

Film on Loktak lake wins award



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[Manipur](#) filmmaker Haobam Paban Kumar's 'Phum shang' (Floating Life) has been adjudged as 'Best Long Documentary [Award](#)' during the eighth edition of the International Documentary and [Short Film Festival](#) of Kerala which concluded recently.

The festival, organized by the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy for the Department of Cultural Affairs of Kerala government is regarded as one of the most serious festivals for documentaries in India.

Irom Maipak, the cinematographer of the film was selected for the 'Navroz Contractor [Award](#) for the Best Cinematographer' in the festival. The documentary narrates the tale of the displaced fishermen at Loktak lake in [Manipur](#).

"This is one of the festivals in India we filmmakers look up to where some of the best films compete. Receiving an honour here itself is a dream come true. What can I ask more when people can connect with me and the subject through my film," Paban Kumar told AT.

Altogether 210 films selected from 35 countries were screened under 15 categories in this festival. In competition section, 74 films including vied for awards in different categories.

Citation of the Jury on the film says, "A poignant, sensitive, empathetic film on the [fight](#) for survival and the [rights](#) of fishermen. In its treatment, the film has reached an epic quality in portraying the vulnerabilities and strength of our lives". The award carried a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh and a certificate.

'Phum shang' earlier bagged the Best Investigative [Award](#) in the 62nd [National Film Awards](#) 2014.

Paban Kumar, an alumnus of Satyajit Ray [Film](#) and Television Institute (SRFTI), Kolkata, has made number of films that brought accolades from across the globe. His films Kangla, [AFSPA](#) 1958 and 'A Cry in the Dark' have been shown at various festivals across the globe.

[AFSPA](#) 1958 bagged several international awards including the Fipresci Prize at MIFF, 2006. [AFSPA](#) 1958 also bagged the Best Non-[Fiction Award](#) at the 56th [National Film Awards](#) 2008.

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