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'Decades Cream' FTII package sent to MIFF

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Pune: The Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) will be sending a package of films made by its students since the inception of the institute to the latest, to the 12th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF), which will take place in Mumbai from February 3 and 9.

The festival has received 791 entries from all over the world, with more than 37 countries participating.

Besides Indian and international competitions in the documentary, fiction and animation categories, the festival will also showcase special packages and retrospectives sourced from India and abroad.

The packages include 'The Eye-Candy Animation', films from other countries such as Afghanistan, Hong Kong, 'Best of Festivals', 'Films from Film Schools', 'World War Specials' and the 'Decades' Cream' from FTII.

"We had spoken with the FTII Director to send us a package, and include films made by students from its inception to the current batch. This would help us get an idea regarding the change in thought process and perception," Films Division Director General Bankim said, on Friday.

The Dr V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award of Rs 5 lakh will be presented.

The MIFF team has also sought to reach out to the youth better by launching a 'Web Gateway', wherein people can view films in the festival for free, and can download them at a price.