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The number of films approved for general public exhibition during the year 1956 was 294. The largest number was of Hindi films—121, followed by 53 films in Bengali, 50 in Tamil, 27 in Telugu, 14 in Kannada, 13 in Marathi, 5 in Malayalam, 4 in Assamese, 3 in Gujarati, 2 each in Oriya, and Urdu. There were no films in Punjabi and Kashmiri languages.

In 1956 the Central Board of Film Censors examined 3,244 films, of which 3,101 were given 'U' and 96 'A' certificates. This number included 2,330 foreign and 867 Indian films (including shorts). The number of films which were refused certificates was 47, of which 46 were foreign films. The total length excised from films was 73,923 feet.

Bombay continued to be the major centre of production, Madras and Calcutta taking the second and third place respectively. About 47% of the total number of films were produced in Bombay, 33% in Madras and 20% in Calcutta. Bombay was the principal centre of production of Hindi films, Madras of Tamil and Telugu films and Calcutta of Bengali films.

Fantasies, social problems, mythological stories, lives of saints and romantic love provided material for feature films.

The year witnessed further progress in the scope and influence of documentaries, the bulk of which continued to be produced by the Central and State Governments. During the year, the Films Division produced 35 documentaries through its own units. Nine documentaries were produced on behalf of the Films Division by private producers. Three films were taken over for distribution from a State Government. A children's magazine was also produced during the year. The documentaries covered a wide range of subjects, like "Ballot Boxes", "Khajuraho", "Madurai", "Deccan Table Land", "UNESCO and India", "Nepal and its People." Mention, in particular, may be made of the documentary "Gotama the Buddha", produced by Bimal Roy Productions on behalf of the Films Division. This full-length documentary unfolds the story of Buddhism, narrates the life of the Buddha and presents his salient teachings. The story is built and developed mainly through sculptures and paintings of well-known



Sanchi, Amaravati,
Nagarjunakonda, Gandhara and Ajanta and
similar material from
other countries like
Tibet, Central Asia,
China, Indonesia,



Burma and Ceylon. The commentary is based upon and closely follows the original Buddhist texts. It is interspersed with the recitation of appropriate verses from the original texts. The music follows the pattern of the Indian classical and folk melodies.

The Films Division continued to bring out the weekly newsreel

"Indian News Review". Besides significant events of Indian life, items of current interest from foreign countries were also included in it. The foreign items were received from various newsreel organisations as part of the arrangement for free exchange of newsreel material. In order to obtain suitable and adequate coverage of events abroad in connection with the visits of the Vice-President to Africa and East Asia, the Prime Minister's visit to Saudi Arabia and the President's visit to Nepal, arrangements were made to depute cameramen abroad.

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The documentaries and newsreels for theatrical distribution in the country were produced in 35 mm. in Hindi, Bengali, Tamil, Telugu and English. Copies meant for circulation through the Central and State Government mobile vans were reduced to 16 mm. size and supplied in 12 languages, viz., Hindi, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Marathi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Oriya, Malayalam, Panjabi,



Tamil and Telugu. The mobile vans, 352 in all, covered largely the rural areas.

The State Awards for the best films produced in India and approved for public exhibition during the year 1955 were distributed at a special function in New Delhi in September 1956. Owing to the indisposition of the President, the Awards were given away by the Prime Minister. The President's Gold Medal for the best Indian feature film of 1955 was awarded to "Pather Panchali", a Bengali film produced by the West Bengal Government and directed by Shri Satyajit Ray. The film was also given the President's Silver Medal for being the best Bengali film of the year.

The President's Gold Medal for the best documentary film in English was awarded to "Magic of Mountains", produced by the Films Division and directed by Shri Mushir Ahmed. The Certificates of Merit were won by the documentaries "Wonder of Work", produced by the Films Divison, and "Education for Life", produced by Ama Ltd., Bombay.

The All India Certificate of Merit and the President's Silver Medal in Hindi were awarded to Rajkamal Kalamandir's production "Jhanak Jhanak Payal Baje". The second All India Certificate of Merit was awarded to the Marathi film "Shidiche Shri Sai Baba", produced by Nandadeep Chitra, Bombay.

The Silver Medals for the best feature films in regional languages were awarded to the following films:

- Me Tulas Tuzya Angani (Marathi) produced by Nav Chitra, Poona.
- Bangaru Papa (Telugu)
   produced by Vauhini Productions, Madras.

