

## Udaan takes off

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Udaan 2012 Organising Committee (click to enlarge)

Kota's first experimental short film festival was much appreciated by the young film-makers and attracted one director/editor team from Kolkata and one from Jaipur. This is a tribute to the positive effects of social networking!

The films were shown in the central courtyard of the [Kota Art Centre](#) after dark on two hot and muggy nights. Jaiwardhan, President of KHS, presented certificates of appreciation to those whose films had been shown.

The festival was not so much a "low budget production" as much a "no budget production," run on credit with a seed-corn donation of Rs. 2000 from KHS. We invited voluntary contributions and got our money back.

The Society's role was much appreciated and gave credibility to the initiative. The [Kota Art Centre](#) still has no management staff and no operating budget. It is hoped that the film enthusiasts will form a cine club in the centre.

Udaan means flight in Hindi, and that is just what this first festival accomplished in its initial launch - a maiden flight.

