

# the tide turns

CAUGHT BETWEEN  
FRIENDSHIP AND DREAM

DIRECTED AND WRITTEN BY IGOR VIRABOV  
PRODUCERS DAVID KOCHAROV, ANDREY TERESHOK, ANDREY BEGUNOV, EKATERINA URURU, ARTUR PANCHENKO, EVGENY SHMELEV, SHYAM GADHAVI  
CAST: RANJIT SALANI, SHYAM MARU  
SHOWRUNNER IVAN OGANESOV  
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY EVGENY DISTERLO  
MUSIC BY ANTON BULLE  
AN ONLINE-CINEMA PREMIER, KIT STUDIO PRODUCTION

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## The Tide Turns

Documentary. India, Russia  
Gujarati, Kutchi, Hindi, Sindhi  
61 minutes / 2025

*In the salt desert of the Rann of Kutch, two friends dream of escaping a life of backbreaking labor. When they finally leave their village, their hopes for a better future begin to pull them apart.*

*Directed and written by Igor Virabov*

# SYNOPSIS

*"I want to build a house like no one in the village has ever seen. Entirely made of glass!"*

Ranjit dreams out loud. His friend Shyam, the only one in the area who finished high school and even graduated college, lowers his eyes. His dream is more modest — to get a decent job.

But both of them are stuck in the salt desert of the Rann of Kutch, the vast white plain between India and Pakistan. Here, the Agariyas — salt harvesters — are trapped in an endless cycle: for eight scorching months, they work barefoot in saline flats to pay rent on land they don't own. Then the monsoon comes, flooding everything, leaving them with nothing.

For generations, their labor meant survival. But now, in a world moving faster, manual work has turned into a curse. And those without education are too afraid to leave what they know.

Shyam believes it's time to break the cycle. He wants to help Ranjit start over — somewhere new. But once they leave the village, everything changes. Their dreams pull them in different directions.

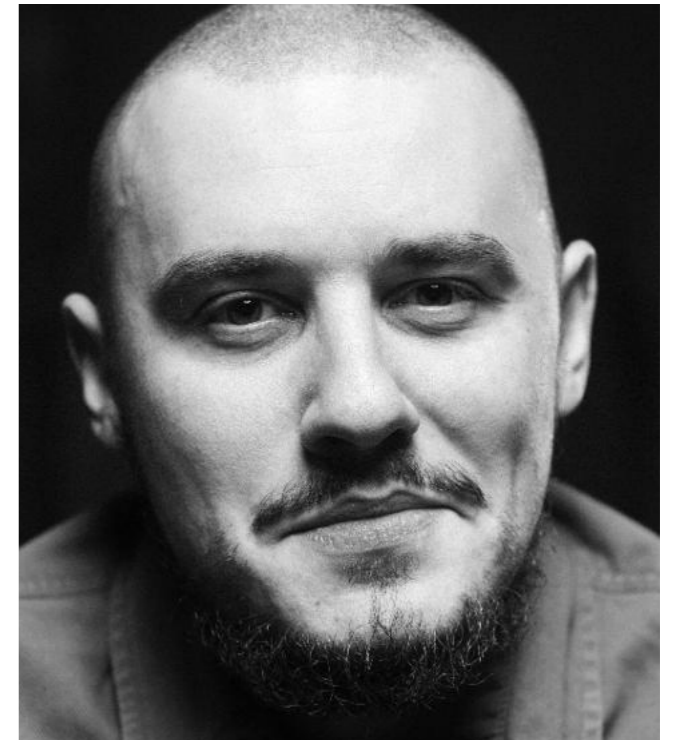
What once united them now becomes the source of mistrust, exhaustion, and betrayal.

# DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT & BIO

*It's a testament to young people around the world who are forced to fight every day for their right to dream. In these two boys, I saw the reflection of a universal story — the struggle of a generation trying to shape its future while going against the wind, often alone.*

*Ranjit dreams of building his own house — simple, but out of reach. And that dream is shared by millions today. For many young people around the world, owning a home and finding financial security feels impossible. This film is about that quiet frustration — and the hope that still refuses to disappear.*

*This film would not have been possible without my dear friend Shyam Gadhvi. For five years, we visited families across the salt flats before the camera ever rolled. I watched Ranjit and Shyam grow up, holding onto dreams of another life. Behind the scenes, I witnessed a rare and deeply moving friendship — a quiet light that still lives within the film.*



Igor Virabov

Documentary filmmaker with a background in international expedition journalism. Having filmed in over 80 countries, mostly focusing on wildlife and remote communities, he developed a strong interest in stories that cross borders — both geographical and emotional.