The Certificates of Merit were given to the following films:

- Shree 420 (Hindi)
   produced by R.K. Films, Bombay.
- Devdas (Hindi)
   produced by Bimal Roy Productions, Bombay.
- 3. Rani Rashmoni (Bengali)
  produced by Chalachitra Pratishthan, Calcutta.
- Rai Kamal (Bengali)
   produced by Aurora Films Corporation, Calcutta.



- Shevagyachya Shenga (Marathi) produced by Sadashiv Row J. Kavi, Bombay.
- Mangayar Thilakam (Tamil) produced by Vaidya Films, Madras.
- Ardhangi (Telugu)
   produced by Ragini Films, Madras.
- Mahakavi Kalidas (Kannada)
   produced by Lalitakala Films Private Ltd., Madras.
- Piyoli Phukan (Assamese)
   produced by Rupjyoti Productions, Tezpur, Assam.

As part of the State Awards function, a Smyposium on "Humour in Films" was arranged. Prof. N.K. Sidhanta, Vice-Chancellor, Calcutta University, was in the chair and the speakers included Shri L.V. Prasad, Shri A. Ramiah, Shri Upendranath Ashk and Shri P.K. Atre.

Indian Films received recognition at various International Film Festivals during the year. The Bengali film "Pather Panchali" was awarded a prize at the 10th International Film Festival at Cannes, in 1956, as the "best-human document". It also obtained the



Diploma of Merit at the Edinburgh Film Festival held in August-September 1956. At the Manila Film Festival held in October 1956, this film won two Golden Carabao Awards. At the Damascus Film Festival, Overseas Film Corporation



Private Ltd.'s film "Bandish" received the third prize—a Bronze Medal. The Films Division's documentary "Operation Khedda" won the Diploma of Merit at the Edinburgh Film Festival and "Khajuraho" the Silver Carabao Award at the Manila Film Festival; "Tree of Wealth" was awarded the Certificate of Merit at the International Film Festival organized by Calgary Junior Chamber of Commerce of Canada; and "Symphony of Life" earned the Gran Premio (the Highest Prize for Experimental film) at the Montevideo Festival held in May 1956. "Spring Comes to Kashmir" obtained the Silver Bear Medallion at the Berlin Film Festival in June 1956. The Film Division's full-length documentary film "Bharat Darshan", won the award for "Friendship among Nations" at the Karlovy Vary Film Festival in Czechoslovakia.

A festival of Indian films was organised by the Soviet Government for a week in three cities in U.S.S.R. in October-November 1956. Six Indian feature films, namely, "Mirza Ghalib", "Biraj Bahu", "Shree 420", "Waris", "Jagriti", and "Ferry" and eleven documentary films, namely, "Benefits of Bhakra Nangal", "Tomorrow is Ours",

"Kashmir Looks Ahead", "Spring Comes to Kashmir", "Darjeeling", "Golden River", 'Song of the South" and 'Marine Marvels", produced by the Films Division and "Our Indian Earth", "Sangeet Bharat" and "Our Panchayats", produced by Ama Limited, Rajkamal Kalamandir and Cine Unit of India respectively, were exhibited at the festival. A film delegation consisting of Shri S. Gopalan (Leader), Shri Sohrab Modi, Shri Raj Kapoor, Shri Abhi Bhattacharya, Shri Krishan Gopal, Shri V. Shirali, Shri T.A. Abraham, Kumari Nargis, Kumari Suraiya and Smt. Kamini Kaushal represented India at the festival.

At the end of 1956, there were 255 producing concerns, about 900 distributing agencies, 60 studios and 40 laboratories in India. The total number of people employed in the industry was about a lakh, the capital invested about Rs. 42 crores and the gross annual income about Rs. 25 crores. The number of cinemas at the end of 1956 was 3,829 including 996 touring and temporary cinemas. The annual attendance at cinemas was estimated at 60 crores.

The film industry celebrated in December 1956 the twentyfifth anniversary of the advent of the talkie in India. An important part of these celebrations was the screening of some of the outstanding Indian films produced during the last twentyfive



years. A symposium on the Film and the Nation, meetings to honour the pioneers of the Indian talkie, and a variety show by film stars were other features of the celebrations.

In pursuance of the recommendations of the Film Enquiry Committee and the resolutions passed in the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha urging Government to take steps for improvement in the standard of films, it was decided by Government to set up a National Film Board. A Bill to that effect was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 10th December 1956. It is provided in the Bill that the Board will have three constituent units, namely, a Film Certification Bureau, a Film Production Bureau and a Film Institute.

