

To

Shri Chaitanya Prasad,

Addl. Director General,

Directorate of Film Festivals.

CC: Office of the President of India

CC: Ministry of Information & Broadcast

Respected Sir,

We write to you collectively as film makers and artists from various states across our country. We are recipients of the 65th National Film Awards, an honour that we consider as the most eminent token of appreciation and encouragement for our work.

We have been invited for this esteemed ceremony with a letter stating that the awards will be presented to us by the Hon'ble President of India. We along with our family and friends have been eagerly looking forward to this prestigious moment that merits our tireless work and dedication towards our dreams.

It is only a day before the ceremony that we have learnt through Mr. Chaitanya Prasad that a large segment of the Awards will not be presented by the Hon'ble President of India. It feels like a breach of trust when an institution/ ceremony that abides by extreme protocol fails to inform us of such a vital aspect of the ceremony with a prior notice. It seems unfortunate that 65 years of tradition are being overturned in a jiffy.

We as film makers and artists put in all that we have and tenaciously stick to our dreams in a field of work where appreciation does not come easily. We are disheartened to know that we will be deprived of the honour of this appreciation of a once in a lifetime moment of pride and glory that the National Film Awards had promised us.

The National Film Awards unlike other Award ceremony has been considered as the most pristine and unbiased. We request that the dignity and eminence of this award is maintained and that there is no display of hierarchy at the event. We are disappointed to know that the Hon'ble President will be presenting the Award to just 11 awardees and not the remaining of about 120 of us.

We would like to bring to your notice that we discussed this matter with the Hon'ble I&B Minister last evening and were promised a reply but haven't heard back from anybody. We are left with no choice but to express our disappointment and convey to you that at the end of the day we feel dejected rather than honoured for our work.

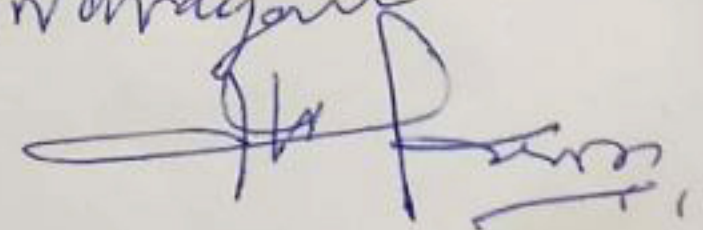
In the circumstance of not receiving a response for our grievance we are left with no option but to be absent for the ceremony. We do not intend to boycott the award but are not attending the ceremony to convey our discontent and are awaiting a more just solution.

Recipients of the 65th National Film Award Ceremony

R. C. SORESH

3rd May 2018

Pandit Ramesh Narayan



NAME

FOR THE
FILM

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FILM | SIGNATURE |
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| 1. NILIMA SURESH ERIYAT | 'TOKRI' | |
| 2) R. C. SURESH | SWORD OF LIBERTY | |
| 3. S. NITHYANANDA. PAI | PADDYI | |
| 4. T. Chakrabarti | Ladakh Chale
Rickshawala | |
| 5. SAMARTH MAHAJAN | THE UNRESERVED | |
| 6) DEOKAR AMAR | MHORKYA | |
| 7) KALYAN PADAL | MHORKYA | |
| 8) YASHRAJ KARHADE | MHORKYA | |
| 9) RAMAN DEVKAR | MHORKYA | |
| 10) BIJU TOPPO | NAACHI SE BAANCHI | |
| 11) Pooveen Morchhel | walking with the wind | |
| 12. Meghnath | Naachi Se Baanchi | |
| 13 - Pandit Ramesh Narayan | Sword of
Liberty | |
| 14. MUNISH TEWARI | MAACHER JHOL | |
| 15. S. A. Pottavayya | Hebbet Ramakka | |
| 16. PRATEEK VATS | A Very old Man with
enormous wings | |
| 17. Abhaya Simha | Paddayi | |
| 18. Dr. Suresh Shinde | MAYAT | |

Shikha Verma

The fish
away

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1) SURESH ERAYAT

TOKRI
(THE BASKET)