Several years ago, the director had to move from Russia — first to Armenia and then to Brazil, finding himself in a new role and compelled to see life from a different perspective as an immigrant. Despite this journalistic experience, this work marks a debut in full-length documentary filmmaking.





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Screenplay  
IGOR VIRABOV | IVAN OGANESOV  
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EVGENY DISTERLO  
Music by  
ANTON BULLE

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EKATERINA URURU  
Producer  
ARTUR PANCHENKO  
Executive Producer  
EVGENY SHMELEV  
Line Producers  
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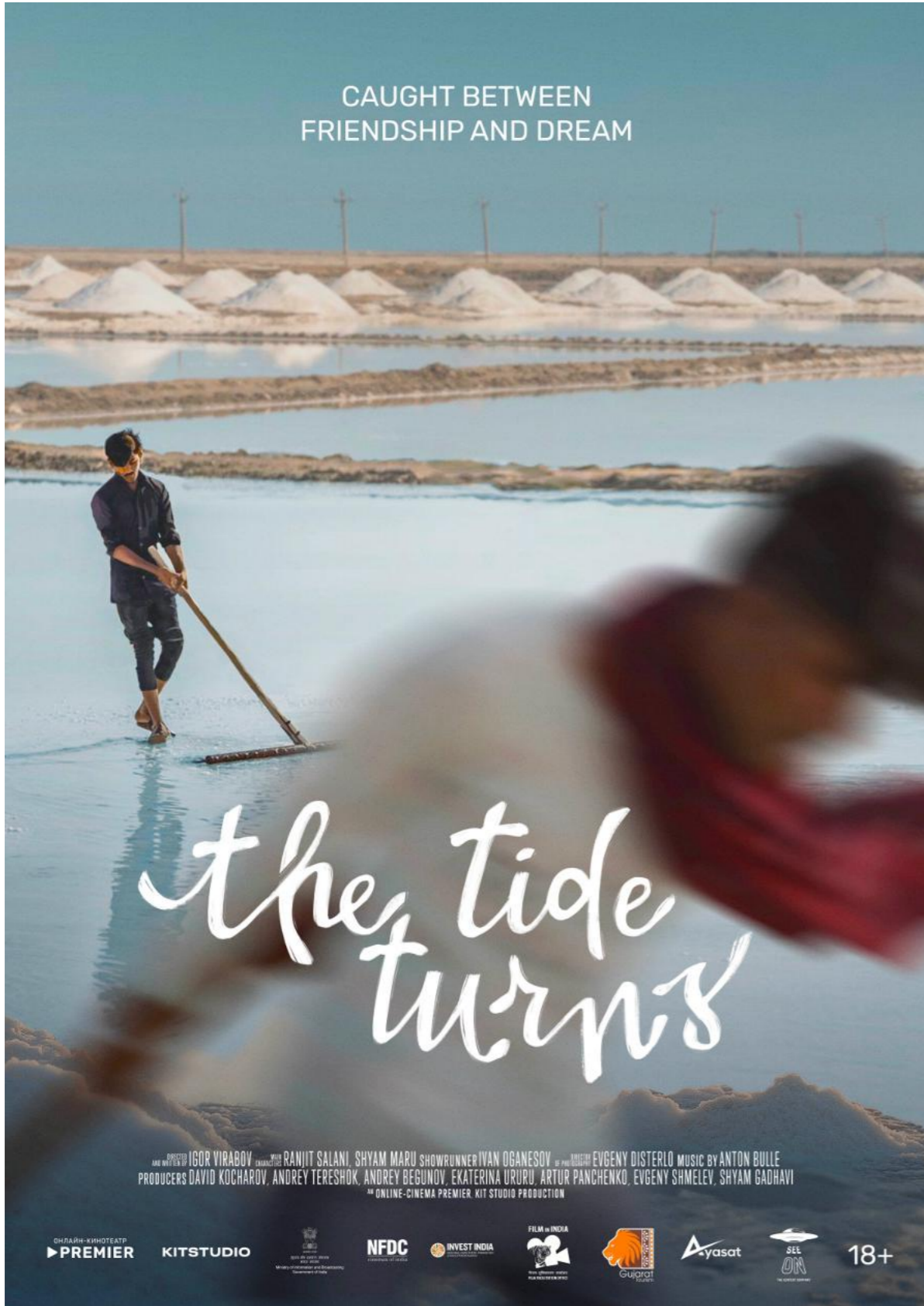
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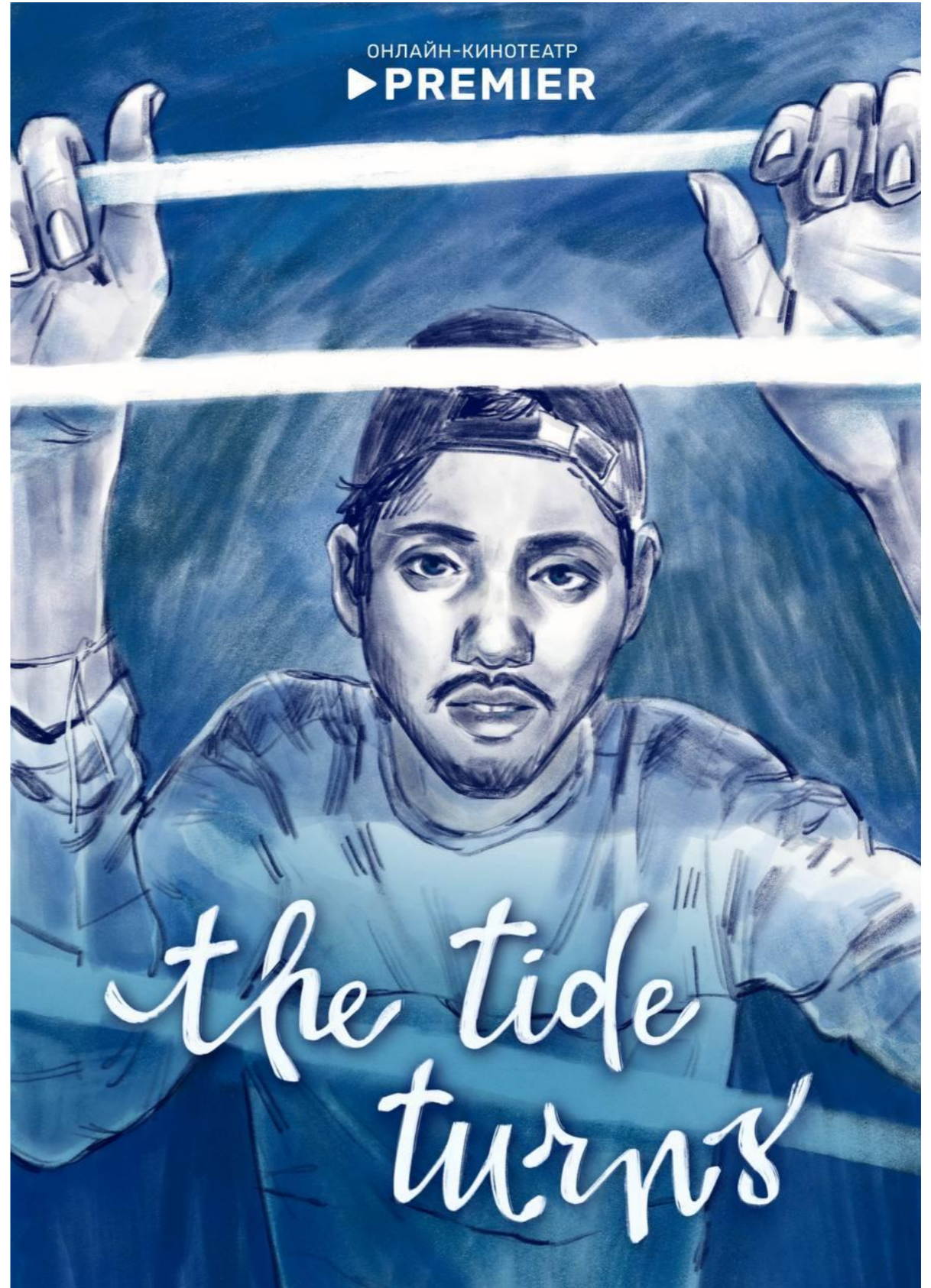


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