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Letter From The Executive Board

"Cinema is the mirror through which a nation sees itself, and the window through which the world sees the nation." – Satyajit Ray

Greetings to the distinguished members of the Film Production Crisis Council. It is with great pleasure that we, the Executive Board, present to you the Background Guide for this newly convened and extraordinary *ad hoc* body of the Telugu Film Industry. Summoned not by routine, but by necessity, in an hour where the art, commerce, and conscience of Indian cinema stand tested before the world.

For decades, India's various film industries have dazzled and made a mark on the global film landscape with their scale, emotion, and ambition. Yet, behind all that glamour lies a quiet truth: our cinematic identity has always been fragmented. In this country, regional voices compete for space under the shadow of a national label. From the corridors of Mumbai to the studios of Hyderabad, the dream of a unified "Indian cinema" has remained elusive.

But now, coherence is demanded. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has made a radical declaration: Only **one film** from India will be considered for the Academy Awards. What was once a celebration of diversity will now become a test of unity. And the burden has fallen upon the Telugu Film Industry.

The FPCC has been constituted to deliberate on a question of national consequence: What story, voice, and vision can represent India to the world? This council brings together an extraordinary mix of minds, each of which is a pillar of an industry that has redefined the Indian cinematic dream. Yet, as you all will soon realize, collaboration in cinema is rarely peaceful. Behind every masterpiece lies a battle of vision, ego, and conviction.

As the Executive Board, our role is to guide you through these deliberations. We will test not just your policy-making or debating skills, but your ability to think like storytellers, strategists, and custodians of culture. The decisions you make here will define not just a film, but a nation's image before the world.

This is more than a cinematic exercise. It is a question of identity. A question of what India's voice in the 21st century should sound like.

We urge you to enter this council with passion, integrity, and imagination. In the words of director Mani Ratnam: "Cinema is not made by committees, but by conviction. Yet today, conviction must find consensus."

Regards,
The Executive Board
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Committee Overview

Agenda: Deliberation on the Creation and Submission of One Telugu Film to the Academy Awards as the Sole Representative of Indian Cinema.

1.1 Origin of the Council (Expanded Situation)

The global cinematic landscape has shifted dramatically. In the aftermath of widespread criticism that Indian cinema lacks coherence, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) has announced a one-time structural reform in its nomination process: only one film from each country will be considered for the Academy Awards submission in the Best International Feature category. Ordinarily, such a decision would be overseen by the Film Federation of India (FFI), with the Bollywood industry (Hindi cinema) lobbying its way to dominance, just like it usually has. However, a unique and unprecedented crisis has unfolded:

- 1. Bollywood Paralysis: The Hindi Film Industry has been rocked by corruption scandals, producer bankruptcies, and political controversies that have tainted its credibility on the global stage. Production houses that were considered the titans of the industry are now under investigation for financial malpractice, which disqualifies them from spearheading the Oscar submission.
- 2. Fragmentation of Other Industries: Tamil and Malayalam cinema, though critically acclaimed, are deeply divided internally, with collaboration issues between multiple directors and actors, resulting in zero cooperation. Their lobbying has collapsed under factionalism. Kannada cinema, on the other hand, has voluntarily stepped back, citing a lack of international infrastructure to mount a global campaign.
- 3. Rise of Telugu Cinema: In this vacuum, a new center of cinematic gravity has emerged. Following the monumental success of RRR, Bahubali, and Pushpa, Telugu filmmakers are being acknowledged and recognized as the torchbearers of pan-Indian storytelling. International critics have acknowledged Telugu cinema as India's most consistent cinematic voice. With other industries disqualified, fragmented, or withdrawn, the responsibility falls solely on one. The Telugu Film Industry (TFI).

Recognizing this, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, in consultation with the Film Federation of India and key cultural institutions, convened a special emergency body: The Film Production Crisis Council (FPCC). The crisis is clear: India must present one film. And only Telugu cinema retains the credibility, unity, and resources to deliver it.

