

**High Commission of India
Nairobi**

FIRST EVER INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN KENYA

A Curtain Raiser Press Conference was organised at INDIA HOUSE on 7 June 2019 to officially announce the first ever Indian Film Festival in Kenya to be held in Nairobi from 10–15 August 2019 to celebrate 72 years of India's independence.

High Commissioner of India Mr. Rahul Chhabra, Curator of Indian Film Festival Worldwide (IFFW) Captain Rahul Bali, CEO Kenya Film Commission Mr. Timothy Owase, and Chairman, Kenya Association of Music Producers (KAMP) Mr. Anthony Murimi addressed the top media houses of Africa and gave them an insight into this festival. The Press Conference also saw the presence of renowned Kenyan Actors Charles Bukeko A.K.A Papa Shirandula and Ainea Ojiambo.



The INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL KENYA is an endeavour to boost trade, commerce and tourism between India and Kenya as well as to promote the art and culture between the two countries via cinema featuring some of the finest Indian movies.

Speaking on the occasion, Indian High Commissioner Mr. Rahul Chhabra said, “Its the first time ever that an Indian Film Festival is being organised in Kenya and I am sure that it will act as a bridge between the Indian & Kenyan film industries. The festival is devoted to a greater appreciation of cinema in particular, art and culture in general, by showcasing Indian films for Kenyan audiences and opening new avenues of bilateral cooperation between the two countries. I am very hopeful that initiatives like this will go a long way in strengthening the relationship between the two countries”.



Indian Film Festival Kenya will showcase 6 films in 3 different languages subtitled in English including a Swahili film made by an Indian Film maker. The festival will also feature a rich mix of programs designed to build and support the growing interest of the Indian film industry in Kenya. The Indian Film Festival will witness the attendance of an Indian delegation that would comprise renowned Actors, Award Winning Film Makers & important members of Indian Film Industry. The festival will also see the participation of famous film personalities and actors from the Kenya Film Industry.



The grand Red Carpet opening of the INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL KENYA will take place in Nairobi on 10 August 2019 at WESTGATE CINEMAS amidst celebratory fervour and a number of VIP's attending the extravaganza. Several interactive and entertaining events have been meticulously planned during the 6-day festival that will be organised during this year's Independence Week Celebrations of India in Kenya.

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