The Children's Film Society, which was registered under the Societies Registration Act in May 1955, completed another feature film entitled "Jaldeep". Besides, the Society made 8 short films, four being adaptations of British films and four of Soviet films, for children.

Indian films were exported to a number of foreign countries, such as Pakistan, Iraq, Malaya, Indo-China, Thailand, Burma and East Africa.





# Feature Films Approved for Public Exhibition in 1956

HINDI		27.	Chhoo Mantar
		28.	Char Minar
1.	Aawaz	29.	Char Dost
2.	Aabroo	30.	
	Astik	31.	C.I.D.
4.	Arab Ka Saudagar	32.	Chori Chori
5.	Anuraag	33.	Dashera (Revised)
6.	Anjan	34.	Dhola Maru
7.	Awara Shahzadi	35.	Delhi Darbar
8.	Alam Ara	36.	Devta
9.	Ankh Ka Nasha	37.	Durgesh Nandni
10.	Ali Baba and 40 Thieves	38.	Divali Ki Raat (Alias
11.	Aan Baan		Taxiwala)
12.	Anokha Jungle	39.	Dwarikadheesh
13.	Ayodhyapati	40.	Dhake Ki Malmal
14.	Bharat Darshan	41.	Ek Hi Rasta
15.	Bhagam Bhag	42.	
16.	Bhai Bhai	43.	Fighting Queen
17.	Basra Ki Hoor	44.	Funtoosh
18.	Baghi Sardar	45.	Guru Ghantal
19.	Basant Panchami	46.	Gulam Begum Badshah
20.	Bharati	47.	Gauri Pooja
21.	Badshah Salamat (Revised)	48.	Gul-e-Bakavali
22.	Bandhan	49.	Harihar Bhakti
23.	Basant Bhahar	50.	Hatim Tai
24.	Bajrang Bali	51.	Heer
25.	Badal Aur Bijlee	52.	Hamara Vatan
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59	. Inspector	106.	The second secon
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63	Jungle Queen	110.	
	Jagate Raho		
65	Jal Deep (Light House	111.	
66	. Kismet Ka Khel	112.	
67		113.	Taj Aur Talwar
	3. Kala Chor	114.	Tufan Aur Diya
60	. Kismet	115.	Talwar Ka Dhani
70	. Kar Bhala	116.	Taj
71	Vhul To Cim Cim	117.	The Clerk and the Coat
70	. Khul Ja Sim Sim . Lalkar	118.	Tankha
79	Lalu Ustad	119.	
74	Yali Vanna	120.	
77	. Lal-i-Yaman	121.	Zindgi
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70	. Malika		ASSAMESE
70	. Memsahib		
90	. Mr. Lambu . Makkhee Choos	1.	
		2.	Lak Himme
61	. Naya Admi	3.	
62	Noor-e-Yaman	4.	Sarapat
03	Naya Andaz		
01	New Delhi		
85.			BENGALI
86	Panna		
87.	Patrani	1.	Abhagir Swarga
88	Passing Show	2.	Ashabarana
89.	Pocket Marr		Asha
90.	CONTRACTOR OF STREET	4	Asampta
91.		5.	Aparajito
92.		6.	
93.			Bhola Master
94.			Bhaduri Mashai
95,		9	Chirakumar Sabha
96.		10	Chalachal
97.			Chhaya Sangini
98.	Rajrani Meera	12	Chore
99.	Sudarshan Chakra	13	Daner Maryada
100.	Sailab	14.	Dhular Dharani
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- 15. Ekti Raat
- 16. Ekantai Gopaniya
- 17. Ek Din Ratre
- 18. Falgu
- 19. Gobindadas
- 20. Griha Debata
- 21. Ghoom
- 22. Hey Maha Manab
- 23. Kirtigarh
- 24. Kabuliwala
- Lakkhahira
- 26. Mahakabi Girishchandra
- 27. Manaraksha
- 28. Mamlar Phal
- 29. Maa
- 30. Madan Mohan
- 31. Madhumalati
- 32. Nagardole
- 33. Naba Janma
- 34. Pap O Papi 35. Paradhin
- 36. Putra Bandhu
- 37. Raj Path
- 38. Sagarika 39. Sati Ahilya
- 40. Surya Kumari
- 41. Saheb Bibi Gulam
- 42. Shubharateri
- 43. Sadhan
- 44. Shyamali
- 45. Sankaranarayana Bank
- 46. Subhalagana

