

## The ICFAI University, Tripura

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#### Research and Development Department

#### **NOTICE**

This is to notify that the Research and Development Department (Scholars' Club) of The ICFAI University, Tripura is going to organize Film-making Competition: Silent Stories, where silence speaks louder than words on 30<sup>th</sup> of April, 2025.

All the interested Faculty members, research scholars & students of all the departments and programmes are invited in the program.

For R & D Department,

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# A REPORT ON

Film-making Competition: Silent Stories

On

30-04-2025

Organized By: The ICFAI University, Tripura,
Research and Development Department

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#### **About the University**

The ICFAI University, Tripura has been established through an act of the state legislature (Tripura State Legislature Act 8 of 2004). The University is recognized by UGC under Section 2 (f) of 1956 and the university is empowered to award degrees under section 22 of UGC Act, 1956. The University is currently offering 52 (fifty-two) programs in Management, Commerce, Engineering, Law, Teacher education, Special Education, Physical Education, English, Yoga and Library Science etc. The University strives to provide quality education with an objective to provide the students with an appropriate combination of conceptual framework and practical insight into managerial, technological, legal challenges as well as business opportunities for grooming entrepreneurial initiatives. It also provides exposure to real business problems and situations through industrial visits to different business sectors, case-studies and industrial interactions.

#### **Detail Report of the Program**

> Dr. Prem Sankar Srivastava, the respected Principal of the Faculty of Education, delivered a few insightful and encouraging lines during the event that resonated deeply with the audience. In his address, he began by appreciating the concept of *Silent Stories*, highlighting its relevance in today's world where non-verbal communication often speaks louder than words. He praised the participants for their ability to communicate profound social and emotional messages through visuals, expressions, and sound design alone. Dr. Srivastava emphasized that film-making, especially of this nature, is not just an art form but also a medium of education. He stated that silent films demand a deeper level of creativity and thought, as they require the filmmaker to engage the viewer without the crutch of dialogue. He commended the students for stepping out of their comfort zones and exploring this challenging yet enriching genre. He also discussed about the importance of such platforms in an educational setting, mentioning that they encourage holistic development by nurturing imagination, critical thinking, and empathy, qualities that are essential for future educators. "Competitions like Silent Stories," he noted, "are not merely about winning or losing; they are about expressing, observing, and growing.

> Dr. Silali Banarjee, the esteemed Principal of the Faculty of Special Education, delivered a heartfelt and impactful address at the opening of the event. Her speech was not just a formal welcome but a call to action, inspiring everyone presents to reflect on the significance of storytelling in fostering empathy and understanding for those who are often marginalized. In her remarks, Dr. Silali acknowledged the power of film and media as a universal language that transcends barriers, whether they are physical, social, or cultural. She highlighted how the visual medium can provide a unique platform for individuals with special needs, giving them a chance to share their stories and experiences in ways that words alone often cannot capture. "Silent Stories," Dr. Silali said, "are not just about silence but about finding new ways to communicate and connect. Every film created in this competition is a testament to the resilience and creativity that can emerge when individuals are given the opportunity to express themselves freely and authentically." She commended the participants for their creativity, encouraging them to push the boundaries of traditional filmmaking by exploring narratives that challenge societal perceptions and break down stigmas surrounding disabilities. Dr. Silali stressed the importance of these films in creating a more inclusive world where people with special needs are seen and heard. She also highlighted the value of education in nurturing such creative and compassionate endeavours. She reiterated that institutions like the Faculty of Special Education play a crucial role in shaping future leaders who not only excel in their professional domains but also advocate for social change. Dr. Silali's words were a reminder of the institution's commitment to empowering students with the knowledge, skills, and empathy needed to make a difference in the world. As the competition progressed, it was clear that Dr. Silali's words had a profound impact on everyone present. The films presented were not only artistically impressive but also deeply moving, giving voice to the often-silenced experiences of individuals with special needs. Dr. Silali concluded her speech with a powerful message: "Let these stories be a beacon of hope and a reminder that every person has a voice. We must listen, support, and create spaces where all voices are valued equally." The Silent Stories Film-making Competition served as both a platform for creative expression and a poignant reminder of the importance of inclusivity in all aspects of life. Dr. Silali's address perfectly encapsulated the spirit of the event and set the stage for an evening filled with powerful narratives that will resonate long after the competition ended.

