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## "Took it upon myself to tell the real story of our unsung hero, Veer Savarkar" says Randeep Hooda

### Cast and Crew of 'Swatantrya Veer Savarkar' Interact with Media at IFFI 55

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The team behind the biographical drama *Swatantrya Veer Savarkar* interacted with the media at the 55<sup>th</sup> International Film Festival of India (IFFI), where the film was showcased as the opening feature of the Indian Panorama section. The event offered a platform to reflect on the film's creative journey and its historical significance.

Actor Randeep Hooda who played the titular role of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar and directed the film, likened the production challenges to the struggles faced by Veer Savarkar during India's freedom struggle. Interacting with the media, he said that he had to take it upon himself to put the real story of our unsung hero, Veer Savarkar, in the public discourse. He also added, "Savarkar always wanted India to be militarily strong. Today, our position in the world has significantly improved. This film highlights another aspect of our armed struggle, showcasing how it inspired revolutionaries to take up arms for independence," he said.

Actress Anjali Hooda, who is playing role of Bhikaji Cama in the film, expressed how her role in the film deepened her understanding of Savarkar's personal life. "This movie was an eye-opener for me. I hope more such films are made in the future to shed light on our forgotten heroes," she

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Jay Patel, Mrinal Dutt & Amit Sial also attended the press conference. They shared their



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