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24-Hour Student Filmmaking Challenge Announced for Indie8 Shillong International Film Festival 2026

Shillong, Feb 5, 2026: Students across Meghalaya and beyond are invited to showcase their creativity and filmmaking skills as part of the **Indie8 Shillong International Film Festival 2026**, with a special **24-hour student short film competition** set to be organised in Shillong.



The competition aims to encourage creative experimentation, storytelling, and teamwork among young filmmakers. Open to students from all disciplines and institutions, the initiative will provide a dynamic platform for emerging talents to conceptualise, shoot, edit, and submit a short film within a span of 24 hours.

Participants will be required to submit valid student identity cards for registration. The theme for the competition will be shared with registered participants 24 hours prior to the start of the challenge. Winners will be awarded cash prizes, mementoes, and certificates in recognition of their creative excellence.

Notably, the winning film will be screened during the **Indie8 Shillong International Film Festival 2026**, scheduled to be held in Shillong on **2nd and 3rd March 2026**, offering young filmmakers a prestigious platform to present their work to a wider audience.

The competition is envisioned as a practical learning experience that nurtures innovation and provides a strong platform for young voices in cinema.

Students interested in participating are encouraged to register by scanning the QR code provided in the official festival poster.


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Rules and Regulations for the competition are:

1. Open to students from all disciplines and institutions
2. Participants must submit valid student identity cards
3. Films must be conceptualized, shot, edited, and submitted within 24 hours
4. Theme: The theme will be released 24 hours to the competition to registered participants only.
5. Winners will be awarded cash prizes, mementoes and certificate.
6. The winning film will be screened at Indie8 Shillong International Film Festival to be held in Shillong on the 2nd and 3rd March 2026.

This competition will serve as a practical learning exercise and a platform for young voices.
If you are interested register today.