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1.2 Composition of the Council

The FPCC is composed exclusively of members of the Telugu Film Industry. These include:

- 1. Actors
- 2. Actresses
- 3. Directors
- 4. Producers / Production Houses
- 5. Distributors
- 6. Other Key Artists

Each stakeholder brings unique interests, priorities, and biases, which reflect the diversity of the Telugu Film Industry. Yet, within the FPCC, all members share a single mandate: to safeguard India's place on the global cinematic map.

1.3 Mandate and Purpose

The FPCC's core mission is to deliberate on the creation and submission of one Telugu film that will serve as India's sole representative at the Academy Awards. The council's mandate extends beyond artistic discussion. It encompasses the following:

- 1. Determining what themes, aesthetics, and values truly reflect modern Indian society.
- 2. Coordinating between creative, technical, and commercial forces to ensure the project's success.
- 3. Ensuring that India's entry meets international standards of storytelling, production quality, and campaigning.
- 4. Reconciling ideological and commercial divides within TFI to present a single, powerful national voice.

This council operates under extraordinary pressure, both time-bound and political. The international community watches closely, as India aims to stand on equal footing with global powers like South Korea, Japan, and France.

1.4 The Gravity of the Task

The stakes are historic.

If the FPCC succeeds, the Telugu Film Industry will not only cement its status as a torchbearer of Indian cinema, but it will also reshape how the world perceives India's storytelling potential.

However, if the council fails to reach consensus, the consequences are dire: India will forfeit its submission for the year, losing global representation, and the Telugu Film Industry's credibility as India's leading creative force could unravel, undoing years of progress. In the words of one film critic from 'The Hollywood Reporter': "For decades, India has exported films. Now, it must export its identity – one stoy that speaks for a billion people."

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1.5 The Agenda In Context

The phrase "Deliberation on the Creation and Submission of One Telugu Film to the Academy Awards as the Sole Representative of Indian Cinema" captures the immense responsibility resting on the Council. It implies:

- A choice of not only of a film, but of what India stands for in the global imagination.
- A collective efort that transcends commercial rivalry, linguistic pride, and political divides.
- A reflection on what "Indian cinema" means in the 21st century.

Thus, the FPCC symbolizes both crisis and opportunity. The decisions made within this council will echo far beyond the silver screen, shaping India's cinematic legacy for generations to come.

Backdrop Of The Crisis: India's Cinematic Identity At Stake

"Nations are not remembered by their wars or wealth, but by the stories they tell and how the world remembers them."

2.1 The Cinematic Dilemma of a Nation

India has always been one of the largest film-producing nations in the world. A country where over 2,000 films are made annually in more than a dozen languages. Yet, in global forums, "Indian cinema" has too often been equated with one single word: Bollywood. This oversimplification has long obscured the profound regional diversity and artistic innovation that truly encompass and define Indian filmmaking. Tamil, Malayalam, Bengali, Kannada, Marathi, and Telugu cinema have each cultivated distinct voices. Yet on the global stage, they remain fragments of a misunderstood whole. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' new rule, which limits each nation to one film for Oscar consideration, has forced India to confront an uncomfortable question:

What, truly, is Indian cinema?

The decision to unify under one cinematic voice is not just administrative, it is existential. The world now demands that India define itself, once and for all, through one narrative.

2.2 The Global Perception Problem

For decades, the world has admired Indian cinema but rarely understood it. Western critics have often described Indian films as "emotionally excessive," "melodramatic," or "too long". These terms reveal more about the existence of global bias than about the art itself. These perceptions have shaped the country's cinematic reputation, often reducing its cultural richness to stereotype.

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2.3 Bollywood's Collapse and the Cultural Vacuum

In the past two decades, In the past two decades, Bollywood's influence over India's international cinematic image has been immense but increasingly unsustainable. Once celebrated as the cultural capital of the subcontinent, the Hindi film industry now faces what many critics describe as a "crisis of credibility." A string of corruption scandals, tax evasion cases, and politically charged productions has eroded its moral and creative standing. Moreover, the overreliance on remakes, generic scripts, and celebrity-driven marketing has resulted in a true lack of creative thought.

This decline has not only weakened Bollywood's internal unity but has also left a cultural vacuum in India's representation abroad. For the first time since independence, the Hindi film industry is unable to rally consensus around a single project worthy of global submission.

