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ACTING AND FILM MAKING SUMMER WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN BEGIN IN FTII; PARTICIPANTS FROM 5 STATES ENROL.

Beginning today FTII campus in Pune is buzzing with a new vibrancy !! The energy of school-going children participating in two short Courses meant for them----Basic Acting Workshop for Children and Basic Film Making Workshop for Children.

The 15-day Basic Acting Workshop for Children (April 23-May 7) took off with 31 participants (15 boys,16 girls) distributed in two groups, from 7-10 years and 11-16 years. Participants are from Maharashtra (Pune, Talegaon, Dabhade and Nagpur),Goa, Uttar Pradesh (Lucknow) and Chattisgarh (Rajgarh and Raipur).

Enthused by the children, some parents also participated in the workshop !!

The Workshop will help participants shape their body language and improve their learning skills. Following various theatre disciplines, the course will familiarize the participants with a range of acting approaches, voice and speech modulations, and ways of using the multiple possibilities of the body and its flexibilities. The objective is to shape and condition the participants' body and mind into instruments capable of meeting the demands of an increasingly competitive world. They will be trained using a variety of theatre, martial and meditative practices to achieve this.

The Course is being conducted by Devendranath Sankaranarayanan,a performance researcher, theatre practitioner, and acting coach. He holds a Master of International Performance Research from University of Warwick (UK), University of Amsterdam (Netherlands), and University of Helsinki/Tampere (Finland) with Erasmus Mundus scholarship of European Union. He has earlier conducted FTII's acting workshops in Pune, Rangat (Andaman & Nicobar Islands) and Delhi.

The 7-day Basic Film Making Workshop (April 23-29) for Children took off with 33 (15 boys,18 girls) participants from 10-16 years of age. Participants are from Maharashtra (Pune, Mumbai, Wardha and Nagpur) and Gujarat (Ahmedabad and Surat).

The children will learn the basics of film making through Ideation, Script Writing, Screenplay, Script breakdown, Storyboard, Shoot planning, Shooting, Editing, adding title and exporting it as movie file.

Course Director Ritesh Taksande, who specialises in teaching film making skills to kids, has earlier conducted FTII's Film Orientation Courses for Children in Pune, Patna, Rangat (Andaman & Nicobar Islands) and Rudraprayag (Uttarakhand).





