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SiGNS is a pioneering festival in India for digital videos featuring national level competition for documentaries and short fiction for the prestigious John Abraham National Awards.

John Abraham Awards was instituted in 1999 by the Kerala Region of Federation of Film Societies of India in memory of John Abraham, the filmmaker who was the guiding spirit behind radical initiatives for people's cinema.

From 2005, the competition was extended to the national level, and the festival was renamed as SiGNS, with a focus on documentary and short films in video format. In to its 13th edition this year SiGNS has carved a niche for itself in the festival map in India.

AWARD CATEGORIES

- **Short Features**
- **Documentaries**
- **Cinema of Resistance**
Award for the best short feature/documentary on subjects like state oppression, human rights, environmental issues, gender equality, social/cultural identity etc
- **Cinema Experimenta**
Award for the best experimental attempt
- **FFSI Jury Awards for best Documentary & Short film in Malayalam made in Kerala**
[The awards for Cinema of Resistance & Cinema Experimenta are irrespective of category.]

PRIZES

- Best Documentary / Best Short Feature: **Rs 50,000** each
- Cinema of Resistance: **Rs 25,000**
- Cinema Experimenta: **Rs 25,000**
- FFSI Jury Award for Documentary & Short Film in Malayalam **Rs. 10,000/-** each
Prize money will be shared equally between Producer & Director.
[All awards carry a Certificate of Merit and Memento]



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Films made after 1st January 2017
- Only films made by film makers from India/ Indian Diaspora or Films made by non-resident Indians with Indian content will be eligible.
- Film submitted for previous editions of SiGNS or John Abraham Awards are not eligible.
- Duration: Less than 70 minutes for Short Features and no time limit for documentaries.
- Language: Any language with English subtitles or dubbed in English.

Submit your entries online @ www.signsfestival.in

- Submission will be complete only on receipt of the following along with copy the acknowledgement slip on or before **20th August 2019** at FFSI address.
- Preview screener in Blue-ray / DVD format / Online
- Online payment or Demand draft for Rs. 1000/- favouring Federation of Film Societies of India payable at Thiruvananthapuram towards entry fee (Non refundable)
- Intimation of selection **5th Sept. 2019**
- Final submission of screening copy **15th September 2019**

JURY CHAIRPERSONS (Previous Editions of SiGNS)

Adoor Gopalakrishnan, Sayeed Akthar Mirza, Kumar Shahani, Mani Kaul, Arun Khopkar, K R Mohanan, R V Ramani, Girish Kasaravally, Madhushree Dutta, Deepa Dhanraj, Rakesh Sharma, Amrit Gangar & K.G. Jayan

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