



21st Third Eye Asian Film Festival to begin in Mumbai

The 21st edition of the Third Eye Asian Film Festival will kick off in Mumbai on 10th January 2025.

- ❖ The opening film will be the acclaimed Chinese drama *The Black Dog*, which won the Best Film award at the Cannes Film Festival.
- ❖ A total of 61 films have been selected for the festival.
- ❖ The Asian Spectrum section will feature films from countries including China, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Tunisia, and Bhutan, showcasing a wide variety of storytelling styles.
- ❖ South Korea will be highlighted in the Country Focus segment.
- ❖ Renowned lyricist and screenwriter Javed Akhtar will be honoured with the Asian Cinema Culture Award.
- ❖ Journalist Rafique Baghdadi will receive the Satyajit Ray Memorial Award.

- ❖ The Third Eye Asian Film Festival was established in 1999. It is an annual film festival held in Mumbai, India, showcasing Asian cinema.

Renamed Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (HIPA).

The State Cabinet, in its meeting held in Shimla under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu gave approval to rename Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (HIPA) as Dr. Manmohan Singh Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration.

USA, declare emergency in LA as wildfire spread to nearly 3000 acres.

- ❖ Los Angeles has declared a state of emergency as three wildfires exploded from 10 acres to more than 2,900 acres within hours.
- ❖ The significant landmarks, community buildings, and businesses have been damaged or destroyed by the fires.

- ❖ 1,400 firefighters deployed to battle the blazes.

10k special guests to witness RD parade this year

Ten thousand Special Guests have been invited to witness the Republic Day Parade this year.

- ❖ These special guests include Sarpanches, Disaster Relief Workers, Best Performing Water Warriors, Handloom and Handicraft Artisans, Mann Ki Baat Participants, My Bharat Volunteers, Guests from North Eastern States, and Best Start-Ups.
- ❖ Members of the Para-Olympic contingent, Chess Olympiad medalists, Bridge World Games Silver medalists, and Snooker World Championship Gold medalists have also been invited as special guests.

Veteran playback Singer P. Jayachandran passes away

- ❖ Veteran playback singer P. Jayachandran passed away on January 9, 2025, at the age of 80 in Thrissur, Kerala.
- ❖ In an illustrious career spanning over six decades, Jayachandran sang more than 16,000 songs in various languages, including Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, Hindi, and Kannada, captivating audiences throughout the country.
- ❖ Jayachandran won several awards, including the National Film Award for Best Playback Singer, Kerala State Film Awards, Kalaimamani Award of the Government of Tamil Nadu, and the J C Daniel Award, among others.

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