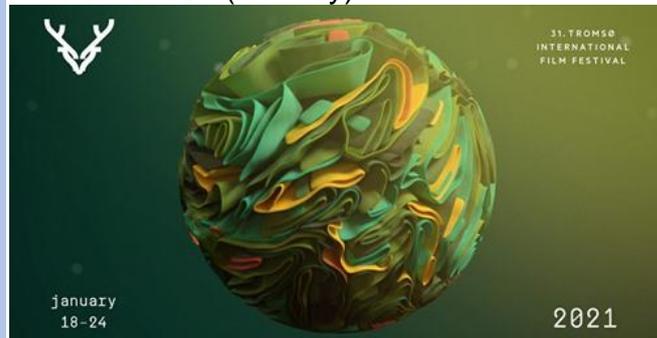
- APARNA SEN talks on her father Chidananda Dasgupta.
- ARUNA VASUDEB delivers Chidananda Dasgupta Memorial Lecture.
- VK JOSEPH announces Chidananda Dasgupta Memorial Award for Best Film Criticism.

Check @ YouTube Channel of Fipresci-India

To celebrate the occasion, eminent filmmaker Aparna Sen spoke about her father Chidananda Dasgupta and Aruna Vasudeb delivered Chidananda Dasgupta Memorial Lecture on 20 Nov 2020 which are available in the YouTube Channel of Fipresci-India. V.K. Joseph, President announced the Awards.

TROMSØ INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL NORWAY

The first FIPRESCI Award of 2021 went to *The Truffle Hunters* (Italy-Greece-USA, 2020, 84M) by Michael Dweck and Gregory Kershaw at the 31st Tromsø International Film Festival (18-24 Jan 2021). The Award was conferred by the FIPRESCI Jury composed of Giuseppe Sedia (Italy), Sven Hollebeke (Belgium) and Britt Sørensen (Norway).



DHAKA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL BANGLADESH

FIPRESCI Award at the 19th Dhaka International Film Festival (16-24 Jan 2021) went to *Incomplete Breath* (Unoponchash Batash, Bangladesh, 2020, 147M) by Masud Hasan Ujjal. The Award was given by the FIPRESCI Jury composed of A.M. Mamunur Rashid (Bangladesh), Ershad Kamol Khan (Bangladesh) and Sadia Khalid Riti (Bangladesh).



**19th
Dhaka
International
Film Festival**
16-24 January 2021

Venue:
Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Central Public Library Auditorium
National Museum Auditorium
Star Cineplex

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTION

Intending contributors are requested to send their proposals for the academic papers and articles for **E-CineIndia** (ISSN. 2582-2500): the quarterly film journal of Fipresci-India and news, reports, brief reviews for **Fipresci India Newsletter** to: indiafipresci@gmail.com.