2) Dilish Jodha

Thondimthalam
Drisakshtiyam

22) Sajeev Pazhoor

Thondimthalam
drisakshtiyam

23) FAHADH KHAN

THONDIMUTHALAM
DRISAKSHIYUM

24) Shiny Jacob Benjamin

Sword of Liberty

25) SANAL GEORGE

Walking with the
wind

26) Justin Joseph

Walking with the
wind

27) Jothi Beatty

VEIL BONE

28) SOURABH KANTI DUTTA

I AM BONNIE

29) SATARUPA SANTRA

I AM BONNIE

30) BHANU LAKSHMI

Name place Animal
Thru

31 NITINIA

Name place / Animal / Thru

32 Rajendra Jangley

Chanderinama

33 Rukshana Tabassum

The Cake Story

34 Avinash Sonawane

Pausacha Hibandha

35 - Shailesh Kurapat

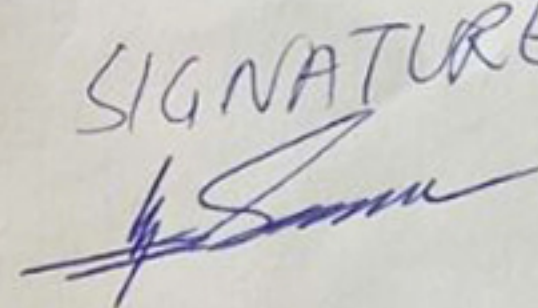
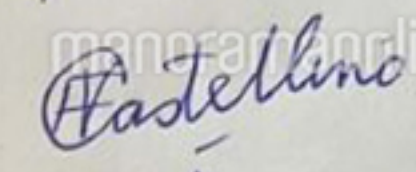
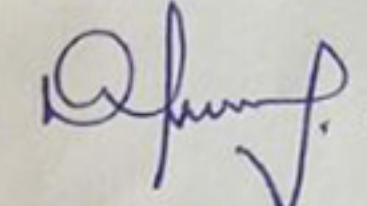
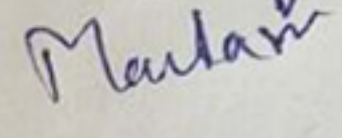
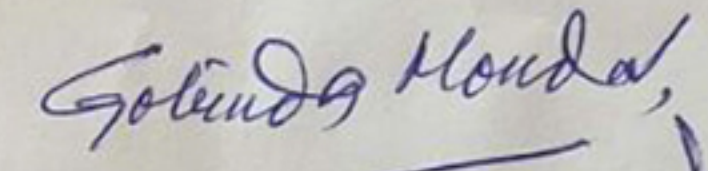
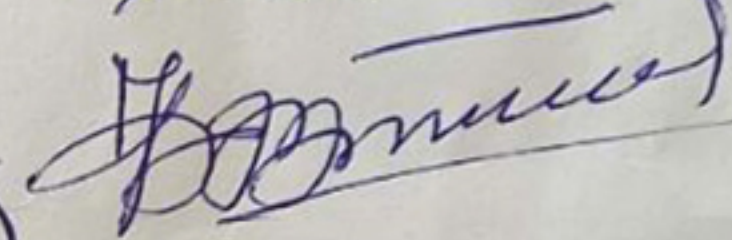
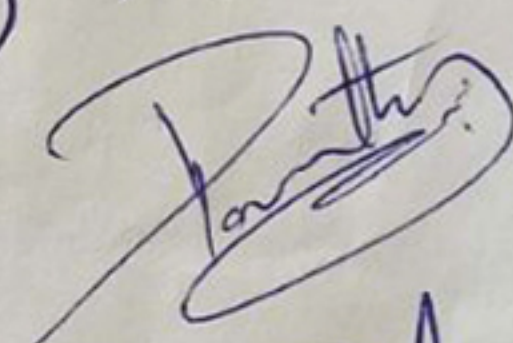