2.4 The Rise of Telugu Cinema: From Regional to Global

What began as a regional movement has transformed into what some might call a "cinematic revolution". The Telugu Film Industry (TFI), long underestimated in mainstream discourse, has emerged as the engine of India's new-age cinema. From breaking box office numbers across the nation and beyond, Telugu cinema has mastered the delicate balance between spectacle and soul.

Telugu films are now released in over 70 countries, with subtitled and dubbed versions even making it to the top of the foreign streaming charts. Hyderabad's very own Ramoji Film City has become one of Asia's largest production hubs. The themes portrayed and depicted in telugu films resonate internationally in a way that bridges the East and West.

2.5 The Academy's Reform: A Catalyst for Crisis

The Academy's shocking decision to restrict submissions to one film per nation was framed as a step toward global parity. But for India, it has been a spark that ignited a national crisis. Ordinarily, this process would have been straightforward: the Film Federation of India (FFI) would convene a selection committee, and then Bollywood (with its lobbying strength and global recognition) would most likely secure the slot. But with the current predicament that Bollywood is in, and with Tamil and Malayalam cinema fractured by internal feuds, and even Kannada cinema voluntarily stepping aside, only the Telugu Film Industry remains united, credible, and prepared.

This rare alignment of circumstances has placed enormous pressure on TFI. For the first time in history, the responsibility of representing India at the world's highest cinematic stage rests entirely on one regional industry.

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2.6 The Weight of Representation

Representation in cinema has never been merely artistic; it is diplomatic. A nation's film at the Academy Awards is not just a work of art, but it is also a statement of identity, values, and cultural confidence. For India, whose cinema has often struggled to be taken seriously beyond its entertainment value, this is a make-or-break moment. The chosen film must not only be excellent, but also definitive. It must tell a story that carries both the intimacy of Indian emotion and the universality of human experience. As the international press watches closely, the FPCC faces an immense philosophical challenge:

Should India present a film that mirrors its struggles, or one that celebrates its triumphs?

Should it choose a story rooted in realism, or one that reimagines myth for the modern age?

Should it embrace a local dialect or aim for a global language of emotion?

India's Historical Relationship With The Academy Awards

"The Academy Awards are not merely a competition of films, but of nations – of who tells their story best." – Film Critic, Variety Magazine (2002)

3.1 The Beginning: India's Tryst with the World Stage

India's first brush with the Academy Awards came in 1957, when Mehboob Khan's Mother India was nominated for Best Foreign Language Film, marking the nation's debut on the global cinematic soil. The film, which was an emotionally charged epic of sacrifice, resilience, and rural womanhood, came to symbolize the spirit of a newly independent India. Although it narrowly lost to Italy's Nights of Cabiria, the nomination established India as a legitimate artistic force in world cinema. The following decades, however, would reveal that Mother India was not the start of a consistent tradition, but rather a rare exception.

3.2 Three Nominations, Seventy Years

Despite being one of the world's largest film industries, India has till date received only three nominations for Best International Feature (formerly Best Foreign Language Film):

- 1. Mother India (1957) directed by Mehboob Khan, which depicted the struggle between duty and personal loss.
- 2. Salaam Bombay! (1988) directed by Mira Nair, which exposed the harsh realities of street life through the eyes of children.
- 3. *Lagaan* (2001) directed by Ashutosh Gowariker, which combined colonial resistance with sports drama.

But between these three milestones lie decades of missed opportunities, internal politics, and creative disunity.

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3.3 The Problem of Representation: Too Many Voices, No Consensus

India's film selection process for the Oscars has always been mired in debate. The Film Federation of India, which is the official body responsible for choosing the annual submission, has faced frequent accusations of bias, lack of transparency, and inconsistent criteria. Each year, dozens of films from different language industries compete for the nomination slot. What begins as a celebration of diversity often ends as a power struggle.

The result?

India's submissions have often reflected compromise rather than conviction. They end up being safe choices that are meant to appease all rather than impress the world.

Many of India's most acclaimed films, like Satyajit Ray's Charulata, Anurag Kashyap's Gangs of Wasseypur, The Lunchbox, Court, and Tumbbad, were all either overlooked or never officially submitted, despite receiving critical acclaim abroad.

