

## **PYRAMID SAIMIRA Participated in the 2nd Bangalooru International Film Festival.**

- One language that is understood by everyone is the language of CINEMA.

Suchitra Film Society in collaboration with Government of Karnataka supported by Kannada Film Industry had organized **2<sup>nd</sup> Bangalooru International Film Festival (BIFFes)** from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008

**BIFFES** was formally inaugurated on **3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2008** at **CHOWDIAH MEMORIAL HALL**. Most of the personalities of the film industry were present for this event. The following Dignitaries & film personalities were present on the Dias namely

Honorable Governor Mr. Rameshwar Thakur, Govt. of Karnataka.  
Mr. Adoor Gopalkrishna, Film Maker  
Mr. I.M.Vittal Murthy, Secretary, Dept of Information, Tourism, Kannada & culture  
Mr. Tallam Nanjunda Shetty, President, KFCC  
Mr. K.C.N Chandra Shekar, Vice President, KFCC.  
Mr. Girish Kasaravalli, Director  
Dr. Jayamala, Actress, Producer  
Mrs. Tara, Actress  
Mr. Shivraj Kumar, Actor  
Mr. Ramesh Aravind, Actor, Director  
Mr. Ganesh, Actor.

Along with them many other film personalities who were present in the event. To name a few were

Mr. Dwarkish, Actor, Producer, Director.  
Mr. Vishnuvardhan, Actor.  
Mrs. Bharathi Vishnuvardhan, Actress.  
Ms. B. Sarojadevi, Actress.  
Mrs. Vinaya Prakash, Actress.  
Mr. Hamsalekha, Music Director.  
Mr. V.K Murthy, Cinematographer.  
Mr. G.S. Bhaskar, Cinematographer.  
Mr. Nagathihalli Chandrashekar.  
Mr. H.M.Ramachandra, Cinematographer, Jayamala's Husband.

The event was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by Mr. Rameshwar Thakur, Mr. Adoor Gopalakrishna, Mr. Thallam Nanjunda Shetty, Mr. K.C.N Chandrashekar, Mrs. Jayamala and Mrs. Tara. It was followed by some words from all the dignitaries and by a special dance presentation from eminent kathak dancer, choreographer Mrs. Maya Rao and her group.

BIFFes had an arrangement of presenting films in four different screens in 3 different places as

**Vision Cinema, Auditorium 2 and 3, K.H Patil Auditorium, Suchitra Film Society showcasing Documentaries, Feature Films along with Digital Section.**

It had different film sections like

- **Films of the world**, where we had an opportunity to witness variety of films, which numbered to 60, from directors across the world representing different languages.
- **Country Focus:** With specific country in focus we had films totaling 11 from countries like Hungary, South Africa, United Kingdom and Czech Republic.
- **Au Sud Du Cinema (France)**
- **Living Together/ Vivre Ensemble (France)**
- **Contemporary Russian Cinema**
- **Retrospectives: Three persons who have made a difference to World Cinema.**
- **Study of a Director: Asoka Handagama**
- **Homages**
- **Chitrabaharathi: Indian Movies**
- **Tribute: Mr. M.R.Vittal**

**In Documentaries section, we had**

- a. Retrospectives**
- b. Landmark Indian Documentaries**
- c. Current Trends: Indian Documentaries**
- d. Current Trends: International Documentaries**

BIFFes had a good start with screening of the Bangladeshi film “ON THE WINGS OF THE DREAM” by Golam Rabbany Biplob.

From second day, they screened various films and also had workshops on the film making as to know the various technical as well as artistic aspects involved of film making. It witnessed good crowd with people engaging themselves from all the genres-

young, middle aged, old aged, students, press people and many others who have keen interest in cinema.

On the closing day i.e. on 10<sup>th</sup> of January, many noted personalities who had given their contribution to enrich the film industry, the way it has emerged now, were felicitated namely

Mr. KVR TAGORE

Mr. KCN GOWDA, Producer, Exhibitor, Distributor

On the Dias were the personalities

Mr. Kiran Shantaram, Film maker, Chief Guest, S/o Mr. V. Shantaram

Siddalingiah, Director

Baraguru Ramachandrappa, Writer & Director

Narahari Rao

A memoria was presented to all sponsor of the event and Mr. Raja Ravi, DGM, PSPL received it on behalf of PSTL.

It also marked a retrospective to Mr. Suresh Urs, famous Editor for most films of Mr. Mani Ratnam with 3 days workshop on various aspects of film making.

It was followed on the other day, with a workshop on film making with Mr. Arun Kopkar- film maker from Mumbai

They also released 3 books during the occasion

1. Biography on Mr. M.R Vittal, Director.
2. Collection of articles published in different magazines on Mr. Girish Kasaravalli's films, noted film maker.
3. A Catalogue on all the films that will be screened in the form of a book.
4. Newsletters giving people a glimpse of the day's activities.

**In the festival, Pyramid Saimira had placed its**

### **Banners**

**Vinyl- 10\*11ft** (OUR FILMS: Avva, Omm, Minchina Ota, Ganesha Mathe Banda, Putta, Navashakthi Vaibhava, Naanu Neenu Jodi, Naa Taata Nee Birla), **2 numbers.**

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### **Standees**

**6\*3 ft**, (Our FILMS: Avva, Omm, Minchina Ota, Halla Bol), **4 numbers** in all the places.

Our signature tune was also played at the K.H.Patil Auditorium in between screenings of the films, during breaks.

All the major publications & media covered all the proceedings of the BIFFes, everyday. They had one column dedicated for the festival.

Radio Mirchi, had special programme every day in which they interviewed all the major dignitaries, apart from that they had constant updates on the festival.

E T.V dedicated its time between 6 to 6.30 pm for the festival.