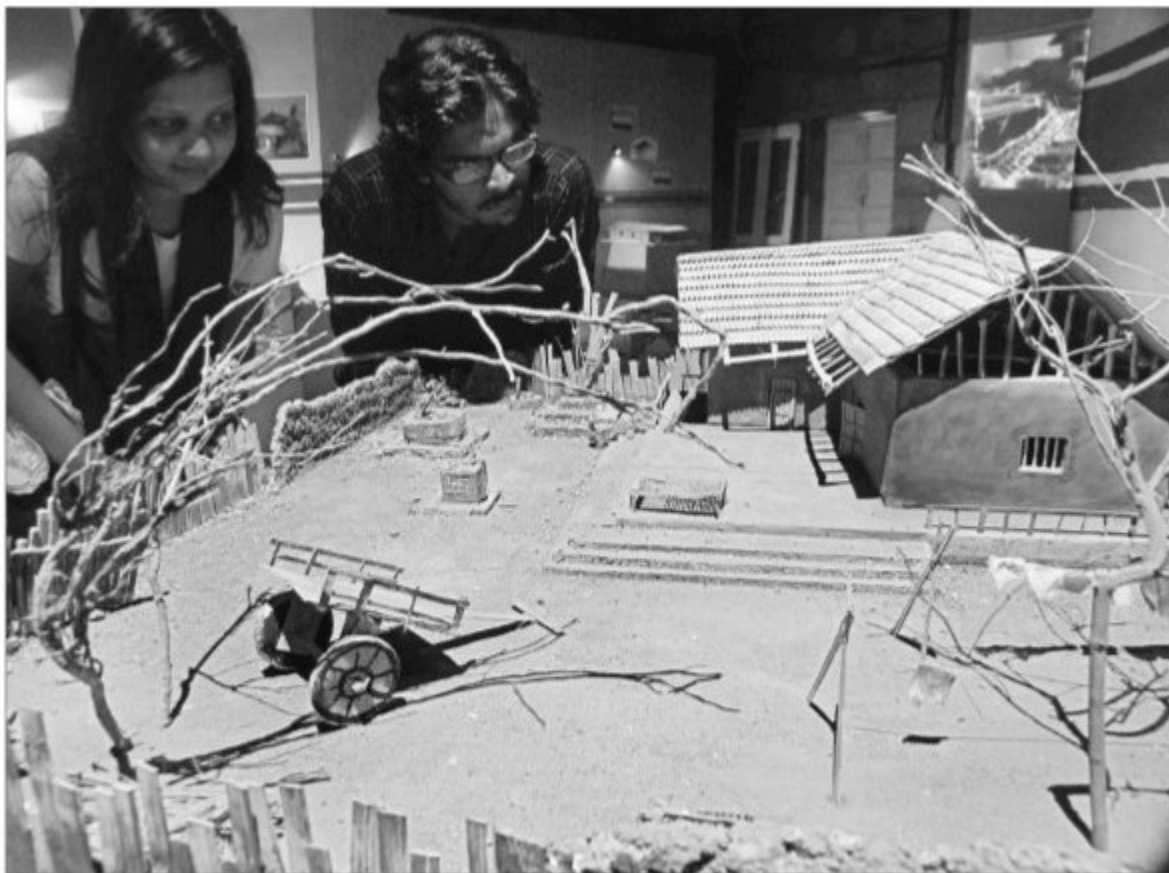




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One of the models on display.

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## Housing styles from rural India showcased at FTII exhibition

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THE 1st Space Design Miniature Exhibition that began on Monday at the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) showcases 32 models of housing styles from across rural India. Miniature design projects are part of first year art direction students curriculum at the FTII. However, this year for the first time, first-year students of all the departments have pitched in to make models for the exhibition.

Some of the models on display that will end on February 29 are miniature thatched house from

the interiors of Jharkhand, well-made log cabin from Ladakh, a well-made brick and stone structure from Goa and a rural settlement from the Konkans.

Abhijit Das, faculty member, Art Direction, says, "We got the idea from students' projects. We decided to take it to the next level and encourage students to work further on the time space constraints and build these miniatures. The projects are not just randomly built housing structures but detailed designs of sets that are used for outdoor locations."

The entire exhibition has been set up at a cost of Rs 10,000.

Ashutosh Kavishwar, HoD, Art-Direction, says, "The working cost of each project is around Rs 300 which is very less. More importantly, students have used discarded products, leaves, sticks to create the structures. Another important point is that along side each miniature, they have put up accompanying shots of the project and a detailed layout that shows how the camera movements will be coordinated with actors' movements. It is a detailed structure that showcases how the set would actually look and function in a real movie."

A total of 67 students have worked on 32 projects.