In contrast, when we look at smaller nations with unified film boards, such as South Korea (Parasite), Denmark (Another Round), and Japan (Drive My Car), they have leveraged internal unity to present a singular creative identity, winning both nominations and awards.

3.4 India's Missed Moments

India's history at the Oscars is as much a tale of 'what was chosen' as 'what was ignored'.

- 1960s–1970s: This was the golden age of Bengali and Malayalam cinema, and they produced masterpieces by legends like Satyajit Ray, Mrinal Sen, and Adoor Gopalakrishnan, none of which reached the Oscars due to lack of lobbying infrastructure.
- 1980s–1990s: Parallel cinema peaked with films like *Ardh Satya*, *Mandi*, and *Jaane Bhi Do Yaaro*, but Bollywood's dominance in the FFI sidelined them.
- 2000s–2010s: Global co-productions such as *Monsoon Wedding* and *The Lunchbox* drew critical acclaim abroad but unfortunately faced bureaucratic rejection back at home.
- 2020s: While *RRR* made history by winning an Academy Award for Best Original Song ("*Naatu Naatu*"), it was not India's official submission. This is an irony that sparked public outrage and renewed scrutiny of the selection process.

The pattern is clear: The issue hasn't been India's cinematic brilliance, but its fragmentation has.

3.5 The Turning Point

This is where the Film Production Crisis Council (FPCC) enters history. Not as a routine bureaucratic body, but as a national emergency council of culture. This Council convenes to decide what kind of story, voice, and vision can represent India at its finest. For the first time, India's cinematic destiny lies not in the hands of a single filmmaker, but in the collective will of an entire industry.

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Telugu Cinema: The Rise

"When the world stopped looking at subtitles and started feeling the story, Telugu cinema arrived." – Excerpt from The Guardian's Review of RRR (2022)

4.1 Historical Evolution

The actual roots of Telugu cinema stretch back nearly a century.

- 1930s–1950s: Early films like *Bhakta Prahlada* (1932) and *Mala Pilla* (1938) established the moral, musical, and mythological core of Telugu storytelling.
- 1970s–1980s: Often considered the "Golden Era" of Telugu cinema. This era was defined by actors like N.T. Rama Rao and Akkineni Nageswara Rao, who embodied the hero as both moral guide and cultural icon.
- 1990s–2000s: As globalization reshaped Indian media, Telugu cinema really evolved technologically, and started to embrace advanced sound design, visual effects, and multi-genre experimentation. This period laid the groundwork for pan-Indian appeal through commercial entertainers like *Pokiri*, *Magadheera*, and *Athadu*.
- 2010s-Present: The modern TFI renaissance arrived with visionary filmmakers like S.S. Rajamouli, Sukumar, Trivikram Srinivas, and Koratala Siva. Storytellers who fused classical Indian emotion with global cinematic grammar.

4.2 The RRR Effect: When Regional Became Universal

S.S. Rajamouli's 2022 film *RRR* was not merely a movie. It was a cultural event that redefined Indian cinema's global standing. Starring N.T. Rama Rao Jr. and Ram Charan, and powered by M.M. Keeravani's iconic background score, *RRR* achieved what decades of Indian submissions had not: it became a worldwide phenomenon.

- It won the Academy Award for Best Original Song ("Naatu Naatu").
- It was named among The New York Times' top films of 2022.
- It became the first Indian film to trend in the U.S. Top 5 on Netflix.
- It inspired critical essays comparing Rajamouli to filmmakers like James Cameron and George Miller for his mythic cinematic vision.

Most importantly, RRR proved that a Telugu film, unapologetically rooted in its culture, could electrify global audiences.

The Internal Fractures of the Telugu Film Industry

"Every empire collapses not from invasion, but from within." – Anonymous Producer, Filmfare South (2023)

5.1 Beneath the Brilliance

To the outside world, the Telugu Film Industry (TFI) seems unified. But behind the curtains of the carefully curated image of pan-Indian triumph lies a complex network of creative rivalries, economic imbalances, and ideological divides. The same ambition that propelled Telugu cinema to global recognition also fuels its deepest tensions. Now, with the FPCC deployed into place and entrusted with representing the nation, these internal fractures threaten to resurface.

