

Oscar Nominations: Big Talking Points Include Oscar Nod For Indian Feature Documentary

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A still from Killers of the Flower Moon.

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The nominations for the 76th Academy Awards have thrown up three talking points. Contrary to what we had believed, India is not quite out of the Oscars race. A powerful work, To Kill A Tiger, which focusses on the harrowing Jharkhand gang rape, has emerged as a strong candidate in the Best Feature Documentary category.

To Kill A Tiger has been helmed by Toronto based Nisha Pahuja, who follows the distressing events around the gang rape of a 13-year-old girl in Jharkhand. We watch how her parents had to run around to get justice for their little girl.

The official synopsis reads, "To Kill a Tiger charts the emotional journey of an ordinary man facing extraordinary circumstances. A father whose love for his daughter forces a social reckoning that will reverberate for years to come."

The second talking point: Lily Gladstone, who essayed a Osage woman and historical figure, Mollie Burkhart, in Martin Scorsese-helmed epic masterpiece, Killers of the Flower Moon, has been nominated for the Best Actress Oscar. This is the first ever time a Native American woman gets this honour.

Burkhart essayed the wife of Ernest Burkhart (Leonardo de Caprio) – who on the command of his uncle, William King Hale (Robert de Niro), poisons his wife to get her headrights.

There have been other indigenous women who had got the Oscar nod. For the 2019 Academy Awards, Mexico's Yalitza Aparicio was one. She acted in Alfonso Cuarón's 2018 Roma as a housekeeper. There were more. Merle Oberon was nominated a long time ago in 1933 for The Dark Angel. She belonged to the Maori clan from New Zealand. Keisha Castle-hughes came in 2003 with Whale Rider. She is a Kiwi.

Killers of the Flower Moon follows the inhabitants of the Osage Nation who were ruthlessly killed by whites. They were after the tribes wealth who owned and controlled oil fields. This gruesome tragedy took place in Oklahoma.

Killers of the Flower Moon secured several other nominations – including Best Picture, Best Director, Best Supporting Actor for De Niro among others. It also got the nod for the Best Original Song (A Song for My People).

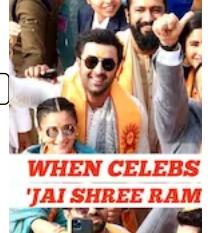
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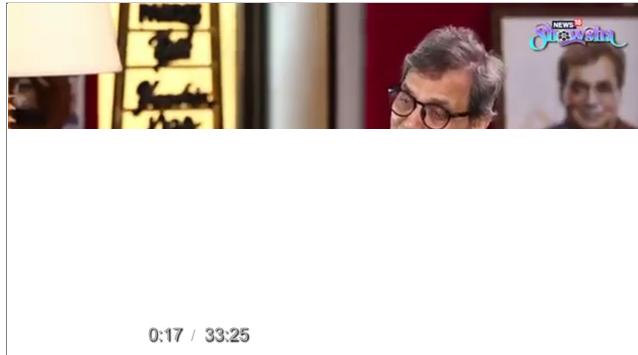


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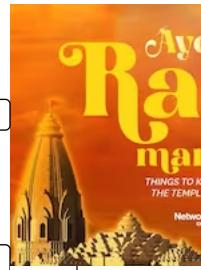
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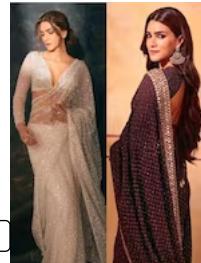
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