

# India Film Festival 2024 hits Eswatini

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**MBABANE – Eswatini is set to make history by hosting the inaugural India Film Festival 2024, marking the first time the country embraces the vibrant world of Indian cinema.**

Running from November 24 to December 23, this event aims to captivate local audiences with an impressive line-up of films, a celebration also enjoyed in countries such as the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia.

The festival commenced with a grand opening ceremony featuring Senate President Lindiwe Dlamini, who officially inaugurated the event.

The evening began with the action-thriller 'Vikram,' captivating the audience and setting the stage for a month-long cinematic journey.

## Milestone

Over 93 emaSwati attended the launch at Movie Zone Cinemas, underscoring the community's enthusiasm for this cultural milestone.

Film lovers can look forward to a diverse selection of six different genres screened every Monday at 5pm. To promote inclusivity, all films will include English subtitles, ensuring that audiences from various backgrounds can immerse themselves in the intricate narratives of Indian

## The schedule for Season 1 of the India Film Festival:

- ▶ December 2, 2024 - 83
- ▶ December 9, 2024 - Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara
- ▶ December 16, 2024 - Chithha
- ▶ December 23, 2024 - August 16, 1947

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In a recent press release, festival organisers expressed their delight at bringing the India Film Festival to Eswatini, offering a unique chance for audiences to explore the rich tapestry of Indian cinema.

## Celebration

They noted that the festival represents not only a celebration of film, but also a vital cultural exchange aimed at inspiring and entertaining viewers of all ages.

Admission to the India Film Festival 2024 is free, with seating allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, allowing everyone to participate in this cultural experience.

As the festival unfolds, movie enthusiasts are encouraged to mark their calendars for a month-long celebration of storytelling that transcends boundaries.

Join the India Film Festival 2024 in Ezulwini and discover the captivating allure of Indian cinema.



**India High Commissioner, Ram Prasad with Senate President Lindiwe Dlamini, at the India Film Festival opening. (RIGHT) Some of the people who attended the festival premiere on Sunday. (Courtesy pics)**