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5.2 The Power Houses: A Silent Cold War

Telugu cinema operates through various powerful production houses, and each one has its own creative philosophy, commercial priorities, and political loyalties. The following are a few major "titans":

Mythri Movie Makers: Known for large-scale commercial entertainers with universal appeal. Its films balance artistry with mass-market instincts. Founded by Naveen yerneni, Mohan Cherukuri, and Y. Ravi Shankar, Mythri's executives view cinema as a business-driven art, focusing on profitability, distribution, and brand recall.

Geetha Arts: Founded by Allu Aravind, Geetha Arts usually represents the family-driven production model. It nurtures creative talent but also maintains control over narrative and casting. The house sees itself as the guardian of Telugu cinema's legacy.

DVV Entertainments: The producers of RRR, DVV represents the grand vision school, and is focused on technical perfection and international scale. Their projects prioritize spectacle and global reach, often at astronomical budgets.

UV Creations & Sithara Entertainments: These are younger, more flexible production houses that back mid-budget, content-rich cinema. They advocate giver platforms for new directors and experimental genres, emphasizing the power of storytelling over star power.

Each of these houses commands loyalty from actors, technicians, and distributors creating an invisible web of alliances.

These alliances are not hostile, but competitive and territorial.

5.3 The Star Divide: Legacy vs. New Wave

Telugu cinema's acting landscape is both its greatest strength and its most sensitive fault line.

The Legacy Titans: Actors such as Chiranjeevi, Nagarjuna, Balakrishna, and Venkatesh remain revered as cultural institutions. They are the embodiments of stability, discipline, and continuity. Their fans span generations, and their influence in both politics and industry boards remains formidable.

The Pan-Indian Icons: The global rise of Prabhas, Ram Charan, Jr. NTR, and Allu Arjun has redefined Telugu stardom. Their appeal transcends regions, and they are now household names across current India and abroad. They are the industry's most marketable assets, but are also the most expensive, and their collaborations often trigger ego-driven negotiations among production houses.

The New Wave: A younger generation, with artists like Vijay Deverakonda, Naveen Polishetty, Sai Pallavi, and Rashmika Mandanna, represent a creative shift toward realism and emotional storytelling. They attract urban and OTT audiences, often clashing ideologically with the larger-than-life star culture.

This three-tier structure has led to creative fragmentation:

- The veterans favor traditional heroism and moral narratives.
- The superstars push spectacle and global appeal.
- The new wave demands introspection and nuance.

The FPCC thus faces a symbolic dilemma. Whose face represents India?

5.4 The Artistic Rift: Commerce vs. Conviction

Nowhere is Telugu cinema's internal tension more visible and more present than in the eternal conflict between artistic conviction and commercial expectation.

The Commercial School: Advocates of this section believe cinema must first entertain, and that a film's global success depends on scale, emotion, and accessibility. They argue that Indian stories should not apologize for grandeur. To them, realism is elitism; emotion is universality.

The Auteur School: This emerging group of directors and writers, who are deeply influenced by world cinema, seek subtlety, experimentation, and thematic depth. They argue that for India to be respected on a global forum, it must shed its formulaic ways and embrace narrative authenticity.

Between these two philosophies lies the crux of Telugu cinema's internal debate: Should India be represented by a spectacle or by a story?

The Stages Of Film Production And Their Relevance To The Crisis

"Cinema is not created in a moment of genius – it is assembled in stages of chaos." – Christopher Nolan

6.1 The Mirror of Creation

The process of making a film is not very different from the building of a nation. Both are collective acts of imagination, coordination, and compromise. Just as a country's institutions must move in harmony for the governance to sustain and succeed, a film's departments must also work in harmony for storytelling to take form.

The FPCC finds itself in a unique historical position: though charged with solving a national cultural dilemma, the nature of its challenge mirrors the three essential stages of filmmaking: Pre-Production, Production, and Post-Production.

6.2 Pre-Production: Vision and Consensus

Pre-production is the stage where ideas take form. This is where writers, directors, and producers decide what story must be told, and why.

