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PRESS RELEASE

TWO FTII STUDENT FILMS SELECTED IN POITIERS FILM FESTIVAL, FRANCE

FTII student films GLOW WORM IN A JUNGLE and DUR SHAAM TAK have been selected in the 'International Selection' section of Poitiers Film Festival, France (30 November--7 December). For this 41st edition of the Festival, 50 films were selected from 1339 entries received.

GLOW WORM IN A JUNGLE, a documentary, is directed by Ramana Dumpala, TV Direction student of 2017 batch.

Shot by Ravishankar Krishna, edited by Fareeda and sound by Naithik Mathew Eapen, GLOW WORM IN A JUNGLE tells the story of Pune-based Hema Sane, a retired botany professor who loves plants and animals and has chosen not to use electricity ever in her life ! The documentary captures her moments and offers an insight into her inspiring life.

Says Ramana, "At one point in our lives, we always wish we had it simple; without the pressures of society and the consumerism forced on individuals. It takes guts, loads of it, to defy the norms of the society, and yet to live within it and be satisfied with one's choices."

DUR SHAAM TAK is a short fiction film written and directed by Maisam Ali as a 2012 batch Film Direction student.

Shot by Dhruvan Gautam, edited by Sanjay Tutu with sound by Hrishikesh Patil the film is about a daylong train journey by a group of adolescent boys with their coach for a football match.

"The film is from the perspective of a boy but it ends up being a larger overall experience of the journey and beyond it", says Maisam Ali.

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