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■ SCO Film Festival Concludes in Mumbai; Marathi Film 'Godavari' Bags Best Film Award

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Film Festival came to a close on 31st January 2023 in Mumbai, with 58 films from 14 countries being showcased in the biggest edition of the festival to date. Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting Shri Anurag Thakur expressed optimism that the exchange of ideas will lead to further cooperation, co-production, and co-creation in the field of cinema in the SCO region and noted the significant role of cinema in promoting socio-cultural progress in the



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region. Marathi film "Godavari" directed by Nikhil Mahajan was adjudged the best film. Other award winners included Rao Xiaozhi for best director for the Chinese film "Homecoming", Askar Ilyasov for best male actor in "Paralympian", Rano Shodiyeva for best female actor in "The Fate of a Woman", and a special jury award for the Russian film "Don't Bury Me Without Ivan". The jury also awarded special mentions to the Kyrgyz film "The Road to Eden" and the Tajik film "Fortune".

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