

## **Film and Television Institute of India, Pune**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **FTII JOINS INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN BRICS ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP ON 'GEOGRAPHIES OF GENDER'.**

Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) has entered into an international academic partnership with WITS School of Arts, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa and Valand Academy, University of Gothenburg, Sweden for the 'BRICS Visual Practices and Methodologies Research, India Chapter', 2018-19 on the theme, 'Geographies of Gender'.

In this 09 day programme, 04 film academicians and practitioners from South Africa and Sweden have arrived in FTII and are working closely with students and faculty of FTII selected for the project.

The team comprising 3 Swedish academicians is lead by Prof. Jyoti Mistry from South Africa, with local mentoring by Prof. Debkamal Ganguly from FTII's film editing dept. Three 2016 batch students who are into their 5th Semester are in this project -----Ramandeep Malhotra from Sound Recording and Sound Design, Sanskriti Chattopadhyay of Direction and Ravi Raj Murmu of Editing.

"It is significant, and for the first time, that FTII is part of this prestigious BRICS project. This will open up possibilities of audio-visual expressions from the point of view of certain aesthetic and sociological research through engagement in actual field situations in India. The students chosen for the research project stand to gain from the international exposure that comes from working with the visiting South African and Swedish researchers", said Bhupendra Kainthola, Director, FTII.

Monday morning, the team has left for Maheshwar on the banks of Narmada in Madhya Pradesh on a 4-day field visit.