- 47. Sinthir Sindoor
- 48. Sadhak Ramprasad
- 49. Suryamukhi
- 50. Silpi
- 51. Tonsil
- 52. Trijama
- 53. Taka Anna Pai

# GUJARATI

- 1. Malela Jeev
- 2. Sati Analde
- 3. Vidhata

# KANNADA

- 1. Bhagya Chakra
- Bhagyodaya
- 3. Bhakta Vijya
- 4. Bhakta Markandeya
- 5. C.I.D.
- 6. Deiva Sankalpa
- Hair Bhaktha
   Kacha Devayani
- 9. Muthaide Bhagya
- 10. Ohileswar
- 11. Kokilavani
- 12. Pancha Ratna
- 13. Renuka Mahatma
- 14. Sadarame

### MARATHI

- I. Andhala Magot Ek Dhola
- 2. Dev Ghar
- 3. Dista Tasa Nasta
- 4. Gath Padli Thaka Thaka
- 5. Jaga Vegali Goshta
- 6. Kahi Kharee Nahee
- 7. Maze Ghar Mazi Mansen
- 8. Mulga
- 9. Pasant Ahe Mulgi
- 10. Pawan Khind
- 11. Payadali Padeli Phulen
- 12. Ran Pankharen
- 13. Wakde Pawool

# MALAYALAM

- I. Atmarpanam
- 2. Avar Unarunnu
- 3. Koodappirappu
- 4. Manthrayadi
- 5. Rarichan Enna Pawran.

# ORIYA

- Janmastami
- Bhai Bhai

### TAMIL

- Asai
- 2. Amaradeepam
- 3. Amarageetham
- 4. C.I.D.
- 5. Edi Nijam
- 6. Ellam Evan Seyal
- 7. Kalam Marippochu
- 8. Kannin Manigal
- 9. Kanniyin Kadamai
- 10. Kokilavani
- 11. Kudumba Vilakku
- 12. Kula Deivam
- 13. Madharkula Manikkam
- 14. Mahakavi Kalidas
- 15. Manampol Vazhu
- 16. Mangala Gowri
- 17. Manthra Vadi
- Marna Veeran 18.
- 19. Marumalarchi
- 20 Mathurai Veeran
- 21. Maya Mohini
- 22. Moonru Pengal
- 23. Naga Devathai 24. Naga Panchmi
- 25.
- Nalla Veedu 26. Nane Raja



27.	Nannambikkai
	Nana Petra Selvam
29.	Onrey Kulam
30.	Paditha Penn
31.	Pasavalai
32.	Pennin Perumai
33.	Prema Pasam
34.	Punniyavathi
35.	Raja Rani
36.	Ramba's Love
37.	Rangoon Radha
38.	Renuka Devi
39.	Santhanam
40.	Santha Sakkubhai
41.	Satharam
42.	Siva Sakthi
43.	Tenali Raman
44.	Thaikuppin Tharam
45.	Thiruttu Raman
46.	Valviley Oru Nal
47.	Vana Rathum
48.	Vedan Kannapa
49.	Verum Pechalla

# 4. Baktha Markandeya

- 5. Baley Ramudu
- 6. Charana Dasi
- 7. Chintamani
- Chiranjeevaulu
- 9. C.I.D.
- 10. Edi Nijam
- 11. Ele Velpu
- 12. Sri Govari Mahatyam
- 13. Harishchandra
- 14. Jayam Manadhe
- 15. Kanaka Tara
- 16. Melu Koluppu
- 17. Muddu Bidda
- 18. Naga Panchmi
- 19. Nangula Chavithi
- 20. Penki Pellam
- 21. Raktha Kanneeru
- 22. Rani Rangamma
- 23. Sadarama
- 24. Shasa Veerudu
- 25. Sonthavuru
- 26. Tenali Ramakrishna
- 27. Uma Sundari

# TELUGU

Vetri Veeran

- 1. Ali Baba and 40 Thieves.
- Amarajeevi

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3. Bala Sanyasamma Katha

## URDU

- 1. Deyar-e-Habib
- 2. Jallad



# DOCUMENTARY FILMS APPROVED FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION IN 1956

Training for Service—Series I— How to Have a Healthy (Indian Administrative Service). Home.

Money and Banking. How Sickness Spreads.

Vinoba Darshan. Practical Seed Drills.

Stars Man Has Made. Time Is Money.

Improved Seed. The Row Cultivator, Five

How to Control Pests. Implements in one.

