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Report: Devgiri Short Film Festival

Name of the Programme: Organization of 'Devgiri Short Film Festival'

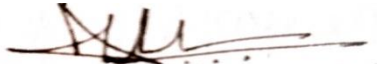
Date of the Programme: 11/02/2023 and 12/02/2023

Venue of the Programme: Dr. Annasaheb G. D. Bendale Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Jalgaon

Number of Participants: 82 short films

Brief Summary of Programme: Keeping the goal of inculcating Indianness in Indian films, 'Devgiri Short Film Festival' was organized in between 11th and 12th February 2023 at Dr. Annasaheb G.D. Bendale Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Jalgaon in association with an MoU organization 'Ajintha Film Society-Jalgaon' and *Devagiri Chitra Sadhana*. Initially limited to Khandesh and Marathwada regions, as many as 82 short films came from all over Maharashtra including the states of West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh. Along with this, nine Sanskrit language short films were also entered by Sanskrit Bharati. For this film festival, short films based on various social, environmental, educational, cultural, etc. topics came in the form of short films, documentaries, campus films and *Mayboli* i.e, Mother tongue. The festival, which was held in the premises of Dr. Annasaheb G.D. Bendale Mahila Mahavidyalaya, started with the film '*Dindi*'. Later, from morning onwards, short films and documentaries were screened in various halls. The main hall was named as *Lata Mangeshkar Hall* and the rest of the halls respectively were named as *Sudhir Nandgaonkar*, actor *Ramesh Dev*, lyricist *Jagdish Khebudkar*, *Rasika Joshi Dalan*. Besides this, touring talkies set up on the basketball court of the college which has been named after *Chitra Tapaswi Bhalji Pendharkar*. The main attraction of this festival was K. B. C. North Maharashtra University funded and Dr. Annasaheb G.D. Bendale Mahila Mahavidyalaya produced '*Ranragini*', a short film based on the life of Khandeshi freedom fighter *Leelatai Patil* was screened. The entire campus of Dr. Annasaheb G.D. Bendale Mahila Mahavidyalaya named as *Late Vikram Gokhale Chitra Nagri*. The festival was inaugurated at the hands of Prof. S. T. Ingale, Hon'ble Pro- Vice Chancellor of K. B. C. North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon, well-known actor and Bigg Boss fame *Mr. Aroh Velankar*. On this occasion, the principal and organizing head of the college Dr. Gauri Rane, Chief Sponsor Mr. Prakash

Sheth Choubey, Advocate Sushil Atre, Mr. Ramanandaji Kale, Mr. Kiran Bendale, Senate Member Mrs. Neha Joshi etc. were present. The inaugural function was decorated with colorful programs which won the appreciation of the attendees. Actor *Aroh Velankar*, National award winning director *Shantanu Rode* and well-known music composer *Rohit Nagbhide*, Prof. Shivdarshan Kadam took the master classes of the participants. The festival concluded with prize distribution ceremony and cultural programs. On this occasion, local artists from Khandesh won the hearts of the audience by presenting their art. Prof. V.L. By Maheshwari, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of K.B.C. North Maharashtra University-Jalgaon was the chief guest of the Prize distribution ceremony. Along with the chief guest Prof. V.P. Hole, Prof. L.V. Borole and dignitaries were present. The award distribution ceremony, which was conducted like the Film Fair award distribution ceremony held in cities like Pune Mumbai, left a home in the minds of the attendees. All the dignitaries who came to the festival praised the festival and promised that some of the local actors participating in the festival will soon get an opportunity in Marathi films. Prof. Raj Gunge and Prof. Suchitra Londhe's creativity gave the college premises and the main stage the look of Devagiri Fort. Along with Indian film, an exhibition based on the life of Lata Mangeshkar, an Indian sage associated with the field of theatre, was attracting attention. The dignitaries expressed the possibility of an international festival coming to Jalgaon city in the future. Under the guidance of Hon'ble Shri. Nandkumarji Bendale, President of Leva Educational Union-Jalgaon, the coordination committee of the entire festival was chaired and vice-chaired respectively by Dr. Jayendra D. Lekurwale and Mr. Vineetji Joshi worked along with *Devagiri Chitrasadhan* chief Mr. Kiran Sohole and other members. The preliminary screening of all the films was done by Jalgaon famous director Mr. Milind Patil, Prof. Suchitra Londhe while Prof. Sambhaji Nagar. Dr. Jayant Shevtekar, Mr. Anup Deshpande, Mr. Swapnil Kendra etc. conducted and final examination by Prof. By Yogesh Soman. The Jalgaon based Bhawarlal & Kantabai Jain Foundation, Jalgaon Janata Bank, Satpuda Auto, Chhabi Electricals, Vega Chemicals and Radio *Manbhavan* accepted the sponsorship along with Ramlalji Chaubey Trust as the main sponsor of the festival. Overall, this short film festival, which started in Jalgaon city last year, is not only opening a new avenue in the film industry for local artists, but is also creating a nurturing environment for many filmmakers and directors to produce films in Khandesh in the future.



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