



CREATIVE PARTNERSHIP Nandita Das and Chitra Palekar

Women's special

EVENT Women's film festival from March 1 to 8

The InKo Centre will host the first Women's Film Festival in Chennai from March 1 to 8.

The festival will open with Chitra Palekar's "Maati Maay". Over 82 films will be screened across three screens — two at Sathyam Cinemas and one at the South India Film Chamber. Actor Nandita Das will inaugurate the festival on March 1 and Chitra Palekar will be present to talk about her film.

The grand finale on March 8 will coincide with the International Women's Day. On the same day, a seminar titled "Looking through the lens: A woman's point of view" will be organised to examine the often debated question of what constitutes "a woman's film", in terms of practise, critique, teaching and development.

The festival will screen a good number of

films by women directors from Korea and India. There is also a special category called "World Cinema" that will feature works of women directors from Hungary, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Iran, Canada, USA, Austria, Norway and Burkina Faso. The festival will close with Ritwik Ghatak's much acclaimed *Meghe Dhaka Taara*.

Vasanthi Sankarnarayan, curator of the festival, said, "From next year on, even documentaries will be included."

Passes will be available at the InKo Centre, 51, R. A. Puram from today between 9.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. (Monday to Friday). The tickets are priced at Rs. 200 for general public, Rs.150 for the film society members and Rs. 100 for students.

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