



iris Film Festival 2026

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6th iris Film Festival 2026



The uniqueness of Independent movies is in its commitment to aesthetic experimentation and also in its vision to seek beyond the limits of the market. The independent movies celebrate images and imagination as the collective expressions of different world views and narrative cultures. The IRIS independent movie festival, organised by the EMMRC Calicut University, is a small effort to support such independent creative endeavours.

We welcome the University community to join us for the screening of the movies and also participate in the discussions.

Damodar Prasad
Director
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Malayalam cinema is currently witnessing a profound shift, driven largely by independent creators who are redefining cinematic storytelling. At EMMRC Calicut, we believe this "New wave" deserves more appreciation and meaningful dialogue. IRIS serves as a vital bridge between these visionary filmmakers and an audience that hungers for authentic, thought-provoking content. It is a meeting place for storytellers who dare to experiment with the medium, and for viewers who seek cinema that breaks conventional boundaries.

We warmly welcome you to join us on this occasion. Let us come together to experience and celebrate the aesthetics of this new cinematic wave.

Rajan Thomas (IRIS Coordinator)
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Programme Schedule

Day - 1 | 25/03/2026

11.00 am
Festival Inauguration

11.30 pm - 1.00 pm
Seminar - Independent Women in Cinemas: Challenges and Prospects

Opening Film - 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm
പലമ: ഡു യു സീ മി ?
Director - Asha Achy Joseph
(Malayalam / 2025 / 85 Min)
3.30 pm - 4.00 pm
Meet the Director

4.15 pm - 5.30 pm
ആദിസ്നേഹത്തിന്റെ വിരുന്നുമേശ
Director - Mini I G
(Malayalam / 2025 / 74 Min)
5.30 pm - 6.00 pm
Meet the Director

6.00 pm - 7.30 pm
അംബ്രോസിയ
Director - Adhithya Baby
(Malayalam / 2025 / 82 Min)
7.30 pm - 8.00 pm
Meet the Director

8.00 pm - 10.00 pm
മോഹം
Director - Fozil Rozak
(Malayalam / 2025/ 111 Min)

Day - 2 | 26/03/2026

2.00 pm - 3.30 pm
കാത്തിരിപ്പ്
Director - Nipin Narayanan
(Malayalam / 2025/ 83 Min)
Meet the Director

4.00 pm - 5.30 pm
നമസ്താ ലോക
Director - Sherry Govindan
(Malayalam / 2025/ 91 Min)
5.30 pm - 6.00 pm
Meet the Director

6.00 pm - 7.45 pm
വിൽക്കി ഗാവ്
Director - Sanju Surendran
(Malayalam, Hindi / 2025 / 99 Min)
7.45 pm - 8.15 pm
Meet the Director

Closing Film - 8.15 pm - 9.30 pm
ഇബിബി
Director - Jeo Baby
(Malayalam / 2025/ 75 Min)



Palama: Do You See Me?
 Director: Asha Achi Joseph
 Malayalam/2025/85 min

A group of Kerala college students wage a courageous battle against a corrupt institutional system that shields a faculty member accused of raping their lesbian teammate, Prakruti. To fight back and raise awareness, they establish a magazine called Palama

(meaning "Plurality") that champions pro-queer, Dalit, and environmental causes while resisting entrenched patriarchy and homophobia.



The Banquet of Primal Love

Director: Mini I G
 Malayalam/2025/74 min

Deepak and Devika, a seemingly perfect IT couple, celebrate their 4th wedding anniversary with close friends. However, the evening takes an unexpected turn when Deepak's girlfriend arrives, exposing his infidelity. The revelation sparks a heated

confrontation, revealing extramarital affairs of Devika and other friends. Yet, as they come to terms with their own hypocrisy, they share a moment of raw honesty.



Ambrosia

Director: Adhithya Baby
 Malayalam/2025/82 min

'Ambrosia', a elite restaurant divided by a single wall, workers toil in silence like slaves, while elites feast on "the gods' favourite food." One woman among the slaves adds a mysterious liquid to the eternal dish 'Ambrosia', triggering chaos among the guests. Emotions erupt,

relationships collapse. As the illusion shatters, the enslaved rise and walk out. Ambrosia is a tale of rupture, rebellion, and reclaiming voice in a world built on silence.



Desire

Director: Fazil Razak
 Malayalam/2025/111 min

In a bid to escape the grip of law and punishment, Shanu, a man with secret schemes, ensnares Amala - a woman grappling with psychological struggles. Together on a stolen bike, they embark on a journey where some desires are

abandoned, while others reach completion.



Await

Director: Nipin Narayanan
 Malayalam/2025/83 min

David has spent days without sleep, craving someone to talk to. One night, a lost traveler arrives at his door. David insists he stay, and their small talk begins. But what starts as a way to calm his anxiety soon grows into something far beyond his control.



All The Living

Director: Sherry Govindan
 Malayalam/2025/91 min

A writer's old age is marked by loneliness, where only his characters keep him company. His entire living world becomes his relatives. The film explores this journey through three famous short stories: T. Padmanabhan's "Poochchakkuttikalude Veedu" (The House of Kittens) and Rene Basin's French story, "Thapal Pettiyile Kuruvikal" (Birds in the Postbox).



If on a Winter's Night /Khidki Gaav

Director: Sanju Surendran
 Malayalam/2025/99 min

A young couple leaves Kerala for Delhi, bound by love and ambition. He's an artist, she's with a film festival. But the city isn't as kind as it looks — beneath its glitter lies prejudice, cramped spaces,

and conventions. In Sanju Surendran's telling, their story unfolds like the seasons — fragile yet unyielding. A love tested by the city.



EBB

Director: Jeo Baby
 Malayalam/2025/75 min

Adarsh and Maria, a married couple, appear to share the warmth and freedom of close friends. When Maria's male friend, Sidharth, grows more attached, it has a distinct impact on Adarsh. Subsequently, Adarsh finds himself disturbed and distressed. 'Ebb' delves into the

ways love, emotions and their various nuances influence both women and men.

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