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Chennai: What is the result of a meeting between a tough-acting thug and a wacky IT consultant? A rib-tickling Korean rom-com is one possible answer as ‘My dear Desperado’ will attest to. The film is one of six Korean films being shown this Independence Day weekend at the Russian Centre for Science & Culture on Kasturi Rangan Road.

The film festival, between August 14 and 19, with the screenings beginning at 6.30pm each day, is being hosted by the Indo Cine Appreciation foundation in association with Korean Cultural Centre, Embassy of the Republic of Korea, New Delhi, and Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Chennai.

The festival will be inaugurated by Hyung Tae KIM, Consul General, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea, Chennai. The festival opens with the film ‘Poetry’ (Shi) about a 60-something woman, in the early stages of Alzheimer’s disease, faced with the discovery of a heinous family crime. When Mi-ja notices a poster advertising a poetry class at a local community center, she decides to enroll. The course assignment is to write one poem by the end of the month-long course. She finds strength and purpose when she enrolls.

For the rest of the films, the themes range from adventure—

‘The Host’, about a monster in Seoul’s Han River; a road trip — ‘Hahaha’; romance—‘The Housemaid’; to fantastical—‘Woochi: The Demon Slayer’, which is about a magician sealed in an ancient scroll for a crime he did not commit. ‘Woochi’ begins during the Chosun Dynasty, in 1509 AD, and then jumps ahead to modern Korea in 2009, when goblins are wreaking havoc all around.
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