

PRESS-RELEASE

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It has been widely reported in the media and also discussed in some of the forums under the 27th International Film Festival of Kerala: IFFK 2022 that KR Narayanan National Institute of Visual Science and Arts is reeling under an authoritarian leadership which has turned casteist and practice uncivilized attitude towards students and staff, which is against the Independent and Democratic values of Kerala and India and the concept of Nationhood based on Social Justice.

Cinema is the most democratically inclined modern form of expression. It is extremely shameful to know through media that some retrograde rules have been framed and are being forced upon Students of Cinema.

It appears there is an organized attempt to spread the subversive activities that have been tried at outside forums into Kerala. Whoever is working against Independent, Democratic, Progressive positions of Kerala should therefore be opposed. All Arts, Cultural and Social activists should unite together against any feudal inhumane practices. At any institutional level the spirit of learning should not be held back with narrow, sectarian considerations. Let the doors to learn the craft of cinema and its aesthetics remain free from any kind of dogma and social taboos.

FIPRESCI-India demands that the Kerala government should immediately take punitive actions against the authoritarian leadership responsible for the situation and supports students' long-standing struggle as the united voice of Kerala Society. We hope Kerala will uphold progressive Cultural and Social Values.

Thanking You,



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