

A film festival with a cause

'SamaBhav' opens at Bharata Mata College on January 2



Curtains go up on a two-day travelling film festival, SamaBhav, on gender diversity by Men Against Violence and Abuse (MAVA) in collaboration with Bharata Mata College, PK Rosy Film Society and Women in Cinema Collective on January 2 at Bharata Mata College, Thrikkakara. The theme of the festival is gender, masculinity, sexuality and diversity. The festival is open to all college students, filmmakers, and film enthusiasts.

Mumbai-based MAVA, a 26 year-old, organisation has been working toward stopping gender-based violence against women by engaging with men and boys. SamaBhav, into its third edition, kicked off on November 25, 2019, which is also the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

The other places on its map, besides Mumbai and Kochi, are Indore, Varanasi, Sonapat, Udaipur, Imphal, Guwahati and Patna among other places. It engages with youth via healthy conversations with experts on contemporary gender issues related to the three genders. The films to be screened covers a wide range of topics such as various forms of gender-based discrimination/violence against women to homophobia and transphobia to break the cycle of gender binaries and toxic masculinity.

Bulbul Can Sing, Kharvas, Untying the Knot, Turup, Please Mind the Gap, Ruchibhedam, Gi, Kaaye Kaaye Sexual, Bachelor Girls, Mahalachumi and U Ushacha are among the films which will be screened. Gender rights activists and filmmakers such as Harish Sadani, Sheetal Shyam, Dhanya, Aleyamma and Archana Padmini will participate in the discussions that will follow.

For details and registration contact 9870307748/8592857898. The festival, on from 10 am, concludes on January 3.