Care of the Eyes. Mass Drill of School Children.

More Profit from Goats. Electricity In The Service.

The First Furrow. Nai Zindagi,

How to Flay, Cure and Utilise Aap Ka Sevak.

Carcass. Importance of Pure Water.

Our Milk Co-operative. Growing Arecanuts.

Fishing for Food. The School (Secondary

One Thousand Hands. Education).

Magic of the Egg. Kakrapar.

The Mouldboard Plow, Sarvodaya.

Villages and Women. Romance of Reading.

Malaria Control. Bambai Ka Chiria Ghar

Operation Khedda. Kubauliram.

Spring Comes to Kashmir. The Indian Industries

Five Year Plan-In the Life Fair. Earth and Water. of People-Southern Region. Kasi Ke Darshan. Literacy for Progress. Gobind Sagar. Major Industries No. 3 Iron On way to Nanda Devi. and Steel. Pahiyon Pan. Story of Salt. Harijan Kalyan. Industry Serves Man. Bhakton Ke Bhagwan. Children of God. Kisan Samelan. Bee Keeping. Tube Wells. Faith Carved in Stone. Bovine Mastitis. States Reorganisation Commis-Bovine Tuberculosis, sion's Visit to Bihar. Working for the Plan. Industrial Safety. Railways Belong to You. Tanjore. Takht Shri Keshgarh Sahib or Physical Feature of India. Sambdhan Gurduware. Sagar Ki Santan (Children of the Shri Darbar Sahib or Shri Akal Sea). Takht Sahib. Growing Wings. On the Road to a Welfare State. Takht Shri Sachkhand Shri Patit Pawan. Huzoor Sahib. Gehu Ki Kheti. Shri Hari Mandir Ji Takht Patna Tur Breeding Pure Seed. Sahib. Planned Progress. Harijan. Key Village Plan for Cattle Adarsh Jail.

Development.

Before the Baby Comes.

Jansevak.

Panchayat Raj.

The New India. Major Industries of India 2-Textiles (Revised) Unnatike Pahiye-State Trans-A Village in Travancore. port-(Wheels of Progress). Weaver Smiles Again. Report from the Heart Lands. The Food You didn't Eat. Nahi Rahe-Communications -Roads and Bridges-(Linking Major Industries of India No. 1 -Agriculture (Revised). Story). All India Khadi and Village Citizens Regained. Yuwak Mangal. Industries Exhibition. Gram Sevika. Khajuraho. Panchthupi. Deserted Women. The Seven Islands. Earth Water and Oil. Vithalachi Pandhari. Anthrax Bal Bharat. Safeguarding Your Lives-stock Vadalo. Investment. Kavi Sammelan Haemorrhagic Septicemia. Circus. Foot and Mouth Disease. A Sonavi Challi and Festival of Kashmir Part I. Shriyas Mela. Rinder Pest. Rangamadhari. Black Quarter Wings Over India. Manang Bhot. Growing Coconuts. Pilgrimage to Muktinath. How to Grow More Sugar Cane. An Attempt on Mt. Pumari. Tanners of Jharauta. Inhe Bhee Jan Pyary Hai.

Your Baby Can Be Healthy. A Village in the East Punjab.

Conquest of Evil.

Madurai of the Naiks.

Bases of Progress. Selections From Musical. Amritsar Congress Exhibition. Varieties. Productivity Key to Progress. Killing the Killer. Hand Tools. New Life of a Displaced Young Farmers Clubs. person. Unesco and India. How to Make Better Gur. Festival of Kashmir-Part II. Keep It Clean. Gram Sevak. Buiady Sikha. Gram Sevika. Pragatir Pathe Paschim Bangla. With Your own Hands. Adhar Sikha. Your Sanitary Inspector. The Maganese Man. Maa. Harendra Kumarer Mahaprayane Bharatiya Yojanki Zalak. Aurorar Sradhyanjali. It is Your Vote. Darjeeling, the Home Town of Glory of Pratishthan. Tensing. Shiring the On the Seashore; Czechoslovak Industrial Exhi-Kisanon Ke Ladle, bition. Ceramic Condensers. Shram Dan. Karoron Sathi. 2001 259,0100 The Story of The Taj. Flag Day. Know Your Child. Vigil on the Scas Churk was a receipt to \$200 Zamane Ke Saath. Manata Mai Ma. Naya Paisa, Liver Fluke. From Silent to Sound. Our Legislators.

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