

## **NFAI Press Conferences**

- PIFF Interactions with Samar Nakhate at NFAI on Tuesday, January 14, 2020

### **1) Movie- The Shadow of Othello (India)**

Associate director, actor and song writer of the movie Faiz Khan, associate director Jagtar Singh Kalwana and actors Abhinay Sharma and Anil Jatav were present for the press conference.

The story of the movie unfolds in a village in north India where the villagers are very much impressed by the Hindi film 'Omkaara' (which is the adaptation of the Shakespeare's 'Othello'). The villagers hire a passionate theatre professional and try to create the same story in a play. As they move ahead, they see the drama of Othello happening in their own lives.

Jagtar Singh Kalwana said that the movie in a way presents the conflict between rich and poor.

Faiz Khan said that the movie is shot in a village in Jharkhand. "We met very good actors from the local theatre groups who acted in the movie. Some of the locations that we were shooting in were near the Naxal affected area and we were concerned about it. Local drivers gave us support and told us that nothing bad will happen. The villagers were so enthusiastic about the movie that they were helping us to arrange the sets without even asking for money," said Faiz.

### **2) Movie- Supernova (Poland)**

Actor Michat Pawlik was present for the press conference.

The story of the movie revolves around a deadly accident, the people directly related to it and general human response to situations.

Michat Pawlik said, "Our director Bartosz Kruhlik was very careful in creating realistic settings. It helped the actors to be in the scenes and situations with more integrity. The movie is not a commercial one, but the story is very moving. We have got great reviews from the people from all walks of life and also here in PIFF. The audience connect to the story in some or the other way. The budget of the movie was low, but if you have a good team, the money doesn't remain to be a problem."

### **3) Photo Prem (Marathi Competition)**

Director Gayatri Patil, Producer Mehul Shah, Cinematographer Kedar Phadke and Editor B. Mahanteshwar were present for the press conference.

The story of the movie is about a housewife who has camera shyness.

Mehul Shah said that they had always thought of the movie with actor Neena Kulkarni in the central character. Explaining the plot of the movie he said, "While attending a funeral, the housewife Mae realizes that in situations like these, people often look for a photo of the deceased. She decides to overcome her fear for camera to get a good picture that can be put up in her remembrance."

Phadke said that, "As the budget of the movie was low, we cut down many expenses such as use of generator equipment and use of more lights. To stress the lack of confidence in Mae's mind to face camera we used some filming ideas like deliberately keeping her off-centre in most of the frames."

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