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NUALS Alumnus Raymond George Dias Selected for the Artists Academy at the 64th New York Film Festival

NUALS alumnus among 12 international filmmakers selected for the prestigious 2026 FLC Artists Academy



Caption: *Raymond George Dias*

Kochi, September 4, 2026: National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), Kochi, is proud to celebrate the remarkable achievement of its alumnus Raymond George Dias, who has been selected as one of 12 filmmakers from across the world for the 2026 FLC Artists Academy, organised by Film at Lincoln Center as part of the 64th New York Film Festival.

Raymond is the only filmmaker from India selected for this year's programme, which brings together emerging filmmakers from different parts of the world for creative conversations and engagement with established figures from the international film community.

A multidisciplinary artist and filmmaker from Kochi, Raymond's journey to cinema has been distinctive. Before pursuing filmmaking, he studied law at NUALS, Kochi, and subsequently completed a Master's degree in Law specialising in Artificial Intelligence at the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

Alongside his academic pursuits, Raymond developed an artistic practice rooted in photography, writing, experimental music and collage, which gradually evolved into filmmaking. His work spans fiction, documentary and experimental cinema, and has been exhibited and screened at venues and festivals including the Kochi Art Fair, Ras Al Khaimah Art Fair and the Jaipur Centre for Art.

Raymond is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Film Direction at ESCAC (Escola Superior de Cinema i Audiovisuals de Catalunya), Barcelona, where he is completing his Master's thesis film while developing his first feature-length project. In August 2026, he was also selected for the Locarno BaseCamp at the Locarno Film Festival in Switzerland.

The FLC Artists Academy will take place alongside the New York Film Festival, scheduled from 25 September to 12 October 2026 across Lincoln Center and other venues in New York City. The programme provides selected emerging filmmakers an opportunity to deepen their creative and professional practices through interaction with established filmmakers and members of the international film community. Raymond George Dias is the son of Justice CS Dias, Judge, High Court of Kerala and Smt. Mini Dias.

Raymond's selection marks another significant milestone in his journey from Kochi to the international film world, reflecting a creative trajectory that has moved across disciplines, countries and artistic contexts.

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