



## **NFDC Announces Selected Projects for Doc Work-In-Progress Lab at the first edition of the Doc Film Bazaar 2024**

*5 promising films selected for the lab, across six languages: Bengali, Bhojpuri, English, Hindi, Marathi and Sylheti.*

**Mumbai, May 30, 2024** : NFDC is pleased to announce the selected projects for the Doc Work-In-Progress Lab at the first edition of Doc Film Bazaar that will run alongside the Mumbai International Film Festival 2024.

The Doc Work-In-Progress Lab is a closed door lab for films in a rough-cut stage where the selected project representatives get mentorship, feedback and an opportunity to interact with industry professionals. These selected films explore a myriad of themes, placing human narratives at the forefront. They shed light on the often marginalized and underrepresented stories. The lab aims to provide the much-needed support for these filmmakers and their projects.

Speaking about the initiative, Festival Director, MIFF and Doc Film Bazaar | Joint Secretary and MD, NFDC, Mr. Prithul Kumar said, "Doc Film Bazaar has already attracted a greater variety of film entries from many regions in its first year of existence, which only motivates us to foster successful partnerships that cut across genre, location, language, voice and identity. It received a total number of 107 entries (Doc Viewing Room) and 30 submissions (Doc Work-In-Progress Lab). Out of these, 5 promising projects have been selected for the Doc Work-In-Progress Lab, which will be supported by eminent film professionals as *feedback mentors* and *editing mentors* to improve their projects and achieve their final cut. NFDC is excited to see these projects' fruitful completions via Doc Film Bazaar".



NFDC Doc Film Bazaar 2024 proudly presents the following selected projects for Doc Work-In-Progress Lab :

**1. *Air Risers* - Bidit Roy**

Country - India  
Languages - English  
Editor - Bidit Roy

**2. *Hearsay* - Sraman Chatterjee & Meghla Dasgupta**

Country - India  
Languages - Bengali, English  
Editor(s) - Meghla Dasgupta & Sraman Chatterjee

**3. *I'm Not Home* - Naveen Pun**

Country - India  
Languages - Bhojpuri, English, Hindi  
Editor - Abhro Banerjee

**4. *Shondhyar Khali Uthan {Evening's Empty Courtyards}* - Anunay Barbhuiya**

Country - India  
Languages - Sylheti  
Editor - Anunay Barbhuiya

**5. *Where is my home* - Digvijay Thorat & Ashwini Dharmale.**

Country - India  
Languages - Marathi  
Editor - Abhijeet Sable



## **About NFDC**

Incorporated in the year 1975, National Film Development Corporation Limited (NFDC) was formed by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, with the primary objective of promoting Indian cinema and showcasing it across the world. With financial support extended to over 300 films in 21 regional languages, NFDC has helped facilitate an ecosystem to support the development, financing, and distribution of independent films across the country. These films have won numerous international and national accolades.

## **About Doc Film Bazaar**

The first edition of the Doc Film Bazaar is being organized alongside Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) 2024. The Bazaar will be held from 16th to 18th June 2024, in Mumbai. The Doc Film Bazaar aims to be a first of its kind comprehensive platform designed to promote and support documentary, short films and animation content showcasing talent in filmmaking, production and distribution.

The key segments of the Doc Film Bazaar consist of Doc Co-Production Market (Doc CPM), Doc Viewing Room (Doc VR) and Doc Work-In-Progress Lab (Doc WIP Lab) for which the filmmakers are invited to submit their films.