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FILM APPRECIATION COURSE BEGINS FOR IAS OFFICERS IN MUSOORIE ; NASEERUDDIN SHAH, RATNA PATHAK SHAH AND DIVYA DUTTA TO ADDRESS FUTURE POLICY MAKERS.

A 3-day Film Appreciation course (June 21-23 2018) by Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) Pune began at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) in Musoorie, Uttarakhand.

This is the first time FTII is organising a Film Appreciation Course at LBSNAA, a premier Academy reputed for training India's key policy makers.

The Course, conducted under FTII's countrywide film education outreach initiative SKIFT (Skilling India in Film and Television), was inaugurated in Mussoorie, Uttarakhand today by Ms Divya Dutta, National Award winning actor in the presence of Ms Upma Chawdhry, Director, LBSNAA, Bhupendra Kainthola, Director, FTII and Sankalp Meshram, Course Director.

178 officer trainees of Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and 3 from Royal Bhutan Civil Service (RBCS) are attending the Film Appreciation Course besides teachers and staff from the Academy.

The officers are at LBSNAA for the IAS Professional Course, Phase II (2016 batch) which is a 6-week training the officers undergo after 1 year of district or state training. The key aim of the Professional Course is to equip the officer trainees with knowledge, skills and attitudes to effectively occupy field positions such as Sub Divisional Magistrates (SDMs), District Magistrates (DMs), Executive Officers of Zilla Parishads in the near future and key policy making positions later in their career.

Sankalp Meshram, FTII alumnus and Course Director is a five-time National Award winner. He studied Law and then Film Editing at FTII. He is working as a Film professional in the Mumbai film & television Industry since 1994.

The valedictory session on 23rd June will see eminent film and stage actor Naseeruddin Shah, FTII alumnus and his actor-wife Ratna Pathak Shah address the audience before presenting participation Certificates to them.

In Uttarakhand, FTII has so far conducted Film Appreciation courses in capital Dehradun, at HN Bahuguna Central University in Srinagar, Hardwar, IIT Roorkee and Nainital.



