

### Screening of short films during Kashi Utsav

As a part of Kashi Utsav, the following short films are going to be screened by Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA). Please find the details of the films and their links which are valid till [November 17, 2021](#).

Meri Nazar mein Kashi  
<https://we.tl/t-fs90IRxWgQ>

MERI NAZAR MEIN KASHI - Banaras: A Mystique Land (Part 1) Duration: 25:46  
Directed By: Pankuj Parashar

Banaras is the Spiritual Capital of India that carries an essence of mysticism in its air. The city draws Hindu pilgrims and spiritual travel enthusiasts from all over the world. This documentary looks at Kashi from the different perspectives of the original thinkers and explorers. It pans through the city's original developer's outlook and sees the city in a manner that covers and brings out the contributions the city has to the knowledge of learning, to live a more meaningful life that may lead to an afterlife of moksha and peace.

2. Manbhawan Kashi  
<https://we.tl/t-PUm1JLl2VH>

MANBHAWAN KASHI - Banaras: A Mystique Land (Part 2) Duration: 29:05  
Directed By: Pankuj Parashar

Kashi is the spiritual centre of the universe, every breath taken in Kashi feels like it brings one closer to the almighty. It is an imperial part of the Saptapuri in Hinduism and Jainism, and played an important role in the development of Buddhism. Some Hindus believe that death at the banks of the river Ganga is the easiest path to Moksha (salvation). Scholarly books have been written in the city, including the Ramcharitmanas of Tulsidas. The film is a compilation of the contributions of the different spiritual thinkers associated with the city and its heritage.

3. Kashi Pavitra Bhugol  
<https://we.tl/t-BRVzuyuazb>

KASHI PAVITRA BHUGOL Duration: 29:13  
Directed By: Deepak Chaturvedi

The film shows the faith and worshiping practices of Shiv bhakts in a new light, it highlights the importance of the geographical etymology of the holy city. Built on the structure of a trident (A Trishul) the city is a manifestation of the presence of Lord Shiva himself. It is a place that hence forms the centre of the Hindu universe. It has devotees of all ages coming in hordes to take a dip in the holy Ganges and cleanse their selves

of a lifetime of sins. And more significantly, to lead a life that ends at Kashi and sends them straight on the path of Moksha, film brings them closer to the creator in one way or another.

#### 4. Made in Banaras

<https://we.tl/t-BRVzuyuazb>

MADE IN BANARAS Duration: 25:39

Directed By: Satyaprakash Upadhyay

The heart of the Hindu culture lies in the heart of Banaras. The spiritual capital of India is where the cultural practices revolving around different techniques and types of music, art, craft and literature originates. The practices have transcended from generation to generation adapting itself to the developing times of the world. Adding newer material and techniques where ever possible and still maintaining the authentic essence of the original practices.

#### 5. Kashi Ganga Vishveshvarai

<https://we.tl/t-XHFNfQAaD>

KASHI GANGA VISHVESHVARAI Duration: 23:34

Directed By Radhika Chandrasekhar

The name Varanasi is an amalgamation of the names of the two tributaries of the Holy river of Ganga, Varuna and Asi. The vast river turns northward only to visit Lord Shiva's favourite city, Kashi. There is strange sense of serenity amidst the chaos in Kashi, and the best way to experience it is to take a boat ride along the river Ganga. Kashi the spiritual capital of India, is a city that shares a symbiotic relationship between the river and itself as depicted in the film.

#### 6. Muktidham

<https://we.tl/t-1fCPQ7m1U7>

MUKTIDHAM Duration: 25:27

Directed By: Radhika Chandrasekhar

The one eternal truth of life, is the end of it. It is inevitable and uncertain, Hinduism talks about a life after death. A form of life where one receives Moksha, or Mukti from the bindings of a human life, where the soul transcends into the peaceful unknown. Varansi is believed to be the gateway of Mukti hence, is termed as Muktidham. Souls released at this holy sanctuary are lead directly on the path of peace and enlightenment. The film pans through the origination and practice revolving around this faith.

#### 7. Kashi ki Atihasikta

<https://we.tl/t-7WSKIPw1We>

KASHI KI AITIHASIKTA Duration: 25:52  
Directed By: Arjun Pandey

Kashi is more than 3000 years old and is famous as the city of temples. In Varanasi, there are temples at every step. Built on the banks of the holy river Ganga, Kashi has a sense of spirituality and nirvana associated with its name and the essence present in its air. The film documents the rich cultural heritage of Kashi. It pans through the history of the pilgrimage site. Tracing back to the roots of civilization in the area and initiation of the Hindu religion and dharma, film traverses this trajectory.

8. Kashi ki Hastiyaan  
<https://we.tl/t-oZrtNNLdVn>

KASHI KI HASTIYAAN Duration: 22:55  
Directed By: Arjun Pandey

Considered as the abode of Lord Shiva, Varanasi is situated on the banks of River Ganges, which is believed to have the power to induce a spiritual awakening in any human alive. Taking a look at Kashi and its rich heritage, the film talks about Kashi and the prominent personalities who have helped aid the development and establishment of Kashi as one of the most well-known pilgrimage sites in India. The documentary covers the unforgettable contributions by the most valued people associated with the city who served the capital by giving it all their lives work in the different sectors of culture, art, music, architecture and literature.