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PANAJI: ART for the World, a non-governmental organisation associated with the United Nations' department of public information (UNDP), screened its movie at the 53rd International Film Festival of India (Iffi). 'Interaction' is ART for the World's film production, comprising 12 original short films of 6-8 minute duration. Iffi was the first to screen it.

The 12 films explore a diverse range of topics such as animal abuse, deforestation, extreme impact on climate, habitat destruction of animals, species extinction and marine life pollution, said Rupesh Kumar, who represents GAIL (India), one of the main partners for the film.

The film contains 12 short stories made in different languages, by filmmakers from Morocco, Italy, France, Brazil, Armenia, Switzerland, Burkina Faso, Mexico, USA, Greece and India.

Manabendu Rath, one of the producers, said the attempt was to convey one singular unequivocal message on climate change so that it reaches maximum number of people.

Of the 12 short stories, India is represented by 'Elephant in the Room' by Nila Madhab Panda. The filmmaker makes an appeal to humanity to preserve forests and biodiversity.

"The Elephant in the Room narrates the story of human-animal interaction through the eyes of little children from a small village in the forests of Wayanad in Kerala. Growing up with these elephants, the children develop a special bond with the pachyderms and make a unique appeal on how to resolve human-wild animal conflict while preserving forests and biodiversity," said Protique Mojoomdar, the production consultant of the film.

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