

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

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **J&K CHIEF MINISTER LAUDS FTII'S SHORT COURSES IN THE STATE.**

The short courses being conducted by Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) in Jammu and Kashmir has come in for special appreciation by Ms Mehbooba Mufti, Chief Minister of J&K.

Sh Bhupendra Kainthola, Director, FTII called on the state Chief Minister in Srinagar this morning and briefed Ms Mufti in particular about the Still Photography and Screenplay Writing courses (25 April-14 May) which ended in Srinagar on Monday.

Sh Kainthola gave the Chief Minister an overview of the Courses being conducted across the country under FTII's outreach initiative SKIFT (Skilling India in Film and Television) and said, the recent courses in Digital Film Production, Digital Cinematography, Still Photography and Screenplay Writing have the potential to spur film making activity in Jammu and Kashmir.

Ms Mufti appreciated the steps being taken by FTII in the state and agreed that this will encourage the youth to explore cinema as a new expression of storytelling. She further stated that J&K govt will continue to provide all support to FTII in the conduct of courses in future. When Sh Kainthola expressed the desire to conduct film making and screen acting courses for school children, the Chief Minister welcomed the proposal and asked FTII to go ahead with it.

Ms Mufti was also apprised of the recent Film Appreciation course (May 9-13) in Jammu and the Digital Cinematography course conducted by FTII in Leh, Ladakh last October.

Sh Kainthola and Sh Muneer-ul- Islam, Director, Dept of Information and Public Relations, Govt of J&K jointly presented Ms Mufti two photographs clicked by participants of the Still Photography course. FTII Director also presented a souvenir to the Chief Minister.



