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Screening of motivational films by Films Division to mark International Day of Persons with Disabilities

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is being observed on 3rd December every year to champion the rights of persons with disabilities and to increase awareness of the challenges individuals face globally. Films Division is marking the occasion with the screening of a special film package of inspiration tales of people who achieved it big despite disabilities.

Films that are being screened are: **The Inner Eye** by the legendary film maker Satyajit Ray on the life and works of Benode Behari Mukherjee, one of the pioneers of modern Indian art who took up murals as a mode of artistic expression while remaining as a key figure in contextual modernism. Though visually disabled in the later part of his life, Mukherjee had created beautiful paintings through his inner eye.

Diler Arunima Sinha (K.S. Shridhar) depicts how an exceptional Arunima Sinha made up her mind to fight physical disabilities and barriers to achieve a feat that created a world record, and proved to the world that 'disability' exists only in the minds of the people.

Wings of Desire (Pratibha Kaur Pasricha) is an inspirational film on blade runner Shalini Saraswati, who in spite of losing limbs did not give up hope and fought her way out, participated successfully in the marathon and plans to participate in future Paralympics.

Inner Voice (Jimmey Luke) is a short film on Vaikom Vijayalakshmi, the well known Kerala based classical and playback singer. Despite being visually disabled from birth, she excelled in classical singing as well as became an expert in a rare musical instrument called Gayatri Veena, with her perseverance and hard work.

I Know Sign Language (B.D.Banshkar) is the story of an unique initiative, rightly utilizing the talent of the disabled persons. Boys and girls with inability to hear and speak are engaged in hospitality business as front staff in "Mirchi and Mime" restaurant and they communicate using sign language with customers perfectly.

Hope In the Darkness (S.Shanmuganathan) is a film about a group of determined cyclists and volunteers with vision disability who have completed a cycle tour from India Gate, Delhi to Gateway of India, Mumbai to spread awareness about visual disability.

The special package will be streamed on <https://filmsdivision.org/> Documentary of the Week and on <https://www.youtube.com/user/FilmsDivision> for 24 hours on 3rd December, 2021.

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