

39th International Film Festival of India

- 1) **Special Jury Award**- Ms **Malani Fonseka** for the film '**Akasa Kusum**' (Sri Lanka)
[Silver Peacock and a cash prize of Rs15, 00,000/- (Rupees fifteen lakhs)]

Citation:

Ms Malani Fonseka holds you from the first shot to the end of the film 'Akasa kusum'. From the first close-up, she is subtle, natural and understated. You know right away that she is a diva whether you know Sri Lankan cinema or not. As the film unfolds, it is magical to see her younger film clips as a major star. This is a tribute to her accomplishment and a celebration to cinema.

- 2) **Most Promising Director**: Mr. **Sergey Dvortsevov** for the film 'Tulpan' (Kazakhstan-Russia-Switzerland-Poland)
[Silver Peacock and a cash prize of Rs15, 00,000/- (Rupees fifteen lakhs)]

Citation:

'Tulpan' is an epitome of any film maker's courage, persistence and originality. In his debut feature, Mr. Sergey Dvortsevov's direction is meticulous in all aspects. And his empathy for the characters will overwhelm audiences everywhere.

- 3) **Best Film: 'Tulpan'** (Kazakhstan-Russia-Switzerland-Poland) directed by
Mr. Sergey Dvortsevov
[Golden Peacock and cash prize of Rs40,00,000/=(Rupees forty lakhs)]

Citation:

'Tulpan' is a cinematic triumph. It uses hand- held long takes to pull us into this very unique world where man co- exists with nature. The images dance beautifully between poetry and realism: that is something only cinema can achieve.

Jury

Ms Niki Karimi- Member
Ms Tabassum Hashmi- Member
Mr Marco Mueller- Member
Mr Lav Diaz-Member
Mr. Peter Ho-Sun Chan-Chairman