## Banka, Bihar

Directorate of film Festivals organised a patriotic film festival under the banner 70 Saal Azadi -Yaad Karo Kurbani from March 20-22, 2017 in Banka, Bihar in collaboration with the district administration, Banka and Grameen Sneh Foundation. The festival also showcased 2 Mizo (Mizoram) films under the scheme "Ek Bharat Shresthh Bharat". An initiative of Government of India to promote cultural exchange between the states, where in films from one particular state depicting its cultural will be showcased in another State. The Festival is a part of Patriotic Film Festival which is being organized in various districts. Bihar state is paired with Mizoram and Tripura.

A total of 5 feature films on patriotism and 2 Mizo Feature Films were screened at Mahendra Talkies, Banka during the three day event. The Festival was inaugurated by Dr. Nilesh Deore, IAS, District Magistrate, Banka in the presence of Mr. Niraj Kumar, Cinema Magistrate, Banka, Mr. Rajiv Ranjan (IPS), SP, Banka, Shri Ganga Kumar (IAS), Scretary Grameen Sneh Foundation, MD, State Food Corporation, Shri Raviraj Patel, Festival Convener and other dignitaries. Festival opened with Hindi film 'Chota Sipahi', other films screened during the festival are 'Gandhi', 'Shaheed', 'Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose- the forgotten Hero', 'I am Kalam' Mizo films Khawnglung Run and Kima's Lode (Beyond the Class).

The screenings were non-ticketed and were open to all on first cum served basis.











