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UTTARAKHAND FINANCE MINISTER PRAKASH PANT PRESENTS CERTIFICATES TO PARTICIPANTS AS FIRST-EVER FILM APPRECIATION COURSE BY FTII ENDS IN NAINITAL.

A 5-day Film Appreciation course by Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) Pune came to a close today in the city of lakes Nainital, in Uttarakhand.

Sh Prakash Pant, Finance Minister, Govt of Uttarakhand presided over the Valedictory function in Nainital and presented participation Certificates to 91 participants in the presence of Prof. Sandeep Shahare, National Coordinator, SKIFT (Skilling India in Film and Television) FTII; Course Directors Subhamoy Sengupta and Bela Negi; Shalini Shah and Rajesh Shah.

The Course was held in association with Nainital- based Himalayan Society for Art, Culture, Education, Environment and Film Development (HIMACEEF) promoted by film makers and academicians Rajesh Shah (Cinematography, 1992, FTII) and Shalini Shah.

The Course participants came from 10 states---- Uttarakhand (Nainital, Dehradun, Haldwani, Khatima, Almora, Kathgodam, Ramnagar and Rudrapur), Uttar Pradesh (Lucknow, Bareilly, Meerut, Ghaziabad, Bijnore, Mathura and Bahedi), Rajasthan (Jaipur, Alwar and Bhilwara), Punjab (Hoshiarpur), Kerala (Kannur), West Bengal (Kolkata), Gujarat (Ahmedabad), Maharashtra (Nagpur), Delhi and Haryana (Faridabad).

Course Director Subhamoy Sengupta (Direction, 1996, FTII) began with assisting Sanjay Leela Bhansali in KHAMOSHI and HUM DIL DE CHUKE SANAM. Later, he directed several single-episode crime thrillers for Star and Zee and worked on more than two hundred ad films. Subhamoy runs his production house Nitric Films.

Bela Negi (Film Editing, 1997, FTII) is a writer, director and producer with Nitric Films. She began with assisting renowned film editor Renu Saluja on 4 Hindi films and went on to work on shorts, fiction and non fiction as an independent editor. With Nitric Films she has produced and directed several ads and corporate films. DAAYEN YA BAAYEN (Hindi, 2010) was written, directed and edited by her.

Rajesh Shah has been associated with JOHNNY GADDAR, EK HASINA THEE, LAGEY RAHO MUNNABHAI and 3 IDIOTS. He has worked with renowned film makers Saeed Mirza, Kundan Shah, Raju Hirani, Sudhir Misra, Manjul Sinha on their TV serials.

Shalini Shah won National Award for FROM THE LAND OF BUDDHISM TO THE LAND OF BUDDHA (2001) and her film UNCHALIA TRIBE (1998) was selected in Indian Panorama. She studied multimedia from BITS and has worked with Saeed Mirza and Sudipta Bose.

FTII has so far conducted short-duration Film Appreciation courses in Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur, Amravati, IIT Bombay, IIT Roorkee, Srinagar, Ahmedabad, Bhubaneswar, Jaipur, Delhi, Gurgaon, Guwahati, Hardwar and Srinagar (Uttarakhand).

Film Appreciation courses are in the offing in Mumbai, Jammu, Jaipur and Jhunjhunu (Rajasthan).



