

Assamese film wins award



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Ekhon Nedekha Nodir Xipare (As the River Flows), a film by debutant director Bidyut Kotoky on the troubled river island Majuli has won two awards at the Washington DC South Asian Film Festival (DCSAFF). The 90-minute film which is inspired by the ‘unfortunate’ incident of kidnapping and murdering of social activist Sanjay Ghose in 1997 in Majuli was awarded for best script and best actor. The script was done by the director himself while Sanjay Suri got the best actor award for his role of journalist Abhijit Shandilya in the film which was produced by National Film Development Corporation of India. “Having gone through what the film and we had to this news came as a breath of fresh air. I’m obviously happy with the award, but happier with the fact that perhaps I have been able to take our story across boundaries to the world at large, somewhat successfully. The river is flowing now... and hopefully this flow will bring some hope to our Assamese Film Industry as well,” said the director Kotoky. Sponsored by Ceasar Productions, DCSAFF aims to give South Asian filmmakers from around the world a chance to exhibit their films to the diverse cine-going audience of the nation's capital. The Festival brings together a wide variety of films from across South Asia and includes films in Hindi, Urdu, Marathi, Bengali, and Telegu.

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