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First list of 219 films for JIFF 2020 out

12TH EDITION 219 films from 64 countries; second list on Dec 5

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JAIPUR: The 2020 edition of the Jaipur International Film Festival (JIFF) will be held from January 17 to 21, and the first list of nominated films in 11 categories was announced on Tuesday, said JIFF founder Hanu Roj.

He said 219 films from 64 countries have been selected for screening during the festival, which enters its 12th year in 2020.

Roj said the films would be screened at a multiplex in Gaurav Tower. Sessions on cinema will be held at a hotel on JLN Marg.

The list announced on Tuesday is divided into two parts: competitive films and desktop films.

The films in the first category will be showcased in theatres and those in the desktop category will be available for viewing on desktop screens.

The organisers said the 11 films in selected films for desktop screening would be awarded during the festival.

In JIFF 2019, 217 films were selected; this year the number is all

set to rise manifold with the first list itself crossing that mark. The second list of nominated films will be released on December 5, Roj said.

JIFF spokesman Rajendra Boda said there are 45 feature films, 26 documentary feature films, 85 short fiction films, 19 short documentary films, 10 short animation films, one animation feature film, 4 mobile films, 6 web series, 4 songs and 16 students films are in the competitive category in the first list.

Boda said Rajasthani film,

Chidi Balla, directed by Radheshyam Pi palwa, will be screened at the festival. It is a story about a schoolboy and is a tribute to art, sports and culture of Rajasthan.

The films selected for screening are from countries such as America, France, Germany, Austria, Bangladesh, Iran, Cuba, Mexico, China, Belgium, Finland, Taiwan, Turkey, Switzerland, Canada, Brazil, Afghanistan, New Zealand, Nepal, Korea, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Pakistan, Japan, Poland, Greece,

Argentina, Kuwait, Denmark, Venezuela, Georgia and Philippines.



Some of the films selected for screening in Tuesday's list are American Mirror: Intimations of Immortality, No Man's Truth, Mosaic Portrait, Sun Shine Moon, Bombay Rose and Alex Strip.

American Mirror: Intimations of Immortality is a documentary and experimental film directed by Arthur Balder. This 1 hour long film showcases how we are displaying our false lives on social media which is far from the truth. The film stars Oscar winner Susan Sarandon.

No Man's Truth is an Indian film directed by Marina Libik. It's a feature film, which is 2 hours 7 minutes long. No Man's Truth is about brutal truths of digital word, which starts from the mysterious suicide of a girl Suhana.

Mosaic Portrait is a Chinese film directed by Zhai Yixiang. The film's is about migrant worker Xu, who is disturbed after his after the sudden pregnancy of his 14 year old daughter.

Sun Shine Moon is a film revolving around the facts and fantasies. Film has two characters Chinese Sun and Korean Moon, who go through many interesting events.

Bombay Rose is an animation film directed by Gitanjali Rao. This film is about a club dancer, who escaped from child marriage and is in quest of her lover.

Alex Strip is a film made in America, directed by Irene Zoe Alameda. Screenplay of the film has been discussed in JIFF Co-production Meet in 2016. Now the film has been made and returned for screening in JIFF.

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