

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

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **IRANIAN DELEGATION VISITS FTII ; DISCUSS PROSPECTS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN FTII AND INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF CHABAHAR.**

A 4-Member delegation from Iran visited the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) on Thursday, 24th May 2018.

FTII authorities and the Iranian representatives held talks on academic cooperation between FTII and International University of Chabahar, Iran. Chabahar is Iran's strategic port city near its border with Pakistan and Afghanistan.

"The Iranian delegation discussed the prospects of ties between FTII and International University of Chabahar. The University is about to set up its greenfield film school and is looking at FTII for handholding. They showed keen interest in the various short-term courses being conducted by FTII across the country under SKIFT (Skilling India in Film and Television). They also offered to send Iranian film makers and technicians for workshops and Masterclass in FTII. On our part, FTII informed the Iranians of the seats on offer in FTII's TV wing courses, open to international students under ICCR quota. FTII also offered to reserve some seats for Iranian students in select short courses like Film Appreciation, Digital Editing and VFX & Finishing, being conducted in the Campus.", said Bhupendra Kainthola, Director, FTII Pune after the meeting.

The Iranian side was led by Mostafa Pour Mohammadi, Director of International Cooperation Project, International University of Chabahar. Seyed Amir Aghaei, Centre for Progress and Development of Iran (CPDI), Tehran, Dr Arsalan Dezhkam, International University of Chabahar and Hojjat Mousazadeh, Head of Technology Cooperation Section, Embassy of Iran, New Delhi were the other members of the Iranian delegation.

Bhupendra Kainthola, Director headed the talks on behalf of FTII, accompanied by Varun Bhardwaj, Registrar, Prof. Sandeep Shahare, Dept of TV Engineering & National Coordinator, SKIFT (Skilling India in Film and Television) and Milind Joshi, Advisor, Outreach.

The delegation later visited various departments and saw the facilities of the Institute.

