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A Jugad from Kabad goes global

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BHOPAL: One thousand rupees, a few hours squeezed off the hard daily grind and a big, beautiful, dream.

These are all it took 13 youngsters, all from humble backgrounds, to make an award-winning 22 minute documentary.

The film, based on sculptures made of salvaged waste metal in the city's [Chinar Park](#) and called ``Kabaad Se Jugaad'', will now be screened at the International Environment and Wildlife Film Festival '[CMS Vatavaran](#)' in New Delhi on December 6

These intrepid film makers and their mentor Ashish Bhawalkar, a college lecturer, are thrilled. The documentary was directed by Akash Wankhede, a 19 year old newspaper vendor and anchored by Muskaan Khan, a 9 year old municipal school student.

It was a chance conversation with Wankhede, who dropped newspapers every morning at his home, that got Bhawalkar, applied videography lecturer at S V Polytechnique thinking. Wankhede doubled up as the newspaper vendor in mornings and also continued with this studies. Wankhede introduced his friend Sanjay Raghuvanshi, a watchman's son, who too

studied and worked simultaneously.

"These boys got me thinking, I wanted to do something positive with them. They introduced me to the rest of their friends and neighbours. We thought of making a documentary film" said Bhawalkar. This is how they found their chirpy, confident anchor Muskaan, whose father has a roadside tyre puncture shop in Shahjahanabad.

"It was amazing to see such a small , inexperienced girl presenting the documentary like a professional." Says Bhawalkar

It was a brainstorming session with these children that resulted in the documentary theme. ``I had given them the concept and they executed it very well. Abhinav Dwivedi of Silver Pixel's provided technical support in editing the documentary" said Bhawalkar.

This is not Wankhede's first directorial venture. Earlier, a 26 minute documentary 'Ganeshji Ka Roza' edited by Akash Wankhede had won the best videography award in 2008. "Making documentaries is my passion. I just need support at the higher level to prove my talent," Akash said.

What thrills the 19 member team is how they put their scarce resources to use. "The production team spent only Rs 1000 to film the documentary in just 3 months. They spend money only on CDs, DVDs and tapes," attests Akash.

"It will take me time to believe that my documentary has been nominated for an international film festival."says an ecstatic Sanjay.

In all 68 films and documentaries have been nominated this year by the 37-member nomination jury headed eminent scholar Dr Abid Hussain. The nominations include 51 Indians and 17 international films.

Akash Wankhede, Sanjay Raghuvanshi, Muskan Khan, Sheikh Waseem Khan, Nikesh Sahu, Mohd Ikram Khan, Vartika Saxena, Shruti Saxena, Swaraj Pillai, Mihika Khare, Vicky Chouhan, Atharv Bhawalkar and Shreyas Bhawalkar.

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