

'PIFF' will be inaugurated by the minister Mungantiwar today

The opening ceremony will be held in the evening at Ganesh Kala Krida Manch

Pune, 17th January 2024: The 22nd Pune International Film Festival (PIF) will be inaugurated on 18th January 2024 at 5 pm by the Minister of Culture, Government of Maharashtra Sudhir Mungantiwar, informed Dr. Jabbar Patel director of the festival.

The inauguration ceremony to be held at Ganesh Kala Krida Manch will begin with a cultural program dedicated to everlasting actor Dev Anand (26 September 1923), singer Mukesh (22 July 1923), director Mrinal Sen (14 May 1923), famous actor-director NTR (28 May 1923), music director Salil Chaudhary (19 November 1923) and lyricist Shailendra (August 30, 1923). As 'PIFF' is celebrating birth centenary year of these legends.

On this occasion, Vikas Kharge secretary department of culture, government of Maharashtra, Avinash Dhakne managing director 'Film City', Consul General of various countries and International Jury of the festival will be present.

Dr. Jabbar Patel said that famous radio announcer Amin Sayani, director-actor Gautam Ghosh and famous dancer-actress Leela Gandhi were given the 'PIFF Distinguished Award' for their contribution to Indian cinema, in the ceremony. While music composer, singer and lyricist M. M. Kirwani will be honoured with the Music composer S. D. Burman award, for his contribution in the field of music.

After the opening ceremony, the opening film 'A Brighter Tomorrow' (Italy, director - Nani Moretti) will be shown.

Pune International Film Festival (PIF) 2024 will be held from January 18 to 25. Movies from around world will be shown on a total of 11 screens at three locations: PVR Icon (6 screens) at Pavilion Mall on Senapati Bapat Road, Inox (3 screens) at Camp area and Cinepolis Cinemas at Westend Mall (2 screens) in Aundh area.

The online registration process for the festival is going on the official website of the festival [www.piffindia.com](http://www.piffindia.com) and the spot registration process is also in progress at the theatres. The registration fee for the entire festival is just Rs. 800.