In the context of the FPCC, this stage reflects India's struggle for coherence. Just as filmmakers debate the script, cast, and tone of a project, the Council must debate the vision that will represent India:

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- What should the national narrative sound like? Heroic or humble, mythic or modern?
- Which voices should lead? Established veterans or emerging creators?
- How can creative freedom coexist with political responsibility?

Every nation faces its "pre-production crisis" moments when vision collides with ideology. India's challenge today is the same: to craft a collective creative vision without losing the integrity of individual voices. Failure in this stage would mean the film never begins.

6.3 Production: Collaboration Amid Chaos

Production is essentially the execution phase, and where ideas confront reality. Schedules collapse, budgets inflate, tempers flare, and unforeseen disruptions test even the strongest visions. For the FPCC, this reflects the real-world complexities of implementing cultural unity.

Even after consensus on vision, the challenge lies in execution:

- How do diverse creative minds collaborate under pressure?
- What happens when ideological clashes threaten progress?
- How do leaders balance efficiency with empathy?

In Indian cinema, production is where the most testing crises occur. Things like creative disagreements, logistical failures, censorship challenges, or political scrutiny occur. Likewise, for the Council, this stage represents India's test of coordination: can a fragmented industry move as one body toward a common creative goal? If pre-production is about imagination, production is about endurance.

6.4 Post-Production: Refinement and Representation

Post-production is the final stage and the stage where hundreds of fragments, performances, and ideas are edited into a single narrative (the final cut). It is the stage of clarity, compromise, and completion. For the FPCC, this phase mirrors the final diplomatic act of presenting India to the world.

After debate and execution, what remains is the question of representation:

- How should India present itself? As a nation of realism or of dreams?
- Which values, visuals, and emotions must remain, and which must be trimmed?
- How can artistic truth be preserved within the limits of diplomacy, censorship, and global expectation?

In film, editing determines legacy. In diplomacy, articulation defines perception. For the FPCC, post-production symbolizes the moment when India's creative chaos must be refined into one story that speaks for all.

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Key Questions To Consider

"Questions ate the raw material of cinema. Every great story begins not with an answer, but with a doubt." – Stanley Kubrick

The Film Production Crisis Council (FPCC) exists today not to impose a solution, but to spark a national conversation. A conversation that forces every director, artist, and industry voice to confront the uncomfortable truths behind India's cinematic identity. As you enter this Council, remember: you are not just representing individuals or institutions. You are representing visions of India, and the stories you bring, will outlive all of us.

The following questions are intended to guide your thought, research, and argumentation throughout the proceedings:

- 1. What defines Indian Cinema in a global context?
- 2. Can a single film authentically represent the diversity of all of India's regions, religions, and realities?
- 3. Should India's international cinematic image be rooted in tradition or defined by modernity?
- 4. Is it possible for one creative voice to speak for a billion people without silencing others?
- 5. To what extent should India's submission prioritize artistic depth over commercial scale?
- 6. Whose hands should the camera be placed in?
- 7. Can star power and substance coexist, or must one compromise for the other?
- 8. Is a film's international appeal determined by its quality, its marketing, or its emotional accessibility?
- 9. How can India ensure that global recognition doesn't come at the cost of creative authenticity?
- 10. What message should India's representative film send to global audiences about its values and aspirations?
- 11. How should subtitles, dubbing, and translation affect the global reception of Indian films?
- 12. Should cinema reflect the truth as it is, or as the government and public wish it to be?
- 13. To what extent can political or social criticism exist in a film representing India abroad?

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- 14. Which genres best capture India's identity today?
- 15. Why do certain emotional tones (hope, struggle, nostalgia) resonate more universally than others?
- 16. Which artist will become our medium to communicate with the world?
- 17. How should the balance between entertainment and empathy be struck?
- 18. Is it time for India to establish a unified national film board (similar to Korea's KOFIC) to coordinate global representation?
- 19, What lessons can India learn from global examples like South Korea, Iran, and Italy about using cinema as national identity?
- 20. What kind of story does the world need from India right now?

CONCLUSION

Instead of concluding with more information (you've been given enough already), let's end on an iconic dialogue, but modified a bit to depict the feeling the members of this Council should have within them throughout all the proceedings:

"Eeda jarigedhi antha okate rule meedha jaruguthunnadhi....

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