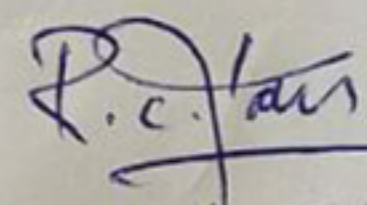
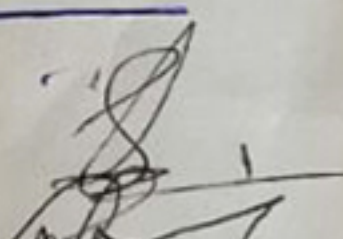
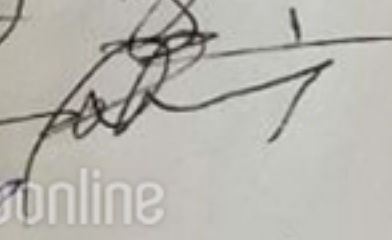
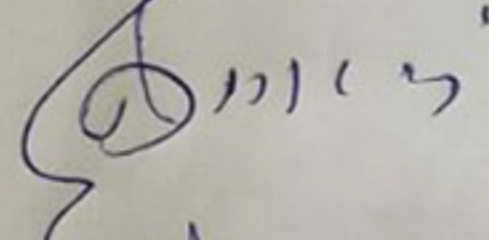
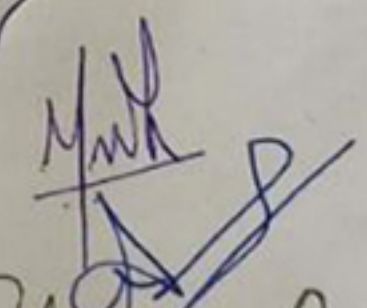
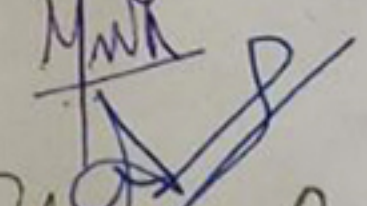
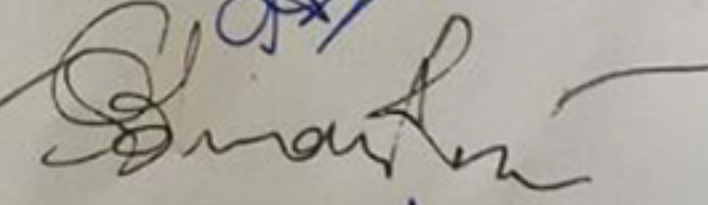
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NAME

FNM

SIGNATURE

- 6. SANKALP MESHARAM GIRIJA
- A LIFE TIME IN MUSIC
Signature: Sankalp Mesharam
- 37. V. C. Abhilesh
- Director
Best film on social issue
Signature: V. C. Abhilesh
- 38. ARJUNO FERNANDES
- CINEMATOGRAPHY, NON-FEATURE
FOR 'SEHER'
Signature: Arjuno Fernandes
- 39. APPU PRABHAKAR
- CINEMATOGRAPHY
'NON-FEATURE'
'EYE TEST'
Signature: Appu Prabhakar
- 40. SANI GHOSE RAY.
Producer
Nagarkirtan
Signature: Sani Ghose Ray
- 41. CHEZHIAN
Director, Toilet
Signature: Chezhian
- 42. Prema Chezhian
Producer Toilet.
Signature: Prema Chezhian
- 43. MAHESH MOHAN
PRODUCER,
(WALKING WITH THE WIND)
Signature: Mahesh Mohan
- 44. N.R. Nanjund Gowda - Hebbet Ramakka.
Kannada Director
(March 22, writer)
Signature: N.R. Nanjund Gowda
- 45. J.M. PRAHARAD
Signature: J.M. Praharaad
- 46. Manish
DHH
Signature: Manish
- 47. Amrutha
DHH (Producer)
Signature: Amrutha
- 48. Sandip Senani
Producer (Thondumathulu
Deekshakhiyur)
Signature: Sandip Senani
- 49. Nipun Dharmadhikari
Dhappa (Director)
Signature: Nipun Dharmadhikari
- 50. JOLLY LOMAPPAN
ALORUKKAM
Signature: Jolly Lomappan
- 51. Kanchuk Ganguly
Nagar Kirtan
Signature: Kanchuk Ganguly
- 52. Atanu Ghosh
Mayurakshi
Signature: Atanu Ghosh
- 53. Teena Kay.
1984, WHEN THE
SUN DIDN'T RISE
Signature: Teena Kay

NAME	FOR FILM	SIGNATURE
SANTHOSH RAMAN	Production design Take off	
FRANCOIS CASTELLINO	THE LION OF LADAKH.	
6) PRASAD DEVINENI	BAAHUBALI	
57) Mandaw Devsthal	KACHHA LIMBU	
58) GOBINDA MONDAL	NAGAR KIRTAN	
59) K. J. JESUDAS	BEST RHYTHMIC SINGER (MALE)	
60) PARVATHY THIRUVOTHU	BEST ACTRESS SPECIAL MENTION	
61) Prasad Oau	KACHHA LIMBU	
62) R.C. KAMDAKANUR	BAAHUBALI-2 VFX	
63) SAMADAYA SILE	GIRIJI (A LIFE TIME INSURANCE)	
64) DEBIPRIYA AHIRAY	GIRIJI (A LIFE TIME INSURANCE)	
65) HIRAY MANJULE	ULAKHAI NIDHEI (best director)	
66) Medhpranav Powar	Happy Birthday	
67) Aneez. K.M	The slave genesis	
68) S. Solomon Raju	Stunt Director BB2	
69) JAYARAJ	BHAYANAKAM	