**Green Filmmaking Workshop and Film Screenings Held on 3rd Day of Raipur CMS VATAVARAN**

**Raipur, January 17, 2015:** CMS VATAVARAN on the third day of its festival organized a two day long Filmmaking Workshop at Kushabhau Thakre University of Journalism and Mass Communication from 8:30 am – 5:30 pm. The workshop was conducted by the Filmmaker Mohd Aamir Aijaz.

The filmmaking workshop taught the intricacies of filming environment to the participants. Encouraging students to participate in such endeavours Dr Narendra Tripathi, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Electronic Media, Kushabhau Thakre University of Journalism and Mass Communication appreciated the efforts of CMS VATAVARAN.

Amir Aijaz, wildlife and development filmmaker from New Delhi conducted the Workshop as trainer. He explained the participants about the different aspects of wildlife and green film making. Mr Aijaz went through the three steps of filmmaking that is planning, creation, and presentation. He emphasized the participants to clear the perception of thinking before making a film on environmental issues. Head of Electronic Media Department Dr Narendra Tripathi coordinated the Green Filmmaking Workshop and adviced the participants to learn proper production method from the expert. Sundeep C Srivastav, Head Coordination - CMS VATAVARAN managed the workshop to run smoothly. 45 Participants from different Educational Institutes/ Schools like Pt Ravishankar Shukla University, Kushabhau Thakre University of Journalism and Mass Communication, Rajkumar College, Kaanger Valley Academy, Gyan Ganga Educational Academy, D B Girls P G (Autonomous) College and Vivekanand Vidyapeeth were present in the workshop.

Aamir Aijaz began the workshop with the presentation of a short film, an introductory and overview session wherein he asked the participants about their expectations from this workshop. In the first session the pre-production process was explained to the participants, the components of the workshop was how to develop an idea, outline story/script/ scenes, story-board, casting, location and budgeting. In the next session they were given some class room exercises to judge their imagination skills. Aamir also explained them about cinematography and lighting techniques, basic visual concept, camera operation and lighting. The session also focused on how to write a script. The participants were divided into 6 teams who brainstormed ideas and shortlisted some 6 ideas and executed the same by taking picturesque environs of the University campus. At the end of the day, the raw stock shot by each group was checked and the day was over for the next day sessions on Film Editing.

During the day, parallel film screenings were held for 1250 students of Vivekanand Vidhyapeeth, Raipur; Rajkumar College, G E Road; Gyan Ganga Educational Academy, Baloda Bazar Road, Near Vidhan Sabha; Kaanger Valley Academy, Opp. R S U Gymnasium, Dumar Talab; Pt Ravishankar Shukla University; Govt. D B Girls P G (Autonomous) College and Kushabhau Thakre University of Journalism and Mass Communication, Kathadih at their respective campuses.

Award-winning films screened on biodiversity theme were *Rolling Dunes of Thar (Wild Adventures)* and *Corbett’s Legacy* by Naresh Bedi; *Pratirodh (Resistance)* by Bijo Toppo; *Saving the Ganga* by Bahar Dutt; *Dammed* by Kavita Bahl and Nandan Saxena; *The Moor* by Jan Haft; *A Climate of Change* by Jenny Sharman; *Gaur in my Garden* by Rita Banerji and *Zor Lagaa Ke... Haiya* by Girish Girja Joshi.The short films dealt with several environmental issues and tell remarkable stories from different walks of life.

**The highlights of tomorrow’s programme (January 18, 2015):**

* **Nature Trail**

Champai Devi Temple & Forest, Mahasamund

Assemble Point: Circuit House

Time: 07:30 am

* **Film Screenings**

Prison & Correctional Services, Raipur

Time: 08:30 am – 09:30 am and 10:00 am – 11:00 am

* **Film Editing *(Green Filmmaking)* Workshop**

Venue: Auditorium, Multi Media Department, Kushabhau Thakre University of Journalism and Mass Communication

Time: 11:00 am – 05:30 pm

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