



INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL OF KERALA

KERALA STATE CHALACHITRA ACADEMY



**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Trivandrum Corporation

District

Thiruvananthapuram

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Shasthamangalam junction- 20 m
Sri Ramakrishna Ashram Hospital- 400 m

Nearest Bus station

Shasthamangalam bus stop– 50 m

**Nearest Railway
station**

Trivandrum Central Railway Station – 5 km

Nearest Airport

Trivandrum International Airport – 8 km



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TIME

DATES

December

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

8 days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The Directorate of Film Festivals, Govt of India held the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) at Thiruvananthapuram in 1988. The festival ushered in interest in serious films and subsequently several film societies were born throughout the state. The activities of the societies included screening of classic films from around the world, conducting group discussions on various aspects of cinema and circulating pamphlets on renowned film-makers.

The film societies obtained copies of films from archives and from embassies of some countries as a part of culture-exchange programmes. The film society movement helped to raise film literacy among people and the need for an international film festival to the level of the IFFI came up. The first IFFK was in Kozhikode in 1996. The event was managed by the Kerala State Film Development Corporation (KSFDC) till 1998 when the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy was formed and was bestowed with the responsibility of conducting IFFK along with other activities for promotion of cinema. Later, the FIAPP accredited the festival and a competition section was added to the event in 1999.

The competition is limited to films produced in Asia, Africa or Latin America. The 'FIPRESCI (Fédération Internationale de la Presse Cinématographique) and the Netpac (Network for the Promotion of Asian Cinema) have also recognised the festival. The festival is perhaps the only one to have screenings for residents of a jail, a juvenile home(Poojappura Central Jail, Thiruvananthapuram) and a poor home (Sri Chitra Poor Home).



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

International



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Approximately 30000 people

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Seminars
Lectures
Cultural programmes
Films shows
Open forum
Press meeting
Award function

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

The International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK; Malayalam: Antharadeshiya Chalachitrolsavam Keralam) is held in November/ December every year and is acknowledged as one of the leading such events in India. Several national and international films have their premiers at the IFFK each year. In 2005, 14 films, including the Oscar-nominated *Water*, directed by Deepa Mehta, were screened for the first time in India at the IFFK. Competition section is limited to 14 selected films produced in Asia, Africa or Latin America. The festival also has a section devoted to Malayalam cinema. On the lines of the IFFK, the Chalachitra Academy also organises the International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala.

Major Awards given are as follows:

- Suwarna Chakoram for the best film
- Rajatha Chakoram for the best director
- Rajatha Chakoram for the best debut director
- Audience prize Rajata Chakoram
- Fipresci Award: Best International film
- Fipresci Award: Best Malayalam film
- Netpac Award: Best Asian film
- Netpac Award: Best Malayalam film
- Malayalam Films In The Market award