- > Mr. Kaushik Samajpati, the esteemed Founder and CEO of Anima8or, a pioneering name in the world of animation and digital storytelling. His participation added immense value to the event, and his words of wisdom left a deep and lasting impact on all present. In his brief yet profoundly insightful address, Mr. Samajpati shed light on the unique power of visual storytelling, especially in the context of silent films. He passionately spoke about how silence can often convey more than dialogue, allowing emotions, expressions, and imagery to narrate stories in a deeply personal and universal manner. According to him, the absence of spoken words challenges filmmakers to delve deeper into creative expression and compels the audience to engage more actively with the content. Mr. Samajpati encouraged budding filmmakers to embrace this challenge and experiment with the subtleties of silence, symbolism, and non-verbal cues. He emphasized that true creativity lies in evoking strong emotions with minimal elements something silent films achieve remarkably well. He also highlighted how such platforms not only nurture emerging talent but also play a crucial role in shaping the future of visual media. In addition, he spoke about the importance of innovation, dedication, and passion in creative pursuits, urging participants to stay true to their vision and never underestimate the power of a compelling story. He applauded the organizers of Silent Stories for providing young artists an opportunity to showcase their talent and explore the vast possibilities of cinematic storytelling. He addresses served as a source of inspiration and encouragement, igniting a spark among participants and reaffirming the value of storytelling in all its forms. His thoughtful words added a meaningful dimension to the event and were received with great admiration by the audience.
- ➤ Prof. (Dr.) Dhananjoy Datta, Dean, Research and Development, concluded the event on a graceful note with a heartfelt vote of thanks. In his closing remarks, he expressed sincere gratitude to all the resource persons, participants, and organizers for their invaluable contributions to the event. He acknowledged the tireless work and dedication of everyone involved, emphasizing how their contributions were instrumental in creating an atmosphere of inspiration and camaraderie. He officially concluded the event, leaving the audience motivated and deeply connected to their roots.
- ➤ Mr. Ambarish Majumder, Research Scholar from Faculty of Management and Commerce Dept. Mr. Majumder began by emphasizing that "Silent Stories" is not merely a theme for the competition, but a powerful artistic medium that goes beyond

spoken language. He highlighted how silence, when used thoughtfully, can become a profound voice one that speaks directly to the heart. In his words, "Silence becomes the voice," and through it, emotions are expressed in their most authentic form. He elaborated on the unique storytelling style adopted in these silent films. Without the use of dialogues, filmmakers rely on visual cues, the subtle expressions of characters, the intricacies of body language, the symbolism embedded in the background, and the flow of each frame to convey powerful messages. It is in the quiet moments, the fleeting glances, the gentle smiles, or even a simple gesture, that the essence of the story emerges. These elements, often overlooked in conventional films, become central in silent storytelling. He pointed out that this form of expression breaks all linguistic and cultural boundaries. Whether it's joy, sorrow, hope, despair, or courage emotions captured in silence are universal and relatable. He said, "In silence, we often find honesty and real emotions," urging the audience to go beyond hearing and begin feeling. Concluding his address, he invited everyone to embark on a journey through these silent films, a journey where silence is not empty, but rather filled with depth, meaning, and emotion. He encouraged the audience to watch with open hearts and minds, as the creativity of the young filmmakers would unfold stories that were waiting not to be heard, but to be seen and felt. His message perfectly encapsulated the spirit of the competition, a celebration of unspoken narratives and the artistic brilliance of silence. His words not only motivated the participants but also offered a fresh lens through which to appreciate the subtle yet powerful world of silent cinema.

## Flex of the Program



#### **Program Schedule**



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### **Research and Development Department**

(Scholar's Club)

## **Organizes**

#### THE SILENT STORIES: FILM MAKING COMPETITION

Date: 30th April, 2025 | Time: 2 PM - 4 PM

Venue: Ground Floor Auditorium, ICFAI University Tripura

## Program Schedule for Film-making Competition (30th April, 2025)

SL. NO.	TIME	PARTICULARS
1	2:00 – 2:03 PM	Formal Greetings to all
2	2:03 – 2:10 PM	Welcome speech by Prof. (Dr.) Prem Sankar Srivastava, Principal of Faculty of Education, IUT
3	2:10 – 2:17 PM	Speech by Prof. (Dr.) Silali Banerjee, Principal of Faculty of Special Education, IUT
4	2:17 – 2:25 PM	Speech by Mr. Kaushik Samajpati, Founder and C.E.O of Anima8or
5	2:25 – 2:30 PM	Vote of Thanks by Prof. (Dr.) Dhananjoy Datta, Dean, Research and Development, IUT
6	2:30 – 2:33 PM	Brief Introduction to the theme 'Silent Stories' by Mr. Ambarish Majumder, Research scholar, IUT
7	2:33 – 3:40 PM	Screening of Short Films
8	3:40 – 3:45 PM	Remarks and Feedback Sessions
9	3:45 – 4:00 PM	Prize and Certificate Distribution

#### **PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS DETAILS**



# THE ICFAI UNIVERSITY TRIPURA

## **FACULTY OF LIBERAL ARTS**

Name of the Event:- Film-making Competition! Silent Program:- Research and Date of the Event:- 30:04:2015 Time:- 2:00PM Venue:- Grand Dept.

Instructor:- Dr. Dhananjoy Datla 4:00PM Floor, Auditorium

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